

## UniSA Business Internship Program

With less than 40 sleeps till Christmas and most of us returning to remote working arrangements, at least it looks like we've got a new US President and NSW (my home state) are on track to make it blue wins all around when they beat QLD tonight!

This month:

- COVID-19 update.
- Our first industry partner feature – HenderCare
- A heads up on some program structure changes.
- Student Clubs you should know about.
- The usual reminder re key dates.

### COVID-19 Update

UniSA is tracking the latest developments closely and are regularly communicating with students. Vice Chancellor, Prof David Lloyd, sent an initial email to all students late Monday clarifying next steps and that we'll be returning to operating primarily externally.

The key message for us is that UniSA's position remains the same as has been throughout 2020, "Students on external placements may continue where the external provider agrees to continuation of the placement and where the student can safely continue with their placement requirements".

Earlier this year many host organisations took the students with them on their pivot to working remotely and we fully support placements being undertaken this way.

**If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Daryl – [daryl.mcmahon@unisa.edu.au](mailto:daryl.mcmahon@unisa.edu.au)**

### Key dates

We're mobilising the last of the November cohort who have thus far all been placed. However, we are still getting enquiries from students (not marketing, still have unfilled opportunities) so please reach out if interested. Primarily we're focussed on the March cohort – Project Briefs for openly advertised opportunities are due week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> January so best to start planning/drafting now, reach out if you have any questions.

[Download latest 2-page Key Information, Dates & FAQs Summary updated 16<sup>th</sup> November](#)

### Program structure changes

Many of you are aware that on top of everything else in 2020, UniSA underwent a restructure. In line with this, the number of placement courses available to students is being streamlined from 8 down to 5. In practical terms **this won't change anything for industry partners**, however what this will mean is some consolidation of the academic course coordination which I'll outline in an upcoming issue.

### Industry partner feature – HenderCare

Last month we asked our industry partners to promote their high performing interns as a way to say thank you and improve their employability profile.

First up we have HenderCare – Diana and Susan took a moment to praise the work of their interns, Akil and Mary.

*"Giving back to the community in this way is so important for our company and being able to assist a student in an industry they are passionate about pursuing is very rewarding for us"*



Diana Coyle (left) with Akil Kankroliwala (right)

It was important to me that Akil had a positive internship with HenderCare. His ability to learn and understand our challenges meant he was able to participate in discussions and contribute positively to projects.

Akil was tasked with developing a new onboarding business process which he took on with enthusiasm and flexibility. He built up his knowledge, confidence and interpersonal skills while working with multiple teams to complete this project.

It was a confirmation of our intern program when Akil said that his fellow students were envious of the tasks and projects he was able to undertake.



Mary Kayias (left) with Susan van der Vyver (right)

We welcomed Mary as an intern in the finance department where she was able to work closely alongside our financial analyst, Susan. The internship provided both technical and personal benefits for Mary and allowed HenderCare to enhance the overall work environment with the inclusion of a fresh face who was able to provide motivation, enthusiasm, and a positive energy.

Susan says she was excited by the opportunity to assist Mary in getting started in the finance industry where she was able to immerse herself in a professional environment and work in a number of different aspects of the industry.

*“The internship program conducted through UniSA and HenderCare was an overwhelmingly positive experience for both the company and the student. Both these students now have ongoing casual employment with Hendercare while they complete their studies”*

### Student clubs to know about

This year we have been focussing on strategic collaborations with relevant UniSA student clubs who are aiming to have an industry engagement focus – providing opportunities for their members (students) to connect with organisations to strengthen skills and employability.

I am very pleased to report that two of these clubs recently won awards for their work and I encourage you to reach out to them to discuss opportunities for collaboration:



#### Club of the Year

Contact the President

[Bianca Smith](#)



#### New Club of the Year

Contact the President

[Stephanie Wildman](#)

For more information don't hesitate to get in touch:

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