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Do you want to take your learning beyond the classroom?

Macquarie University offers Study Abroad and Exchange students the opportunity to undertake internships during their semester abroad in Sydney. The Internships@Macquarie Program facilitates work-based internship placements, allowing students to gain international work experience whilst completing their studies. Internships are a combination of work-based learning and academic assessment, with students receiving invaluable work experience and professional development training.

Macquarie University credit is granted for internships and as such, may be available for transfer to the student’s home degree.

Why do an internship?

Macquarie Internships are not about making coffee, answering phones or photocopying (though these tasks may be required occasionally). Internships are generally project based – students work on a specific project for the duration of their internship.

In an increasingly competitive global employment market, international work experience can provide students with that much needed edge. An internship is a valuable addition to your résumé, which may not only improve your employment opportunities upon graduation, but also encourages professional and personal growth.

Macquarie interns gain insight into their fields of study, and also into the Australian business and cultural environment. Interns have the opportunity to establish lasting professional networks, and enhance their Australian study experience.

What types of internships are available?

Internships are available in all academic disciplines offered by Macquarie University, except teaching (although some education-related placements are available).

We will liaise with you during the placement process, so you can help us identify the right placement for you.

www.international.mq.edu.au/studyabroad/internships/upcoming_opportunities.aspx
Past internships placements have covered the following areas:
- communications
- media
- event management
- strategic business planning
- finance
- information technology
- environmental and marine science
- NGO projects
- human resources
- marketing
- psychology
- logistics

For examples of upcoming internship opportunities, check the Internships website.

We are constantly developing new internship opportunities, so don’t miss out!

Academic Assessments
Interns are required to complete the following academic assessments in addition to their onsite learning:
- Weekly reflective journal
- Formal written assignment
- Formal presentation

Interns will also receive a final evaluation from their onsite supervisor, which contributes to their overall grade for the internship.

When do you complete an internship?
Internships are available at the following times:
- Semester 1: March – June (12 weeks in total)
- Semester 2: August – November (12 weeks in total)

Students can choose to do 10 or 20 hours per week for 12 weeks to complete an internship.

Remuneration
Interns are not paid – internships are a work-based learning experience.

Application Process
1. Tick on your Study Abroad/Exchange application form that you are interested in an internship and submit your résumé and cover letter (see résumé and cover letter guide)
2. The Internships Department will acknowledge your application and may request additional information.
3. The Internships Department will indicate if you are accepted into the internship program. For Internships Application fee information please refer to the Internships website.
4. Prior to arrival, the Internships Department will communicate with you and attempt to source a suitable internship.
5. Within your first week at Macquarie University you will be taken to the Partner Organisation for an initial interview, and to confirm the scope of your internship project.
6. Internship commences.

You’ll find everything you need to know here
[www.international.mq.edu.au/studyabroad/internships](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/studyabroad/internships)
Testimonials

It was a privilege for me to participate in an international internship while studying abroad at Macquarie University. The wonderful staff at Macquarie worked with me to find an internship that matched my future goals in my field of study, Organisational Management. I had the opportunity to work for a reputable non-profit organisation in Sydney and to help a great cause. I worked with locals who wanted to share with me their experience in the field as well as expose me to their beloved Australian culture. I learnt more about my own skills and acquired new ones. After the internship, I returned home with a competitive edge in the job market, a greater awareness about what I want to do in my career, and wonderful memories of my time spent in Australia.

Lacey - United States of America

Participating as an intern in the Internships@Macquarie Program was one of my best experiences during my studies at Macquarie University. Combining theoretical studies with practical experiences seemed a very good way to gain the best result out of my time in Australia. I realised how important it is to have practical skills through an internship. In my country all bigger companies require an internship as a minimum requirement to show that you are flexible and open to new ideas. The internship was always a very popular topic to talk about during job interviews. There is no better way to impress your future boss while talking about a great experience.

Michael - Germany

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