

# Career Pathway Placements & Strategic Partnerships

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One element of the PhD Xtra program is Career Pathway Placements

## Placement vs Internship

### Our meaning

‘Expanding the learning experience beyond the defined course learning outcomes’

‘Greater opportunity for skill and knowledge acquisition and application’

‘Provide real world experience’

# Career Pathways Placements



Takes place in industry, business or organisation

3-6 months in duration – typically 4-5 months

Academic Mentor – usually current supervisor

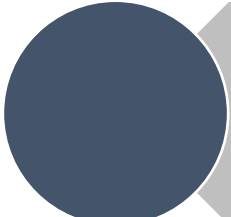
Organisation Supervision – allocated by Organisation

Student conducts project

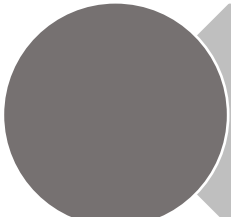
Related to general field of study but not necessarily the thesis topic

Optional – no formal assessment but a report is required


## Benefits for students



Valuable practical experience for the CV



Professional development advantages



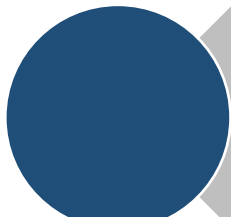
Networking opportunities



Business contacts for possible future employment



Opportunity to 'test the waters'



Can be undertaken during thesis examination period

Earn up to \$3,000 per month (APR Intern program)

## Benefits for supervisors

- \* New platform for industry engagement
- \* Possible future student placement opportunities
- \* Mentoring a student in a business setting
- \* Contacts for possible future research collaborations and sponsorship

Receive \$5,500 into research fund (APR Intern program)

## Benefits for organisations

- \* Develop and innovate their business
- \* Access to high-level expertise and knowledge
- \* Connection with Deakin University
- \* Future collaboration opportunities
- \* Potential recruitment opportunities

May be eligible for government funded subsidy (APR Intern program)

- Students must have (*usually*) successfully **completed their confirmation of candidature**
- Students must be **progressing well** in their HDR course
- Placements must be **endorsed** by their current supervisor and HoAU
- Students must **remain enrolled** in a PhD or Masters by Research degree for the full duration of the placement
- Students must **hold a valid visa** in the country where the placement will be undertaken (where applicable)

- Placements can be undertaken during candidature or the **examination period**
- Placements **do not** constitute grounds for extending candidature
- Students **cannot intermit** candidature to undertake a placement
- Placements can be **paused** and/or taken **part-time**
- Students can complete an internship **remotely** or on site – on site is preferable



# Career Pathways Placements

New funding model for APR Intern – previously 50% rebate: now 90% rebate – AVAILABLE NOW!



Student Stipend  
\$3,000 per month  
Academic Mentor  
\$5,500  
APR Intern Admin  
\$5,500



3 Months  
\$20K

4 Months  
\$23K

5 Months  
\$26K

**90% DOMESTIC STUDENT REBATE**

\$2K  
Out of Pocket Cost

\$2.3K  
Out of Pocket Cost

\$2.6K  
Out of Pocket Cost

**Supervisor contributes Out of Pocket Costs - Net cost \$0**  
*(Out of once-off payment of \$5,500 as part of funding model – retaining balance)*



**Build on existing or initiate new partnerships/collaborations**

**Be quick!**  
\*All contracts must be signed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021  
\*Internships must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021



**90%** rebate model available on internships for domestic PhD students only

**50%** rebate model available on internships for international PhD students from 1 January 2021

**Same conditions: contracts signed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, internships completed by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

**Amount must be paid up front by Industry Partner/Organisation**

**Rebate available upon successful completion of internship, invoice and impact statement**

**Minimal time contribution from student, supervisor and organisation for internship set up**

**Contact [phdextra@deakin.edu.au](mailto:phdextra@deakin.edu.au), Brooke Cotton or Amanda Mayor for information or to set up a meeting**

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International funding model for APR Intern – 50% rebate – AVAILABLE NOW!



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\$3,000 per month  
Academic Mentor  
\$5,500  
APR Intern Admin  
\$5,500



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\$20K

4 Months  
\$23K

5 Months  
\$26K

**50% INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REBATE**

\$10K  
Out of Pocket Cost

\$11.5K  
Out of Pocket Cost

\$13K  
Out of Pocket Cost

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# Questions?

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