

Australian Postgraduate Research Intern (APR.Intern)

APR.Intern is Australia's only national PhD internship program spanning all sectors and disciplines – now also open to Masters by Research students.

The program connects students with industry through short-term research placements, empowering students to thrive in a practical environment. Over 3-6 months, postgraduate research students have the opportunity apply their analytical expertise to an industry challenge, gain invaluable experience and fast-track their careers.

All students are paired with an Academic Mentor (typically their PhD supervisor) to oversee the project.

Student Benefits:

- **Research for Impact**
Apply your research skills to an industry R&D challenge
- **Fast-Track Career**
Build industry networks and enhance your CV
- **Increase Employability**
Develop soft skills to complement research expertise
- **Flexible Conditions**
Explore tailored internship arrangements
- **Internship Stipend**
Receive a \$3,000 monthly student stipend

Student Information

APR.Intern is dedicated to strengthening industry-university collaboration and empowering postgraduate research students to thrive in a practical environment. By engaging in a short-term internship, students can dip their toe into the commercial application of research, fully supported by both APR.Intern and their Academic Mentor. Throughout the internship, students receive a \$3,000 monthly student stipend.

Project Duration

The industry placements are 3-6 months in duration, dependent on the Industry Partner's needs.

Eligibility

The APR.Intern program is open to both domestic and international PhD and Masters by Research students, across all disciplines. Some advertised internships will specify certain eligibility criteria if requested by the Industry Partner such as PhD students only, or domestic students only, in certain sectors.

Academic Mentor Information

Academic Mentors play a vital role in the success of each APR.Intern project. They provide guidance and steer the student towards the project's research goals.

Through direct engagement with industry, Academic Mentors can accelerate R&D income and strengthen their own research partnerships. In many instances, APR.Intern projects have led to ongoing research collaborations and partnerships for funding.

Academic Mentors also receive a \$1,000 honorarium for overseeing the project.

Business Information

APR.Intern is the nationwide front door for businesses to connect with Australia's brightest emerging research talent from all universities. PhD student interns can help businesses unlock their innovation potential, solve wicked problems and be the catalyst for ongoing industry-university collaboration.

Business Benefits:

- Rapid results in 3-6 months
- Tackle R&D challenges – subsidies available
- Jump to the next innovation curve
- Further partnership and collaboration opportunities with universities
- Business retains all project IP
- Minimal administration; APR.Intern manages all HR
- Leverage further investment and R&D funds

The industry cost of engaging a PhD student intern starts at \$20,000 for a 3-month project, with subsidies available in Defence, Manufacturing and MedTech sectors that lower costs by up to 50%. This project cost covers a monthly stipend for the student, an Academic Mentor fee and APR.Intern project management fees.

More information for businesses is available on the APR.Intern [website here](#).

Custom Internships

If a university brings an Industry Partner and a student to APR.Intern, or an Industry Partner brings a university and student to APR.Intern, these 'custom' internships will attract a \$5,000 discount off the Industry Partner costs.

How it Works

1. Students should submit their application to APR.Intern – either by applying directly to an advertised internship (see the [full list of available internships here](#)), or by submitting a General Application, which APR.Intern keeps on file for future opportunities. More information on both processes is available on APR.Intern's [website here](#).
2. If a student applies directly to an advertised internship, APR.Intern will be in touch with next steps.

3. If a student submits a General Application, APR.Intern will keep this on file and cross-check the application against upcoming projects. With the student's permission, APR.Intern will also create a profile for the student on our website for Industry Partners to review.
4. If a student is short-listed for an internship, they will be interviewed by the Industry Partner, and APR.Intern will assist with the interview preparation.
5. Students that are offered an internship will then work with the Industry Partner and their Academic Mentor to refine the internship's project plan and objectives.
6. Once the agreement and project plan are signed off, it's full steam ahead!

If you have a prospective industry partner and/or student in mind that would benefit from this program, please contact APR.Intern or your Graduate Research School to assist with the process.

Further Enquiries

For more information, please visit the APR.Intern [website](#) or contact your Graduate Research School.