
DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

2023

Key Information for external partners

BENEFITS OF HOSTING A DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP



Are you a business, not-for-profit or community organisation external to academia, that might directly benefit from hosting a doctoral research student?

Do you have a project requiring creative problem solving or higher order thinking skills?

Higher-Degree Research students possess high order thinking skills, and technical capabilities with a researcher mindset to solve complex problems and help generate new knowledge.

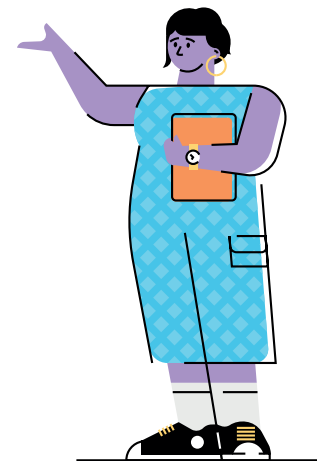
Hosting a Victoria University (VU) doctoral intern is an excellent way to implement a three-month research and development project that provides your organisation with a focused research expert to collaborate with on your particular project. Our students cover a wide range of academic disciplines including:

- ◆ Arts and Humanities
- ◆ Health and Biomedicine
- ◆ Sport and Exercise
- ◆ Computers and IT
- ◆ Engineering and Science
- ◆ Law and Justice
- ◆ Business
- ◆ Education

A VU doctoral student can help your organisation conduct evaluations, foster community initiatives, develop software programs, solve environmental problems, and improve athletic performance to name a few. What do **you** need our interns to do?

- ◆ Internship activities must be related to the student's area of research
- ◆ A signed agreement between the student, the student's academic supervisor and your organisation will ensure that the opportunity is both reflective of the needs of your organisation and a professional development opportunity for the student.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



How do I contact the university to find a suitable intern?

To find out more about our internship program and how to apply, visit our [web page](#) or email Doctoral.Internships@vu.edu.au.

Do Industry internships need to be undertaken on a full time basis?

Industry internships can be undertaken on a part-time or full-time basis. To be eligible for the scholarship both full-time and part-time internships must be a minimum of 3 calendar months in duration, comprising of at least 60 full-time equivalent (FTE) days of engagement.

How much does it cost to host an intern?

Typical costs for hosting a VU intern for a 3 month contract is \$6000. If you are a non for profit or start up company this figure can be amended to your circumstances.

Who owns the Intellectual property generated by the internship?

When drawing up the agreement both parties will need to agree on who is best placed to take ownership of intellectual property (IP). This will normally remain within the organisation.

Check out our [web page](#) for more FAQ's

What resources do I need to provide?

Contact person and a safe workplace.

Are international organisations involved in the program?

Yes international organisations have been involved in the past if they fit the criteria of a research-end user.

What kind of projects can the students do?

Projects need to relate to the students research topic. Previous projects have seen interns conduct evaluations, foster community initiatives, develop software programs, solve environmental problems, and improve athletic performance to name a few.

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Dr Ruwangi Fernando

Co-founder Stem sisters and iStem Co.
Industry partner

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STEM SISTERS OFFER UNIQUE AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS TO EMPOWER STEM WOMEN OF COLOUR. WE NEEDED AN OUT OF BOX THINKER TO DEVELOP AND MANAGE THESE PROGRAMS BUT AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION WE FACED CHALLENGES TO HIRE THE REQUIRED TALENT.

STEM SISTERS TAPPED INTO THE EXPERTISE AND CREATIVITY OF OUR DOCTORAL INTERN TO COMPLETE OUR PROJECT.

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