

PhD Student Industry Internship

Engage with PhD Students for Industry Innovation



Our highly motivated PhD students will bring new skills and innovative thinking to your organisation through their valuable specialised research expertise, developed critical analysis and problem-solving skills.

What is a PhD Student Industry Internship?

It is an internship minimum (3 months full-time equivalent) performed by a PhD student. The internship can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis, and delivered face-to-face or remotely, or a combination of both.

As an industry partner, you will be building the skills of the future research workforce including:

- Product/service innovation
- Industry-focused professional skills
- Ability to communicate complex ideas and solutions to different audiences
- Be a part of the recent Commonwealth initiatives directed at supporting collaboration between industry and research.

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How it works

Working with PhD students on a short-term minimum 3 months FTE industry project, you will co-design a project that matters to your organisation with the student and their academic supervisor. The student will then work with you to develop innovative solutions to your business challenges.

Benefits for your organisation

- Enhance and expand your staff's leadership and coaching skills as they co-supervise a PhD student
- Access to talented researchers
- Support from Flinders University to help identify your industry challenges and create a project that matters to you
- Close the gap between University research and industry by delivering fresh insights and accelerating innovation and promoting work efficiency

What do you need to provide?

- **Financial obligation as an internship provider:**
There is no financial contribution required. However, you can offer a top-up stipend to attract talented students (minimum approximately \$8,498, 2024 rate, indexed annually).
- **Internship agreement:**
The research and development (R&D) activities to be undertaken by the student with your organisation and the duration of the internship must be confirmed in writing within 18 months FTE from course commencement. A Flinders agreement template is available.

Evaluations:

Internship mid-way and final evaluations to appraise the students progress and performance will be facilitated by the Office of Graduate Research.

Intellectual Property (IP) arrangement:

Typically, Flinders University transfers the created IP by a student during an internship to the internship organisation subject to the internship organisation agreeing to grant the student a non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty free, perpetual licence to use the Created IP for academic, including assessment and research purposes; publishing the results of any of the Student's research and thesis; assessment of the Student including any thesis; and any other non-commercial purpose as agreed by the parties from time to time.

Other engagement opportunities:

Would your organisation like to tackle an industry issue that has been co-designed by you or support a highly capable staff member to undertake an entire PhD project (3 to 4 years) in partnership with Flinders? We will work with you to develop a project and discuss details that match your needs.

Find out more

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