

# UNSW Professional Development Program (International Students)

Supervising an international student  
and assisting in their career development

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## What is it and how does it work?

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The UNSW Professional Development Program (International Students) is an internship and workplace experience initiative for international students facilitated by UNSW Careers and Employment.

The program is **open to international students** who are currently enrolled in a degree program at UNSW.

Students apply to the program by completing an online application which includes a motivational statement and submission of a resume. All applications are screened and the best candidates are selected to attend the three day seminar program and offered an interview to participate in the internship placement.

## For the students, professional work experience assists in:

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- Building a range of skills to assist with the completion of their degree
- Discovering more about a career in the “real world”
- Adding the successful internship placement to their resume
- Assisting in securing future employment

The internship placement interviews are jointly conducted by supervisors and UNSW Careers and Employment.

Successful candidates are placed in your organisation to complete a placement of **50 hours**.

The program runs **twice a year in early February and July**.

## **Benefits for your department/unit**

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You can meet enthusiastic and dedicated students who are currently completing a degree at UNSW. These students can provide you with insight into student life and give a fresh student perspective.

Students have completed internships in a range of areas including:

- Accounting and finance
- Customer service
- IT Support
- Web design and development
- Data entry
- Marketing
- Social media
- Graphic design
- Photography
- Research

## **Testimonials**

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Since 2009, the program has successfully placed over 600 students into internships throughout the university.

Feedback from the program and internship placements have been overwhelmingly positive:

**“A very rewarding experience! The students placed with us have been dedicated, smart and a pleasure to supervise.”**

Sarah Jacob  
School of Public Health & Community Medicine

**“This is such a worthwhile experience with clear benefits on various levels.”**

Bernie McGee  
Student Life & Learning

**“I think the program is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about office procedures and develop confidence in a professional setting.”**

Georgia Blerot  
UNSW International

## **What do we expect from you as an internship supervisor?**

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- The ability to provide a learning experience for your intern
- The flexibility to allow for the intern's study schedule
- The commitment to provide supervision, support and feedback to your intern



**For more information and to request an intern, contact us:**

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