

# Research Internship Program

Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment

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## Undertake a semester abroad as a visiting research student at Deakin!

We are pleased to offer high performing students from our valued partner institutions the opportunity to apply for the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment's Research Internship Program.

This program will allow you to meet the project requirements of your current course whilst completing research under the guidance of an experienced Deakin academic supervisor. You will have access to Deakin's campuses and facilities, and the opportunity to experience life as an international student in Australia!

## Where will I be based?

Deakin's Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment is spread across three of Deakin's campuses. Depending on the project and supervisor you end up working with, you could be based at:

- Melbourne Burwood (IT, Science)
- Geelong Waurin Ponds (Engineering, IT, Science)
- Geelong Waterfront (Architecture, Construction Management)

## Where can I stay?

Each of Deakin's campuses have on-campus accommodation available at an additional cost. For further information you can visit:

<https://accommodation.deakin.edu.au/>

## What kind of research will I be involved in?

Research topics include (but are not limited to) biotechnology, smart manufacturing, sustainable construction and infrastructure, emerging technologies (including AI, VR, ML), healthcare and health technology, environmental sustainability, energy management and more. Find out more about our Faculty's research by visiting <https://www.deakin.edu.au/sebe/research>

## Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

- Have a cGPA (or equivalent) of 8.0 or above
- Have completed at least 6 semesters of study in a bachelor's degree, or 2 semesters of study in a master's degree, at your home institution
- Be replacing their final year research project with an Internship at Deakin University
- Be interested in pursuing further research such as a honours/master's/PhD at Deakin University
- Be committed to travelling to Australia to participate in the program between January – December (successful candidates can negotiate their project dates with their Deakin supervisor)

Students should also be aware that they are required to:

- Cover all costs associated with travel, visas and living expenses
- Secure a co-supervisor from your home institution, who can support you throughout the internship and grade your outputs
- Communicate with your home institution about their project requirements

There are no scholarships available for this program however, **there are no tuition fees payable to Deakin University** as part of this program.

# Project Deliverables

To be successful in the Research Internship program students will need to:

- Complete a 5-minute end of internship presentation to a panel of staff from Deakin and your Home institution.
- Complete any academic requirements as required from your Home Institution.

## How to apply

**Step 1:** From September 1 2025, students review the list of available projects provided by Deakin and submit an application\*

**[Apply Here!](#)**

**\*Note:** the application portal will open on 1st September and the project list can be downloaded from the application portal.

**Please provide:**

- Academic transcript
- CV/Resume
- Statement of purpose outlining your skills, experience and motivations
- 1-2 minute video introducing yourself, outlining your research interests, prior experience (including any projects/companies) and why you wish to come to Deakin University to complete a research internship
- A document that outlines the Research Project assessment guidelines from your Home Institution

**Applications Close:** Sunday 14th September 2025

**Step 2:** Your Institution will nominate a select number of high-performing students to be considered for an interview.

**Step 3:** In mid-to-late September, Deakin academic supervisors review student nominations and offer interviews.

**Step 4:** In September/October, official Offer Letters are issued.

**Step 5:** Internship begins (between Jan-Dec 2026)

Applicants are advised that this is a competitive process, and **only shortlisted candidates will be contacted regarding an interview.** Interviews will be held online during September/October

# Program Requirements

Upon selection for the program, students are required to sign a 'Student Agreement', which outlines the below **responsibilities for students:**

- A commitment to travel to Australia.
- Financial capacity to cover associated travel and living costs.
- Acknowledging co-supervisor arrangements.
- Maintaining active engagement in the program.
- Contributing to the success of the program.
- Acknowledging and being respectful of cultural differences, including independent and self directed work.
- Maintaining a high level of professionalism and safety. Maintaining detailed and accurate records.
- Reporting on the progress of your internship, including completion of the end of internship presentation.

**Responsibilities for co-supervisors from your home institution are:**

- Evaluating and grading students research outputs.
- Providing guidance to the students on the academic standards of the home institution.
- Reviewing the student's research plan to ensure it aligns with the home institutions academic requirements.
- Supporting the student in integrating their research at Deakin with their academic program at their home institution.
- Regularly communicating with the primary supervisor at Deakin regarding the student's progress.
- Collaborating with the primary supervisor at Deakin to ensure the student receive a well-rounded research experience.

## Questions?

Please email [sebe-international@deakin.edu.au](mailto:sebe-international@deakin.edu.au)