



# Work-Integrated Learning at Deakin

## Internships and industry placements

Deakin's Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) programs give you the opportunity to undertake a work experience placement as part of your course. Deakin has a wide range of WIL programs available across most areas of study. WIL programs are known by a range of names including internships, practicum placements, experiential learning, Industry-Based learning and professional practice.

WIL plays a valuable role in preparing you for graduate employment, by giving you an opportunity to apply and consolidate knowledge gained in your course, develop professional work practices, experience workplace culture, explore career options relevant to your discipline and develop professional networks. Graduate recruiters regard students who have participated in WIL programs highly, as they recognise that these students are work ready and are also likely to be making a more informed decision about their career choice.



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'I completed an Industry-Based Learning (IBL) placement, as part of Deakin's Work-Integrated Learning program, in the final year of my Environmental Science degree.

My placement was with the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA), one of 10 CMAs in Victoria established by the Victorian Government to ensure the protection of natural resources within river catchments.

I was then offered a position with Corangamite CMA before I even completed my course. I felt so fortunate to be able to go straight from study to working. My placement really reinforced my passion for the environment and made me very excited about my future career prospects and provided me with hands-on experience in the industry, built up my confidence and enabled me to develop new skills.'

