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Collaboration to address engineering skills shortage

Regional students who start their career in civil engineering at Deakin University will be eligible to apply for a scholarship to help with their tertiary studies.

Deakin University and Coomes Consulting Group have signed a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at encouraging students to study civil engineering and help address the engineering skills shortage in regional Victoria.

Under the agreement, Coomes Consulting Group will provide a number of scholarships and industry-based learning programs to Deakin civil engineering students. Scholarships will be awarded to a student selected from each of the following regions enrolled in Deakin's Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering) - Albury/Wodonga, Shepparton and the Barwon region. A cadetship will also be offered to a student from the Barwon region.

Coomes Consulting Group will also work closely with Deakin to provide annual vacation employment opportunities for students, make staff available to participate as guest lecturers and provide industry mentoring and supervision to students engaged in industry placement projects.

Further information about Deakin's civil engineering degree is available at <http://www.deakin.edu.au/scitech/eit/courses/be-civil.php>

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