

**Career Pathway Placements (often referred to as internships) are offered as part of PhD Xtra, to all domestic and international HDR students subject to the availability of placement opportunities.**

## Placement Rules

- Students must have successfully completed their confirmation of candidature
- Students must be progressing well in the HDR course – no additional time will be granted on candidature timeframe
- Students cannot intermit their candidature to undertake a placement
- Placements must be endorsed by the academic supervisor
- Placements are subject to University approval, and obviously that of the placement provider
- Placements must be related to the students' general field of study and in some cases must also align to the thesis topic
- Students can undertake a placement during candidature or whilst their thesis is under examination
- Students must record the placement in their Individual Learning Plan

## Next steps for students and supervisors

1. Initiate a placement by identifying and contacting potential host organisations
2. Complete the Career Pathway Placement application form
  - Deakin Research can assist with project set up
  - Deakin Research Commercial will assist with contractual setup of placements
  - Visit <http://www.deakin.edu.au/students/research/course-content/placements> for more information
  - Subscribe to APR Intern to get up-to-date information on APR internship opportunities

## Benefits for students

- Valuable practical experience for the CV
- Professional development advantages
- Networking opportunities
- Business contacts for possible future employment
- Opportunity to 'test the waters'
- Can be undertaken during thesis examination period
- Earn up to \$3,000 per month (APR Intern program)

## Benefits for supervisors

- New platform for industry engagement
- Possible future placement opportunities
- Mentoring a student in a business setting
- Business contacts for possible future research collaborations and sponsorship
- Receive \$5,500 into research fund (APR Intern program)

## Benefits for businesses

- Develop and innovate your business
- Access to high-level expertise and knowledge
- Connection with higher educational institutes
- Future collaboration opportunities
- Potential recruitment opportunities
- May be eligible for government funded subsidy (APR Intern program)

*A placement can be a valuable learning experience, it provides evidence of relevant practical knowledge, and it can be a wonderful network-building opportunity. The option of completing a career pathway placement will add another element to a student's individualised learning program.*