**THE APR.INTERN PROGRAM**

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| **What does an APR.Intern program involve** |

The APR.Intern is a program that helps PhD candidates arrange internships with industry partners. In particular, internships usually comprise the following activities

* an academic supervisor, industry partner—such as a manager at an organization—and the student develop a project plan.
* the project lasts between 3 and 5 months full time.
* the student receives supervision and guidance from an academic at the university and the industry partner
* the student is paid to complete this project
* the project can be completed after the student submits a thesis and is awaiting examination—or can sometimes be completed during their candidature.

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| **What does a typical internship entail?** |

Your internships could be organized in

* large consultancies, such as EY, KPMG, PWC, or Deloittes
* the public sector, such as government departments or councils
* banks and other financial organizations
* technology and engineering firms, and
* many other organizations

During these internships, you might

* collect data
* analyze data
* prepare literature reviews or reports
* present research
* liaise with stakeholders

To read about specific case studies, visit <a href=" https://www.iprep.edu.au" target="\_blank" alt="">this website</a> This website discusses a separate scheme—organized by Western Australia universities—but illustrates typical internships.

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| **How does the APR.Intern program facilitate these internships** |

Of course, candidates and supervisor are welcome to organize placements and similar experiences themselves. However, the APR.Intern program offers a few services to facilitate these opportunities. First, the APR.Intern program manage the internships. For example

* they may assist with the development of project plans and agreements

The APR.Intern program help universities determine whether the industry partner is eligible to receive a rebate called the National Research Internship Program rebate. Organizations that receive this rebate are obviously more likely to pay for internships.

Before the end of 2020, the APR.Intern program will help arrange 1400 internships for PhD students across the nation. Each university applies for a number of internships—such as 20.

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| **If interested, how do I proceed** |

At this stage, contact the Dean of Graduate Studies—Simon.Moss@cdu.edu.au—to express your interest.