Adelaide Convention and Tourism Bureau

We are South Australia's peak independent body for the business events industry. Our role is to attract conventions and other business events to Adelaide and to provide assistance and guidance to convention and event organisers through every stage of planning, free of charge. An essential component to our success is ongoing and targeted research strategies and projects which enable us to identify potential conference opportunities, their host organisations and relevant contacts.

Our intern undertook a dedicated research project which was aimed at the local university sector. We were very impressed with her ability to quickly grasp the scope of the project and to produce an extensive database which our research team continues to utilise as one of our key research tools. The Internship was most beneficial to our organisation and we are keen to build on the work that the intern commenced.

Unley City Library

Participating in the Arts Internship gave us the opportunity to conduct research into the needs and wants of senior library users, without major additional resources required. Working with a young undergraduate student enhanced the quality of the project results as there was opportunity for inter-generational interaction which in turn resulted in fresh ideas and a different perspective of library services for the aged. It was a valuable exercise with practical outcomes that enabled the library to make informed strategic decisions about services for older library members.

At a glance

The University of Adelaide:
> More than 23,000 students
> Associated with 5 Nobel Prize winners
> Government-funded leading research university
> Located in Adelaide’s Central Business District

Faculty of Arts:
> Approximately 3000 students
> Programs in Humanities and Social Sciences have been offered by the University of Adelaide since its foundation over 130 years ago
> Students can combine studies in Humanities and Social Sciences with Engineering, Law, Commerce, Music, Health Sciences and many other areas of the University
> Main undergraduate programs are Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts (Advanced), Bachelor of Environmental Policy and Management, Bachelor of Media, Bachelor of International Studies, Bachelor of Development Studies, Bachelor of Social Sciences, Bachelor of Languages, and Diploma in Languages

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The major focus of the Internship is for students to undertake a specified project on a topic relevant to the organisation and of interest to the student. This project is presented at the end of the course in a report format and interns deliver an overview to their supervisor(s) and peers via an oral presentation. Depending on the nature of the organisation, the format of the report can be variable. The organisation may then use the report in any way they see fit.

What do the interns do?

Students are asked to apply for a place in the Internship, indicating their area of interest, and selection is based on academic merit (usually a credit average or higher). They are then matched up to the project areas provided by you based on their skills and abilities.

What are the benefits of participating in the Internship?

It is a great opportunity for organisations to get involved in the education of their future employees. Arts Internships will enable the organisation to get a first-hand look at some of the best upcoming graduates who will be looking for positions in the workforce after completing their degree.

Is there much paperwork involved?

No. You need to complete an establishment form at the beginning to let us know what sort of project you would like the intern to undertake, and an evaluation and completion form at the end to let us know the outcome of the Internship.

Do I need to provide a workspace for the intern?

That is up to you and will largely depend on the nature of the project you wish them to undertake.

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They undertake a specified project in an area designated by you. They then provide a report of approximately 7000 words that can be used by your organisation, and also give an overview by oral presentation. They will receive support and guidance in the writing of the report from an academic supervisor in the Faculty, who will also be responsible for marking the report.

Frequently asked questions

What organisations can participate?

Any. The Faculty invites any area of the wider community with a suitable project to be involved in the Internship program.

How long does the Internship run for?

The Arts Internship runs for one semester each year, usually one day per week.

Are there any costs involved?

No, there is no cost to the organisation for involvement in the scheme, and students undertaking the Internship are not paid.

Are interns covered by insurance?

Yes. All interns are covered by the University of Adelaide’s insurance for public liability and professional indemnity.

The Arts Internship

University of Adelaide Arts graduates enjoy challenging and rewarding careers in a diverse range of organisations in Adelaide and Australia. They enter the workplace equipped with highly sought after skills, including effective writing and research skills. The Arts Internship is designed to make it possible for students to link up with an outside organisation to write a research report for the host organisation as part of their final year. This usually involves spending up to a day a week in the organisation, giving interns hands-on experience and equipping them with a range of practical skills, building on the knowledge they have gained during their study, to take into their future workplace.

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