



Seenyng Lau
Bachelor of Arts

I am a former graduate from the Bachelor of Commerce, currently pursuing a second degree in the Bachelor of Development Studies with an Anthropology minor. During my Arts Internship in 2014, I was placed with the Institute for International Development (IID) based in Adelaide. My research project titled “Land reform in Myanmar and lessons learned from Southeast Asia” sought to understand contemporary discourses in land reform, drawing examples from countries in Southeast Asia such as Thailand and Cambodia. The purpose of this research project was to provide perspectives and insights which would potentially influence policies to secure land tenure for farmers in Myanmar. The Arts Internship program has provided me with an opportunity to gain valuable tools and to fine-tune my techniques in research processes. Also, it has given me the opportunity to sharpen my analytical skills and creative thinking. These are all important lessons which the lecture theaters and classrooms alone were not able to teach. The experience which I have gained from the Arts Internship program has given me not only the skills, but also the confidence to be a better researcher in my prospective career as an Anthropologist.



Emma Hamilton
Bachelor of Arts 2014
Bachelor of International Studies 2014

As a final year Arts and International Studies student, I was looking for courses that would provide extensive research and workplace skills. The Arts Internship program arranged for me to undertake a research internship in the office of former Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard, with personalised academic supervision and support from within the university. Over the semester I spent two days per week working in Ms Gillard’s office, conducting research on the causes and possible solutions to the systematic underrepresentation of Australian women in public and private sector executive leadership roles. At the program’s conclusion, I was able to produce an official research document to present to Ms Gillard’s office. This document is also an invaluable resource when demonstrating my professional research skills to future employers. Having successfully completed the Internship, I am now undertaking Honours in Anthropology, with a continued focus on women’s experiences and gender relations. The research, time management, and problem solving skills developed through the Arts Internship program will be invaluable as I navigate the challenges of my Honours year.

At a Glance

The University

- > Established in 1874 (third oldest university in Australia)
- > More than 23,000 students
- > More than 6,000 international students from 90 countries
- > Associated with 5 Nobel Prize winners
- > Government-funded leading research university
- > Located in Adelaide’s Central Business District
- > Barr Smith Library holdings exceed 2 million

The Faculty of Arts

- > There are approximately 7000 students enrolled in the Faculty
- > Programs in Arts have been offered by the University of Adelaide since its foundation over 130 years ago
- > Our students can combine studies in Arts with Engineering, Law, Commerce, Music, Health Sciences and many other areas of the University
- > The main undergraduate programs of the Faculty are the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts (Advanced), Bachelor of Environmental Policy and Management, Bachelor of International Development, Bachelor of International Studies, Bachelor of Languages, Bachelor of Media, Bachelor of Social Sciences, and the Diploma in Languages.

Further Information

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Arts Internship

Information for students



Arts Internship

Would you like to work in an organisation as part of your degree and learn new skills to help you prepare for the world of work? If so, think about enrolling in an Arts Internship in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Adelaide.

The Arts Internship places students in a host organisation for one day per week throughout the semester. Students undertake a research project on a topic of interest to them and of relevance to the host organisation, and are jointly supervised by an academic and a member of staff at the host organisation. Arts Internship students are expected to attend and participate in a series of seminars as well as meet their academic supervisor during their course. At the end of the course, students give an oral presentation about their project and submit a report of approximately 7000 words. The Arts Internship counts towards 50% of one semester's workload (6 units).

Students are asked to apply for a place in the Internship, indicating their area of interest, and selection is based on GPA. The Arts Internship is available to both Australian and international students enrolled in a Faculty of Arts degree.

Students undertaking the Arts Internship are not paid by their host organisation. Any travel and/or other incidental costs incurred are the responsibility of the student. All students are covered by the University of Adelaide's insurance for public liability and professional indemnity.

More information is available at www.arts.adelaide.edu.au/current-students/internships/

If you are a study abroad or exchange student, more information is available at www.international.adelaide.edu.au/study/sa-ex/

Other Internships

The Parliamentary Internship Scheme

This Internship provides a research placement with a Member of the State Parliament of South Australia. Students gain first hand experience of the workings of Parliament and have the opportunity to work with an MP on a research topic nominated by the Member. By the end of the Scheme, students will leave with an enhanced understanding of the Parliamentary and public policy processes.

For further information, visit <http://arts.adelaide.edu.au/polis/studying/undergraduate/parliamentary-interns/>

Media Internships

These are a collaborative venture between the University and various media organisations in the community. This Internship is open to University of Adelaide Bachelor of Media students only.

For further information, visit <http://arts.adelaide.edu.au/media/careers/mip/>

Environmental Policy and Management Internship Scheme

This Internship allows students to work with an organisation engaged in environmental policy, environmental planning, environmental research or environment management. The Internship is not available for study abroad or exchange students.

For further information, please email ryan.higgins@adelaide.edu.au



Cassie Edwards
Bachelor of Arts 2014

“The Arts internship allowed me to take the learning skills I acquired throughout my time as a student and apply them in a practical workplace environment that was carefully chosen for me to suit my interests. I was fortunate enough to be placed with Shelter SA where I worked closely with my supervisor to produce an in-depth advocacy report about Social Impact Bonds which has since gone on to be published. I could not be more grateful to the University for facilitating this experience as not only have my skills in research and writing improved dramatically, I have also become significantly more confident about my ability to make the transition from University to the workplace.”

Host organisations

- > Adelaide City Council
- > Anglicare SA
- > Australian Institute of International Affairs
- > Australian Dance Theatre
- > Australian Refugee Association
- > Business SA
- > Carpets for Communities
- > Coffey International Development
- > Conservation Council of SA
- > Helping Young People Achieve
- > History SA
- > Institute for International Development
- > Indo-Pacific Governance Research Centre
- > Legal Circles
- > Locus of Social Analysis and Research
- > Migrant Resource Centre
- > Migration Museum
- > Mission Australia
- > Multicultural Communities Council of SA
- > National Trust
- > Oxfam Australia
- > Pace Lawyers
- > Projects Abroad
- > SA Council of Social Service
- > SA Government Departments
- > SA Parliamentary Members
- > SA Writers' Centre
- > Sustainability and Climate Change Office
- > Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute
- > The Adelaide Review/Rip It Up Publishing
- > The Smith Family
- > The Urrbrae House Historic Precinct
- > Thiess Mining
- > United Nations Good Offices, Cyprus
- > Wakefield Press
- > World Vision
- > YWCA Adelaide