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“Public Library Services (PLS) is a business unit of the Libraries Board of South Australia that delivers the strategies and objectives of the Libraries Board of South Australia. PLS has intentionally engaged with the Arts Faculty to attract students from disciplines other than Library Studies.

We have hosted five University of Adelaide Arts intern students since 2016. Our experience with the program has only been positive due to the structure of the program and the high quality of students.

The students used Tomorrow’s Libraries: Future directions of the South Australian Public Library Network to develop their project aligning with one of the actions in the strategy. Outcomes have included: research into Evolving Libraries, a template for attracting, creating and sustaining writing groups, researching best practice collections, and benefits of early childhood literacy programs in public libraries.

Each student produced valuable outcomes of relevance to the SA Public Library Network. PLS would have no hesitation in encouraging other organisations to take part in the Internship program.”

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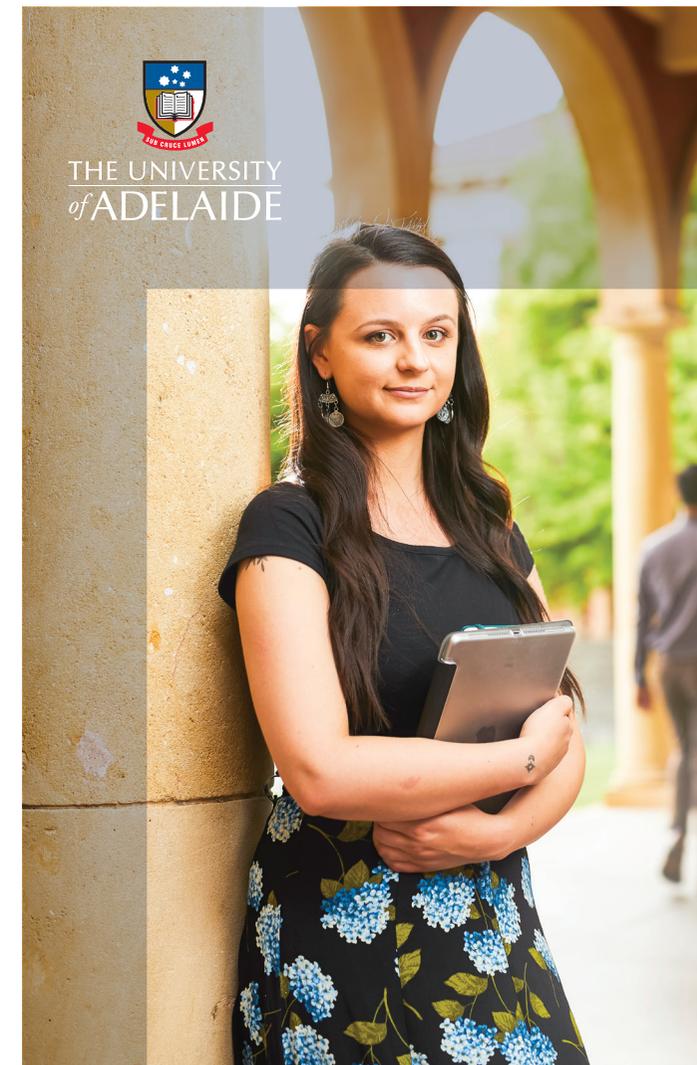
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INTERNSHIPS

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Faculty of arts internships

In a fast-changing employment environment, there are no longer predictable careers. Our challenge as a university, and as a society, is to deliver graduates who are adaptable, and who have the skillset to thrive and add value to the industry they enter. Work-integrated learning and hands-on industry experience are essential to building these capabilities into our graduates.

Arts internships make it possible for students to contribute to the activities of an organisation. Our students usually spend a day a week in the host organisation, getting valuable workplace experience and developing a range of practical skills that build on the knowledge they have gained during their studies.

Students undertake a 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. Interns also deliver an overview to their supervisor(s) and peers via an oral presentation. Depending on the organisation, the report can have a practical component or be research focussed. The organisation may then use the report as they see fit.

host organisations include*

- Attorney General's Department
- Australian Refugee Association
- Botanical Gardens
- Carers SA
- City of Mitcham
- Department for Environment, Water and Natural Resources
- Department of State Development
- Don Dunstan Foundation
- History SA
- Institute for International Development
- Openbook Howden Publishers
- Oxfam
- Project Everest
- Projects Abroad
- Red Cross
- Shelter SA
- Youth Affairs Council of South Australia

*This list is a sample. New organisations are being sourced all the time.

FAQs

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?

It is offered March to June (semester one) and July to November (semester two).

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?

Organisations need to provide insurance for public liability and professional indemnity.

Is there much paperwork involved?

No. You complete an expression of interest form at the beginning to let us know what sort of project you would like the intern to undertake, and a short 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.

How are interns selected?

Students apply for a place in the internship, indicating their area of interest, and are selected based on their academic background. Based on their skills and abilities, students are then matched up to the project areas you provide.

What do the interns do?

They undertake a specified project in an area designated by you. They provide a report of approximately 7500 words that can be used by your organisation, and also give an overview by oral presentation. They will receive support and guidance writing the report from the Faculty of Arts.



ANN JACKSON

Bachelor of Languages Diploma in Arts

“Through the University of Adelaide’s Arts Internship program, I was able to complete a hands-on internship at Era Publications, an Adelaide-based educational publisher of children’s books and learning materials.

This experience allowed me to learn about the children’s publishing industry from an insider perspective, as well as try my hand at a range of tasks including writing, editing, proofreading and translation.

I would certainly recommend the Arts Internship—it is an invaluable experience to any student hoping to learn more about the industry of their choice.”