

## Higher Degree Research Internship Opportunities

At JCU we wish to support your candidature journey by offering industry internships that offer exceptional opportunities to apply and further develop professional skills in your specific field. As an HDR candidate there are many benefits to be gained from undertaking an internship including:

- develop and establish networks
- demonstrate and strengthen professional and research skills
- gain experience in a 'real life' setting
- apply research knowledge into an actual project
- enhance your employability
- develop links with industry
- professional development opportunity

The HDR Placement program is open to approved HDR candidates from any discipline enrolled in a PhD or MPhil program.

There are two internship programs to consider if you are an HDR candidate, **TropINTERN and APR Intern.**

### TropIntern

TropINTERN is the Graduate Research School's Internship program which is very flexible in terms of internship duration and financial arrangement. An internship can be from 30 days to 6 months in duration and can be paid and unpaid and is for both **Domestic and International candidates.**

There are three ways in which to start a HDR Internship Program:

- HDR student or supervisor have idea for specific research project with a certain Industry Partner
- HDR student or supervisor are interested in Internship without having a specific project in mind
- Industry Partner has available research projects and would like to find Intern

## APRIntern

APR.Intern is the only national all sector – all discipline internship program placing PhD students into industry.\* The program is managed externally to JCU with a Business Development Manager based at the University of Melbourne. APR Intern looks after all the applications, industry contracts related to the program. APR.Intern tends to have already established industry partners and projects ready to go and works with JCU to match those to an advisor mentor and candidate. APR Internships tend to be for a 3-5 month project.

**Investment:** Each 5-month internship is valued at \$26k, of which **\$3k per month** are a stipend for the intern; \$5.5k go to the Academic Mentor for their support and supervision and \$5.5k go towards the administrative costs of the program. Eligible industry partners will receive a 50% rebate from the Australian Government, bringing the overall project costs to \$13k for a 5-month internship for the industry partner. **It is currently for domestic candidates only.**

**The JCU Graduate Research School** works with APR Intern to check candidature, sign agreements and liaise with APR Intern, the Candidate and Academic Mentor on anything related to the candidature and studies at JCU.

The academic mentors gain \$5.5K towards their research account. They do not have to be the Candidates primary supervisor but need to be able to support and guide the candidate towards the projects research goals. There are no reporting requirements attached to the funding.

*\*Please note that APR Intern is only signing contracts up until August 15th 2021 as it seeks to confirm further Australian Government support for its operations. During this transition period, a review and refresh will be undertaken to herald the next exciting era of Australian postgraduate research internships. More information will be provided later in 2021.*

**Eligibility for All Candidates wishing to do an internship need to:**

1. Have completed their Confirmation of Candidature Milestone
2. Their Primary advisor needs to be in agreement that they do the internship
3. They shouldn't be overdue to submit their thesis (if they are, they can still do the internship but submit thesis first, then do it while thesis is being examined.)
4. Domestic candidates have their candidature put on hold during the internship. However, International candidates may have to undertake the internship without the candidature being put on hold because of visa conditions. Please speak to the GRS about this.
5. Inform the GRS of the intention to undertake an internship at [grs@jcu.edu.au](mailto:grs@jcu.edu.au)
6. Unless otherwise stated, any advertised placements are open to International and Domestic candidates.

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