Defence Science and Technology Group Industry Experience Placement

Further Information 2022

Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) is the Australian government's lead agency responsible for applying science and technology to safeguard Australia and its national interests. As one of Australia's largest employers of scientists and engineers, we deliver expert, impartial advice and innovative solutions for Defence and national security.

The Industry Experience Placement (IEP) offers projects across the divisions of DSTG in broad areas of work. The divisions of DST can be found at https://www.dst.defence.gov.au/discover-dsto/our-research-divisions.IEP students will have the opportunity to connect with other placement students, recent graduates and early career researchers during their placement to discover more about career paths at DSTG.

YOUR ROLE
The Industry Experience Placement (IEP) Program provides those students who are required to complete a compulsory industry placement component as part of their undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) degree with an opportunity for a work placement of up to 12 months with DSTG.

Potential projects for 2022 can be found at; https://www.dst.defence.gov.au/careers/student-opportunities/industry-experience-placement-program. This project list gives an indication of the skills required for these projects.

Projects may be available at any DSTG site across Australia and will commence on 28 February, 2022, however alternate start dates may be able to be negotiated.

STIPEND
Students on placement are paid a tax-free stipend of $3,000 per month while carrying out their placement. If a student relocates interstate, they will be eligible for a one-off travel reimbursement of up to $450.

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, you will need to:
- Be an Australian citizen
- Be enrolled at an Australian University for the duration of the project
- Have as a degree requirement that the student undertake a practical placement with industry
- Be willing to obtain and maintain an Australian Government security clearance at the level of Baseline (this will be initiated by Defence for successful applicants)

APPLICATION

To apply for a placement, you will need to prepare the following documents

1. Written Application Response

You will need to prepare a written application response which should answer the following statements in no more than 1,000 words total:

- Describe a project or challenge you have undertaken that demonstrates your technical ability, research skills or analytical thinking
- Provide details about relevant experience acquired through course-related industry placements, other relevant industry experience or self-initiated development
- Identify what discipline of work interests you, describe what contribution you could make and what expectations you have of the program

2. Current University Transcript

You will need to upload a copy of your university transcript, outlining your subjects and grades. It is not necessary to provide an official transcript

3. Current Resume/CV

You will need to upload a current resume/CV that outlines your education and work experience, along with other relevant skills and experiences. You should also include at least one academic referee and their contact details.

4. Letter of endorsement from your faculty/university

You will need to upload a letter of endorsement from your faculty or university industry learning supervisor advising proof of eligibility to undertake an industry placement as part of your study. This letter should include:

- Confirmation of enrolment
- Course/Degree title and industry placement subject code
- Required length of experience component

These documents, along with your personal details, should be submitted to the application page at https://www.dst.defence.gov.au/careers/student-opportunities/indutry-experience-placement-program/applciations

All applications must be submitted by 11:59pm AEST Sunday 3 October, 2021

If you have any questions about submission, please contact STEMPrograms@dst.defence.gov.au.