



Defence Science and Technology Group Summer Vacation Placement Program

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 Summer Vacation Placement (SVP) offers projects across the divisions of DSTG in broad areas of work. The divisions of DSTG can be found at <https://www.dst.defence.gov.au/discover-dst/our-divisions>. SVP 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 core philosophy of this Program is to provide the opportunity for students to practice applying their theoretical learning from their undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) degree to a project and then return to university with a greater understanding of how their knowledge performs within a practical environment. This enables the student to reflect on their learning, and understanding of learnt concepts and principles.

While it is certainly an opportunity for work experience, it is designed to support and validate the learning outcomes of university.

A list of representative projects can be found at; <https://www.dst.defence.gov.au/careers/student-opportunities/summer-vacation-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, generally, within the final week of November each year.

ENGAGEMENT CONDITIONS

Students will be engaged as non-ongoing employees of the Department of Defence at the S&T 1-2 (BELOW) classification. Conditions of employment are available in the [Defence Enterprise Agreement](#) and include, but are not limited to:

- Salary of \$55,187.00 PA (pro rata for the shorter SVP placements)
- Annual Leave credits
- Personal Leave Credits
- 15.4% Superannuation
- Flexible working hours
- Christmas Stand-down

Successful applicants are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and associated costs.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for this program, you will need to:

- be Australian citizens;
- be enrolled full-time in their tertiary course of study, will remain enrolled for the proposed duration of their placement, and are continuing study in the following year
- be available to undertake a placement during the advertised program dates
- have completed 2 years tertiary study, and;
- satisfy the requirements for a [Defence Baseline security clearance](#).

APPLICATION

Applications will only be received through the Defence APS Careers portal.

1. Written Application Response

You will need to respond to the selection criteria which will be similar to the following:

- 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

Generally a 400 or 250 word response is required.

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 although one may be requested through the selection process.

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 include at least one academic referee and their contact details.

These documents, along with your personal details, will be submitted as part of your application.