



About PhD Research Internships

UWA's Graduate Research School partners with Schools, industry and our doctoral students to provide impactful R&D activities through research internships that lead to innovation in industry & benefit the wider community. Research internships are available to UWA's PhD students from all disciplines (not just STEM!).

Some of the novel outcomes delivered by UWA PhD interns include:

- Worked individually, or collaboratively in multi-disciplinary teams, to apply design thinking and identify and solve real industry problems with recommendations to develop or improve solutions.
- Reviewed literature & critically assessed new findings, challenged assumptions with evidence-based prototypes, developed or improved solutions, developed prototype protocols & test to market.
- Built algorithms, designed or improved apps, tested prototypes and analysed data.
- Developed policies, frameworks, or creative works to increase the knowledge of humankind, culture & society.

Your School will:

- See how UWA PhD students apply their R&D expertise to a specific industry challenge.
- Enjoy seeing the growth in professional development & confidence of PhD students regardless of their career direction.
- Potential to co-author a paper.
- Share and extend your industry network to promote UWA's collaboration as global leader.
- Shape and grow the potential workforce through the development of graduates with industry experience in a highly competitive market!

UWA PhD students will:

- Develop critical skills and expertise with industry & gain new insights in their field of study whether commercial, government or NFP.
- Test their research area of interest with industry and/or develop tangential research interests.
- Progress their studies in writing a chapter or a paper (if available).
- Build connections and collaborate with industry to help share their future career direction.
- Access future employment opportunities!

What's involved?

- A 60-day research internship over 3 months (min.) is a professional development project opportunity related to the student's research topic. This is a student-driven approach and can be taken full time or part time, on site, on campus, remotely or a hybrid mode within their 4 year degree (without extension). Internships commence anytime from Confirmation of Candidature & completed 6 months prior to submitting their thesis. Sponsored students must obtain approval from their sponsor prior to applying.
- The Principal Supervisor will continue to determine the candidate's readiness for a future research internship. During the internship, the Principal Supervisor continues to supervise plus they have a supervisor in the organisation to provide orientation & mentoring. Retrospective internships will be considered including industry placements.
- The GRS will help with templates, process & prepare the internship agreement with the organisation to address commercial-in-confidence, intellectual property and any other key considerations in a formal arrangement.

Contact Research Internships Team

Detailed information is available on our [website](#).

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