

ASSESSMENT

FOR PUBLIC SECTOR A INTERNS

- a) oral coursework presentation or short written paper worth 10% of the final grade;
- b) a research report (maximum length 8,000 words) worth 70% of the final grade; and
- c) an oral presentation on the research report (maximum 25 minutes plus 15 minutes question time) worth 20% of the final grade.

FOR PUBLIC SECTOR B AND C INTERNS

- a) a research report (maximum length of either 8,000 or 16,000 words) worth 80% of the final grade; and
- b) an oral presentation on the research report (maximum 25 minutes plus 15 minutes question time) worth 20% of the final grade.

The research report and oral presentation are marked by ANU academics. Placement supervisors provide a written assessment of Interns' reports and their overall contribution to their placement.



ENROLMENT AT ANU

All students accepted by ANIP will be required to enrol at ANU for the period of their internship.

Non-ANU students may take extra courses at ANU.

Students applying for admission to an extra course at ANU must include details on their University application form.

Information on all courses offered at ANU is available in the ANU Handbook, which is released in October of each year; or via the ANU website at www.anu.edu.au.

APPROVAL FOR CROSS INSTITUTIONAL STUDY

It is the responsibility of applicants to apply for approval from their home university for all cross-institutional study at ANU, including their ANIP course. It is your responsibility to negotiate with your home university the number of units towards your degree you will receive for the internship and other courses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

More detailed information, including a list of past and present placements and research projects of former Interns, is available on our website at www.anu.edu.au/anip.

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL INTERNSHIPS PROGRAM



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What is ANIP?

The Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) provides access to internship placements for Australian and overseas university students from any discipline.

Placements can be with the Federal Parliament, the Australian Public Service, the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly or Public Service, or with non-government organizations. Interns must complete a major research project to the satisfaction of both the placement and ANU. Interns can earn significant credit towards their degrees.

WHEN CAN I DO AN INTERNSHIP?

ANIP is offered each year in:

Semester 1: late February – June

Semester 2: July – October

The starting date for ANIP may not be the same as standard university dates.

All placements are in Canberra for a period of 11 weeks and continue during non-teaching periods.

WHERE CAN I GO?

PARLIAMENTS

For many students the most exciting placement opportunities are in Parliament House. A student may work in the office of a Senator or Member, or be attached to a Parliamentary Committee or Department. The broad-ranging interests of Members of Parliament lead them to nominate research projects covering all areas of public policy, from global politics, defence and development issues to social and environmental policy and issues of governance. There are also opportunities to work with Members of the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly where Interns have worked on a wide range of projects covering multicultural, heritage, education, health, art curatorship, social and environmental issues.

PUBLIC SERVICE

ANIP provides the opportunity for Interns to be placed with the Public Service. Interns have worked on international environmental and trade issues for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, insolvency and bankruptcy law for the Treasury, environmental impacts of genetically modified crops for the Department of the Environment and Heritage, defence and strategic policy for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, and the impact of arts funding for Arts ACT.

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

Interns can work with industry and community organizations. For students interested in foreign aid and development, or environmental issues, places may be available with organizations such as the Australian Council for International Development or CARE Australia. Industry and trade policy can be explored with the Motor Trades Association of Australia, the National Farmers Federation or the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

The minimum requirements for eligibility to apply to ANIP are that you are **currently enrolled as a university student** and permission has been granted by your home university for your internship to be officially credited to your degree. **Students must have completed at least their second or sophomore year of university studies before entering ANIP.** You may be either an undergraduate or a graduate student. Excellent written and spoken English language skills are required.

A wide variety of skills and experience can be accommodated. Former Interns have been students of political science, policy studies, Australian studies, history, international relations, psychology, engineering and IT, science, social work, economics or commerce, law, geography, development studies, linguistics, environmental studies, recreation, art and music.

WHAT ACADEMIC CREDIT CAN I GAIN?

The usual enrolment for undergraduate students and for most overseas students is Public Sector Internship A. It combines coursework on current issues in public policy with a part-time placement. This is an 18-unit option. There are also two options that do not involve coursework. The first is suitable for students who wish to focus on developing research skills while undertaking a part-time placement. This is a 12-unit option called Public Sector Internship B. The second is an 18-unit option called Public Sector Internship C. This requires a full-time placement and is appropriate for senior students who already possess sound research skills.

A full-time placement is four days a week and part-time is two days a week. This includes work in the placement office and time spent at libraries or conducting interviews related to the research project.