

## Getting Started – Finding an Industry FYP

This is some general information for students wishing to do a FYP with an external company:

- The Department does not provide or facilitate direct links to industry partners. Generally students must contact the industry partner directly. Occasionally, individual lecturers may have links to an industry partner that they may advertise in their offered FYP projects. Also occasionally a company will contact the department and we will advertise a project for them on the FYP section of the department website. The most common mechanism for finding an industry based FYP project is through previous work experience with a company.
- Students cannot be paid for any work directly connected with the FYP. If students have previously worked for the company (paid or unpaid) prior to the commencement of the FYP any output from that work can only be used as background and should be referenced as such.
- The OHS environment for all components of the project must comply with relevant standards and legislation. Risk assessments and development of safe work procedures must be completed before the project commences. The academic supervisor must also be satisfied that the project complies with all OHS requirements, on and off campus. Additional guidance will be provided.
- The first step is for the student to discuss the availability and scope of an industry FYP with the company. The company must be willing to host and supervise a FYP. The industry supervisor must have expertise in the area of the proposed project. They should have engineering or scientific qualifications.
- The student must identify and approach a prospective academic supervisor. Ideally, the academic supervisor will have a research interest that is in the general area of the proposed FYP.
- The student then presents the details of the proposed project to the academics to allow them to assess the viability of the project. Individual academics may have specific requests but good approach is to provide a 1-2 page synopsis including the aims of the project and the resources available.
- If the academic is satisfied that the proposed project is a suitable for an FYP and is willing to supervise then the project can go ahead. The student should complete and hand in the project registration form as soon as possible.