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BOOSTING SCIENCE EMPLOYABILITY WITH WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING (WIL) AND INTERNSHIPS

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THE CHALLENGES OF THE AGE

Monash University’s purpose is to reach beyond the University to develop what is best with and for our communities – local, national and international.

Responding to climate change, preserving geopolitical security and fostering thriving communities are fundamental challenges for our age...

...Monash can actively contribute, through its research and education, to how we will meet them.
What is Work Integrated Learning?

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) is the term that is used for a ‘for credit’ industry experience, commonly referred to as an internship.

Students integrate academic learning with workplace experience. The placement has academic requirements primarily focussed on self reflection of the professional skills developed on placement.

Provides a hands-on, real world exposure to the workplace environment and enables students to further develop graduate attributes and employability skills.

WORK EXPERIENCE IS #1 WAY TO BOOST EMPLOYABILITY ACCORDING TO EMPLOYERS
Future of Jobs report 2020

Top 10 skills of 2025

- Analytical thinking and innovation
- Active learning and learning strategies
- Complex problem-solving
- Critical thinking and analysis
- Creativity, originality and initiative
- Leadership and social influence
- Technology use, monitoring and control
- Technology design and programming
- Resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility
- Reasoning, problem-solving and ideation

WIL Unit requirements

- WIL units available in undergraduate and postgraduate courses
- Students are eligible in 2nd/3rd year of their undergrad degree or as the final part of their masters degree.
- Each WIL unit has different application prerequisites such as minimum average marks or completion of core units.
- Placements take place in semesters and range from 120 hours to 360 hours for masters students.
Support & development for students

- Students can access workshops and tools to create the perfect resume or master the art of a job interview.

- In prep for their placement students have an academic assessment induction and workplace workshop.

- On placement there support though planned workshops, check in points and professional development sessions.
Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation

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MEET OUR STUDENTS

NICHOLAS 4th year
Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Global Studies

Internship:
Shine Impact

JESS 4th year
Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Global Studies

Internships:
Monash Climate Change
Communication Research Hub
Earth Systems
THANK YOU

Questions?

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