The Monash Arts internship program gives you valuable work experience while gaining academic credit towards your arts degree. An internship experience can add more meaning to academic study as it gives you the chance to apply theories learned in class in a real world context.

What is an internship?

An internship is a vocational experience in which you learn by taking on a position of responsibility within an organisation.

This experience is an invaluable opportunity to build up practical work experience that is relative to your field putting you ahead of competition when it comes time to apply for graduate positions or your first job out of university.

Internships can cover a multitude of work scenarios. They can range from working with a member of State Parliament to working with disadvantaged people; from working behind the scenes at a television station to building a school in a developing nation, or working with a non-profit organisation. With Arts the possibilities are endless.

An Arts internship is normally taken in the second or third year of your studies. An internship comprises around 144 hours working in an organisation together with academic assessment tasks that are completed outside these hours.

Why should you do an internship?

Internships are valuable for the following reasons:

01 Vocational experience: An internship means you have been proactive within your chosen career path. Having an internship on a resume shows your employer you have had experience in applying your theoretical knowledge in a real context. Employers hold previous experience in high regard which means you will be more competitive in the job market.

02 Develop and extend your skills: After completing an internship you will have new skills in your tool kit. You will learn how to apply critical thinking and professional judgement to solve real problems and develop new ideas. You will have professional experience in collaborating on projects with colleagues, and importantly, you’ll gain experience in communicating issues, problems and ideas in a clear and coherent way.

03 Establishing contacts: Internships provide a great opportunity to make career contacts. In the real world, relationships go a long way and networking with professionals in your field or finding a mentor are excellent foundations to start off your career.

04 Apply your knowledge: An internship adds more to your university experience and gives you real life context to your studies. During your internship you will have the opportunity to integrate theories learnt in class.

05 Take charge of your education: An internship is a proactive way of actively directing your learning experience. You decide what you want to learn and how you want to learn it, and how you will build up your experience to complement your academic knowledge.

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Amaryllis Gropollo
Intern at the Emerging Writers Festival, Melbourne.

“The internship re-assured me of my writing skills. That’s important. The work I have done over the last couple of months has given me confidence in my skill set. I feel I have grown professionally and feel that I can approach employers with more confidence in what I do.”
How can I include an internship in my Arts degree?

There are two ways to include an internship:

**Student-lead internships:** You can organise your own internship placement, which gives you the opportunity to target an area in which you have a keen interest.

**Faculty internships for high achieving students:** You can apply for one of our Elite Internship Units* that are available to high achieving students who have completed 2 years of their arts degree.

*Elite Internship Units consist of 144 hours placement as well as a research project negotiated between the organisation and the faculty. Your chosen project must benefit the organisation whilst meeting the academic requirement of the degree. Elite Internship Units are available in organisations across Australia and overseas.

You may be surprised at the variety of organisations looking for arts students and graduates. Here are some examples of where our students have been placed:

### Internships within Australia
- AMES
- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Carlton Football Club
- City of Melbourne
- Co.As.It Italian Historical Society
- Consumer Affairs Victoria
- Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
- Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Canberra
- Emerging Writers’ Festival
- Emhia Inc
- Glen Eira Historical Society
- Haystac
- Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Jeanswest
- Jewish Holocaust Centre
- Jewish Museum of Australia
- Malthouse Theatre
- Melbourne French Theatre
- Melbourne Water
- Moreland Energy Foundation Limited
- Museum Victoria
- Oncall
- One Fat Sheep
- Public Records Office Victoria
- Spanish Latin-American Welfare Centre Incorporated (CELAS)
- St John’s Regional College
- The Herald and Weekly Times
- The Lab Strategy
- The Victorian Parliament
- The Weed’s Network
- United Nations Association of Australia (Victorian Division)
- Worley Parsons
- Zoos Victoria

### International Internships

Because Monash Arts has such a strong international presence we are able to offer a range of exciting overseas internships. There are many advantages to be gained from living and working in a different country. Apart from being personally fulfilling it shows that you are able to adapt to different cultures and styles of working and that you are willing to step out of your comfort zone. All of these are qualities that employers are looking for.

At Monash Arts we encourage our students to take advantage of our international internships and there are generous Monash Abroad and Australian government scholarships available.

The Monash University Prato Centre in Italy offers unique opportunities for our students including:
- Istituto Compenistro Statale “Centro Nord”
- Campi Bisenzio: Language Assistant Internship
- Istituto culturale e di documentazione Lazzerini: Assistant and Guide Coordinator
- Monash University Prato Centre (MUPC): Assistant Cinema Archivist and Communication Strategist
- Museo di Palazzo Pretorio – Assessorato alla Cultura: Museum and Tour Guide Translator
- Scuola Secondaria il grado Statale Liceo Scientifico “Niccolo Copernico”: Language Assistant Internship
- Scuola Secondaria “G.B. Mazzoni” (Secondary School): Language Assistant

Other international internship placements have included:
- 40K Globe – India
- Anne Frank House – Netherlands
- BRAC – Bangladesh
- Ernst and Young – Indonesia
- Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect – USA
- In Flanders Fields Museum – Belgium
- Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre – South Africa
- Lowe Lintas – India
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community – New Caledonia
- National Commission for the Fight against Genocide (CNLG) – Rwanda

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**Thomas Niazmand**
Intern at the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure, Melbourne.

“I would absolutely recommend other students consider taking up an internship to complement their university studies. It helps reinforce course theory by providing an insight into the real-life applications of the content studied in the classroom on a daily basis.”

**Louise Ryan**
Intern at the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland.

“Getting some ‘hands on’ experience is so enriching not only from a contact and future employment perspective, but even more so for helping understand whether a particular role is suitable for you or not.”

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