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Australian National Internships Program (ANIP)



The Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) is a unique opportunity to undertake research in complex policy environments, learn valuable workplace skills and begin developing your professional networks. If you're considering a career in policy, government, politics, or a wide variety of other fields, an ANIP internship allows you to engage with leading policymakers, experts and stakeholders.

Students have the opportunity to be placed with:

- Commonwealth Parliament
- Australian Public Service departments and agencies
- ACT Legislative Assembly
- Non-government organisations (NGOs)
- Embassies and diplomatic missions
- Think tanks and research centres

About the program

Through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) you will work on a research project while being placed in a professional workplace. You will develop a research report for your host that will receive academic credit. This is the only university program in Australia where you can undertake a Commonwealth Parliamentary Internship.

Why do an internship?

- Gain experience in a professional work environment
- Develop a strong understanding of a complex real-world topic
- Strengthen your research expertise
- Develop networks and career skills

What's involved?

- The internship can be taken in one of three versions:
- 6, 12, or 24 units of credit
- A placement of one to four days per week over a ten-week period (depending on the version)
- Development of a research report of 4,000–20,000 words (depending on the version)

Who can apply?

- Students enrolled at Australian or overseas universities
- Undergraduate and postgraduate students after completion of two years full-time study, or 96 credits
- Eligible students of any discipline (e.g. Arts, Humanities, Science or Commerce)

Further information

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My ANIP experience opened my eyes to careers in policy research and development. I really enjoyed the freedom to research and design a report on a critical and useful topic for my organisation without the restraints of trying to incorporate course material like in regular university subjects. I recommend ANIP for anyone looking to see what possibilities are out there for their future career paths.



Daniel Hellig-Smith

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Feeling like you have an impact and getting to write about something that interests you is a unique and valuable opportunity. ANIP has shown me that I can build upon my passion for foreign affairs and that a career in diplomacy, development and public policy is a place where I would like to go. It has provided me with a foot in the door and valuable experience, connections, perspectives and insight that wouldn't otherwise have been possible.