The Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) is the perfect opportunity to begin networking and learn valuable skills if you’re considering a career in policy, government, politics, or a wide variety of other fields. An internship with ANIP allows you to develop your academic and career skills through professional experience in the workplace.

Students have the opportunity to be placed with:

- Australian Federal Parliament
- Australian Public Service
- ACT Legislative Assembly
- ACT Public Service
- Non-government organisations (NGOs)
- Industry and community organisations
- Embassies and consulates.
About the Program

Through ANIP you will work on a research project while being placed in a professional workplace. You will be placed in government, a diplomatic mission or NGO, and develop a research report 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 internships are available?

Located in Canberra, ANIP offers research opportunities in: Australian Federal Parliament, Australian Public Service, ACT Legislative Assembly, ACT Public Service, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), industry and community organisations, and embassies and consulates.

What’s involved?

- One semester (6, 12, or 24 units)
- A placement of two to four days per week over an 11 week period
- Development of a research report (4,000-20,000 words depending on the program).

Who can apply?

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

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I wanted a course that was different to traditional undergraduate coursework driven subjects and to see what ‘working’ in a public policy field was like. It also seemed a perfect fit for my final semester at ANU because even though I decided not to complete Honours, I wanted the opportunity to undertake extended research.

I interned at the Embassy two days a week and wrote a report which evaluated the Seasonal Worker Programme. I also attended several Embassy charity functions where I witnessed how strong the connection between Australia and Timor-Leste is.

Being so self-directed, ANIP has given me the skills to guide independent research and undoubtedly helped me to secure a graduate position.

My advice is to make sure you grab any opportunities that come your way—you won’t get another university experience like this.