

Academic Year 2014/2015 IFSA-Butler Australia Internships Newsletter



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Internships

Hundreds of students choose Australia as their Study Abroad destination each year. Students enjoy Australia's landscape across the seasons and always find activities, travels, sports, volunteer work and most importantly friends, both local and international, which makes their study abroad experience very special. Apart from the extra-curricular activities the students enjoy, many excel in their new study environment and take the opportunity to do research, special projects or participate in internships during their semester in Australia. In semester 2 2014 we had 7 students complete internships in Sydney and the ACT and in semester 1, 2015 a further 6 students in Sydney completed an internship. Not all universities facilitate internships, but you can always source one on your own. Both the University of Sydney and The Australian National University do have internship programs that you can apply to and this newsletter highlights some of the wonderful experiences our students have had by undertaking one of the internships both these institutions have offered.

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Sydney Story Factory

The University of Sydney can assist you in seeking a number of internships. One program is through the Sydney Story Factory. The Sydney Story Factory is a not for profit organization which assists marginalised young people, and those from Indigenous & non-English speaking backgrounds to express their stories through writing. IFSA-Butler students have participated in this program and worked with young people to encourage, support and assist them in producing a published piece of work of which they could be proud. The students not only gained a great sense of achievement, but were also able to gain credit at their home university for this work. The commitment is 10 hours per week. For more information on The Sydney Story Factory, visit <http://www.sydneystoryfactory.org.au/about/>



Chloe Woo—Bucknell University

In semester 1, 2015 I had an internship with "The Centre for Research on Ecological Impacts on Coastal Cities" or the EICC, which is a research lab that is part of the University of Sydney. The EICC is doing the necessary research to improve our understanding of the ecological processes affected by coastal changes so that we can make better progress in our protection and use of coastal habitats. As an intern at the EICC, I conducted my own research project to find the best way to better represent the EICC on social media. I administered interviews with every member of the lab and proposed a final report to the head of the lab enlisting the steps the lab needs to take in order to better represent themselves on social media. The people who I worked with at the EICC have highlighted both my strengths and my weaknesses. The EICC is a unique community of practice where I learned the most about myself and how I naturally communicate with others. It led me to understand who I am in the workplace and who I aspire to be.



Ian Quinn—Wake Forest University

Semester 1, 2015.

My internship whilst in Australia was at Corporate Finance at the University of Sydney. I mostly worked on strategic projects of the university by preparing spreadsheets and documents that would be used

to budget and keep track of assets. It was a great opportunity to gain professional experience and apply classroom knowledge to the workplace. I was also lucky to be allowed to sit in on meetings to further observe workplace communication and other projects.

My internship definitely added value to my study abroad experience because it was an opportunity to contribute something of value to my host institution while learning in the field.



Feature Story: Eki Ramadhan — Wesleyan University

Eki Ramadhan completed his internship through The Australian National University in semester 2, 2014.

Eki writes: I studied at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific in Canberra. Living and studying in the bush capital has been a wonderful journey – given the size and the friendly ambiance of Canberra, it is a perfect place to study and get involved in the community. As the heart of Australian politics, Canberra also offered me the opportunity to rub shoulders with policy makers, foreign diplomats, as well as a plethora of NGO workers. For example, many of my classmates at the ANU have experience working in the arena of public policy or international affairs.

The highlight of my semester abroad has been the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP). I participated in this program as an intern at the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia. ANIP is a research-oriented program organized by the ANU. Over the course of my internship, I focused my work on the efforts to enhance Indonesia-Australia trade relations. Under the supervision of the Indonesian Trade Attaché, I tried to

formulate policy recommendations based on my analysis of the bilateral trade of wood products. In order to provide a comprehensive assessment, I also discussed the recent trends within the Australian domestic market with various businesses in Canberra, Sydney, and Melbourne.

At Wesleyan, my home university, I'm studying economics, political science, and environmental studies. My work at the embassy has revealed how these three disciplines are interconnected and how they can complement each other. I consider it a privilege to participate in this internship program – I have been invited to the Parliament House twice and I also had the opportunity to attend seminars given by foreign officials, not to mention various workshops led by top-notch ANU lecturers. I'm hoping that my research will be beneficial for the Indonesian government as this is an exciting time for the country. Indonesia's new cabinet – including new Minister of Trade and new Minister of Forestry – were sworn in at the end of October 2014, and I hope my research will be beneficial for the new government in formulating their policies.



Congratulations

Academic Year 2014/2015 Internship Participants

Semester 2, 2014



Internship: Sydney Story Factory
 Hannah Poole— Wake Forest University
 Austin Angeleri—Texan Lutheran University



Internship: Stedimax Australia
 Julie Hoffman—Columbia University



Internship: Centre for Research on Ecological Impacts of Coastal Cities (EICC)
 Eric Nturibi—
 Franklin & Marshall College



Internship: The 360 Degree Marketing Group
 Colin Kenny —Bucknell University (above centre)
 Emily Sparrow—Butler University (above right)

Semester 1, 2015



Internship: Smart Approved Watermark
 Marissa Graham—Bucknell University (above)
 Shannon O'Hanlon—Wake Forest Uni (below)



Internship: Sydney University Football Club
 Gaby Taylor —
 Connecticut College



Internship: The Remote and Rural Enterprise Program (RARE)
 Lauren Barnett—Vanderbilt University

