



Industry PhD Internship Program

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In internships, academic rigour is applied to a narrowly defined research challenge in your organisation to develop an innovative solution.



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Industry PhD Internship Program - a Snapshot

Our PhD Researcher will work as an Industry PhD Intern on your organisation's R&D activities for 3 to 6 months. Hosting an Intern is flexible and can include both industry immersion (on-site and remote) and University-based research (on-site and remote) with OHS responsibilities connected to their location. Our Interns have their own University laptop, access to expertise through their academic supervisor as well as specialised equipment.

Why Engage a PhD Intern?

- **Gain access to cutting-edge research and facilities:** Interns receive the support of FEIT academics at the forefront of their research and have access to world-class research facilities.
- **Tailor projects to your research needs:** Design flexible projects between 3 to 6 months, part- or full-time, to fit your organisation's needs.
- **Maintain your competitive edge:** Address your challenges and spearhead emerging technology and trends.
- **Build innovation partnerships:** Develop lasting connections with academic experts, innovators, and collaborators in your field.
- **Develop a future talent pipeline:** Become acquainted with the next generation of potential future employees, to plan for advancing innovation and to streamline future recruitment.
- **Keep intellectual property:** Enjoy full ownership of the IP created during the internship.
- **May be eligible for the R&D Tax Incentive:** Seek advice from your tax accountant.

How Much Does a PhD Intern Cost?

Industry will pay the University a minimum of \$4,000 per month for the duration of the internship to cover their stipend, as well as any additional support required by the intern to complete their internship, such as travel and project resources (including equipment and consumables). Funding arrangements can be tailored to each internship.

How It Works

1. **Define:** Explain your R&D needs or project ideas, and we will help you shape an internship project.
2. **Select:** We will advertise your project within FEIT and identify skilled PhD candidates, then you choose the best fit.
3. **Formalise:** We will prepare a formal agreement to articulate the scope, timeline, and expectations.
4. **Commence:** Your PhD intern will work on-site, remotely, or in a hybrid model with industry and academic mentors.

Contact Us

To find out more or to arrange a meeting to discuss the FEIT Industry PhD Internship Program, please email:

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