



PhD student, Jie Jian, with her Industry Supervisor at the Bureau of Meteorology

# STRENGTHENING INDUSTRY-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION

## THE PROGRAM

Australian Postgraduate Research Intern (APR.Intern) is a national program that drives industry-university collaboration through short-term PhD student placements.

The program connects businesses, of all sizes, with Australia's brightest research students, offering a cost-effective solution to tackle R&D challenges.

Over 3-6 months, students apply their research skills to an industry challenge while businesses gain a competitive advantage by tapping into high-end expertise.

APR.Intern is the only national program of its kind, with direct access to all of Australia's leading universities.

## BUSINESS BENEFITS

- Rapid R&D results in 3-6 months
- Cost-effective – subsidies available
- Business retains project IP
- Minimal admin – APR.Intern manages all HR
- Access to PhD students and Academic Mentors at all Australian universities across all disciplines
- Attract and retain high-quality research talent
- APR.Intern has 10+ years' experience facilitating successful research collaborations and a 99% program satisfaction rate

## HOW IT WORKS

### THE MATCH

Define your research needs with the APR.Intern team

APR.Intern will source PhD students that match the required skillset

Interviews will be set up for you to meet eligible students and select the right candidate

### THE PROPOSAL

APR.Intern will work with you to develop a detailed project plan and map out the objectives in collaboration with the student and their Academic Mentor

APR.Intern will manage a standard agreement between all parties and coordinate internship finances

### THE PROJECT

Once the agreement is signed, the project commences

Regular check-ins will be made with all parties

APR.Intern will organise a final presentation of the student's project results and a written report

## PROGRAM COSTS

### 3-MONTH INTERNSHIP

**\$20K**

INDUSTRY COST

**PhD student placements start** at \$20,000 for a 3-month project. This covers a monthly student stipend, one-off Academic Mentor fee and APR.Intern project management fees.

**Subsidies are available** for businesses in Defence and MedTech, BioTech & Pharma sectors that lower costs by up to 50%.

## TESTIMONIALS

““

*“APR.Intern is a fantastic program for R&D-heavy industries such as ours [medtech]. The support we received took the administrative load out of pursuing an academic research partnership and made it easy for all parties to achieve results,”*

**Dr Andrew Sexton** – Senior Mechanical Engineer at Inventia Life Science

““

*“As a start-up working with new technology, it was particularly beneficial to have access to the specialist expertise of Manaswini [Intern] and the team at Curtin University. I would absolutely recommend APR.Intern to businesses looking for tertiary-level expertise normally out of their budget,”*

**Suzanne Dodds** – Founder of Environmental Water Solutions

**For more information, please contact your state's dedicated Business Development Manager:**

**Justin Mabbutt** (VIC & TAS)  
j.mabbutt@aprintern.org.au | 0413 050 952

**Michael Valentine** (VIC & NT)  
m.valentine@aprintern.org.au | 0411 600 063

**Mark Ovens** (NSW & ACT)  
m.ovens@aprintern.org.au | 0400 764 763

**Glen Sheldon** (QLD, SA & WA)  
g.sheldon@aprintern.org.au | 0431 832 788