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About HDR Internships

UWA's Graduate Research School connects schools, industry and PhD students across all disciplines for research internships that drive innovation and benefit the community

Some of the novel outcomes delivered by UWA PhD interns include:

- Worked individually or collaboratively in multi-disciplinary teams to apply design thinking and identify and solve real industry problems with recommendations to develop or improve solutions
- Reviewed literature and critically assessed new findings, challenged assumptions with evidence-based research and development, tested prototypes, developed or improved solutions, developed prototype protocols and tested to market
- Built algorithms, designed or improved apps, tested prototypes and analysed data
- Developed policies, frameworks or creative works to increase the knowledge of culture and society

Your School will:

- See how UWA PhD students apply their R&D expertise to a specific industry challenge
- Enjoy seeing the growth in professional development and confidence of PhD students regardless of their career direction
- Potential to co-author a paper
- Share and extend your industry network to promote UWA's collaboration as a global leader
- Shape and grow the potential workforce through the development of graduates with industry experience in a highly competitive market

UWA PhD students will:

- Develop critical skills and expertise with industry and gain new insights in their field of study, whether commercial, government or NFP
- Test their research area of interest with industry and/or develop tangential research interests
- Progress their studies in writing a chapter or a paper (if available)
- Build connections and collaborate with industry to help shape their future career direction

What's involved?

- A **60-day research internship over 3 months (minimum)** as a professional development project related to the student's research topic. This is a student-driven approach and can be taken full-time or part-time, on-site, on campus, remotely, or in a hybrid mode within their 4-year degree (without extension). Internships commence anytime from Confirmation of Candidature and must be completed six months prior to thesis submission. Sponsored students must obtain approval from their sponsor before applying
- The Principal Supervisor will determine the candidate's readiness for a research internship and continue to supervise during the internship. A supervisor in the host organisation will provide orientation and mentoring. Retrospective internships, including industry placements, will be considered
- The Graduate Research School (GRS) will assist with templates, processes, and the preparation of the internship agreement with the organisation, addressing commercial-in-confidence, intellectual property, and other key considerations

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