Flinders University - School of Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics Research Internships

The School of Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics (CSEM) is offering up to six scholarships per year to students who wish to undertake a minimum of ten weeks full-time working as a research intern on a project conducted by a research supervisor within CSEM. The objective of this Internship program is to provide excellent students with the opportunity to work on challenging projects alongside leading academics. Internships will be made available by preference to:

- graduates who have completed the requirements of an Honours or Masters coursework degree in Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology or Mathematics and who have demonstrated a firm commitment to undertaking further PhD study with CSEM (typically by applying for an APA or EIPRA and agreeing a project area with a PhD supervisor),
- students who have completed three years full-time equivalent of a Bachelor Level program or four years full-time equivalent of a combined Bachelor-Master program in a discipline that satisfies the requirements for their research internship project, at a standard acceptable for admission to an Honours program, and who are committed to undertaking Honours and PhD study with CSEM (e.g. applying for Honours and agreeing a project with an Honours supervisor and a separate project with an Internship supervisor, and discussing possibilities for PhD research that will articulate with these projects).

In exceptional circumstances potential interns with excellent academic qualifications who meet the above requirements but are unable to make a commitment to undertake their PhD with CSEM, may also be considered. In general, the Internship project should be clearly distinguishable from the student’s previous or proposed Honours projects, but may involve complementary though independent pieces of work. The Internship project may or may not relate directly to the proposed PhD work and specifically may allow the student to get a head start in understanding the literature and practice in the proposed PhD area.

Each scholarship provides a living allowance of $300 per week for ten weeks. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year at the time it is offered; acceptance of the Scholarship offer cannot be deferred. If a student declines the Scholarship offer, the Scholarship will be offered to the next eligible student.

The Internship Program is open to students from Flinders University as well as from other national and international universities. Applications will be accepted for consideration throughout the year. Students interested in applying, should first contact a potential research supervisor to discuss potential projects. Projects identified should fit in with existing research activities within CSEM. The nominated supervisor should then send an application to the CSEM Research Committee on behalf of the potential intern seeking approval for award of the scholarship. Application forms are available on the CSEM Intranet and should be completed by the student and potential supervisor together.

The following rules apply:

- The maximum funding allocated to any student shall not exceed AU$3,000.
- The scholarships will be paid in fortnightly instalments, subject to the student meeting the expected performance standards. If the Supervisor believes that the student is not performing satisfactorily, the CSEM Research Committee may exercise the right to stop further scholarship payments to that student.
- A maximum of two internship scholarships will be made available to any one supervisor/group in any one year to allow for a fair distribution of support to each research area.
- Students who are in receipt of, or expect to receive any other scholarship over the same period are not eligible for the Internship Scholarship unless the other scholarship is for the same project.
- A student may only ever receive one CSEM Internship scholarship prior to commencing their PhD.
- In the event that insufficient numbers of eligible candidates apply for the internships, the CSEM Research Committee reserves the right not to award all the Scholarships in any year.