AGRI90078 POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK INTERNSHIP

Master of Agricultural Sciences

What the student should gain from the placement:
This placement forms an integral part of the student’s training in their Master’s program. The purpose of the placement is for the student to link their academic studies and experience within the university environment to the operation of agriculture and food systems and environmental industries in the real world. Students are asked to select a placement based on their area of study, so they are able to select any area within the chain of production or related aspects of:

- Animal health and welfare
- Soil and water conservation
- Crop production, horticulture and plant science
- Biotechnology and genetics
- Agribusiness
- Resource economics and international trade
- Agricultural policy, aid and development
- Environmental sustainability and food security

Students should be able to participate in as many activities as possible during their placement, where it is safe and appropriate for them to do so. It is an expectation of the student that they will have significantly built upon their knowledge and/or skills in their area of interest at the conclusion of their placement.

A person who has been involved in supervising the student whilst on their placement will be asked to host supervisor assessment report at the completion of the placement.

After they have finished their placement the student is also required to complete an assignment and oral presentation to their peers, based upon what they have learned during their placement.

The University’s assessment details for this subject are:

- A reflective journal of 2000 words including a log of hours worked
- A report or professional portfolio of 6000 words
- A 20 minute oral presentation on the internship placement (equivalent to approximately 2000 words),
- Host supervisor assessment report
- 200 hours of satisfactory work placement

What you can expect from the student:
The student is expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the location of their specific placement.

A student must:

- Communicate in a professional and timely manner to make all arrangements for the placement.
- Be on time for all activities.
- Be appropriately dressed for the work they are undertaking (please inform the student if you have particular requirements).
- Perform all assigned tasks (where they feel capable of doing so in a safe manner).
- Be engaged and interested in the tasks in which they are participating.
- Behave in a professional manner.
Follow the environmental health and safety requirements specific to their placement location.

**Insurance details:**
The student is completing this placement as a part of a subject within their University of Melbourne degree. They are therefore covered by the University of Melbourne’s insurance policy for external placements. This includes coverage for:

- Public liability
- Professional indemnity
- Personal accident

*A summary of the insurance cover can be accessed online:* [https://students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/insurance/policy-documents-and-forms](https://students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/insurance/policy-documents-and-forms)

**Placement approval process:**
1. Students must first contact your organisation to obtain your agreement to complete a placement.
2. The student then requests the University’s approval via our Extramural Management System (EMS).
3. EMS will send you an email to formally approve the placement and provide information about insurance coverage.
4. One week prior to the placement start date, EMS will send an email confirming the placement and provide links to an evaluation form, links to insurance coverage and other information.

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*Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any queries or concerns that have not been appropriately addressed by the student.*