

Science Internships FAQs for Students

What is an internship?

An **internship** is a temporary position with an emphasis on real-world, on-the-job, workplace training. An internship may be paid or unpaid, on campus in a science lab or off-campus in an external organisation., as part of a subject or a voluntary placement (i.e. not-for-credit).

A Science internship and internship-like experience can be presented in many forms; research project on campus or at an external organisation, lab-based work in a local hospital, office work at a medical firm, work experience in a National Park, full-time internship in a bank etc...the applications of science are endless so think outside the box!

How long is an internship?

The length of internships varies depending on the type of internship. The average length of the basic Science undergraduate Internship subject is around 100 - 200 hours (6cp – 12cp). The specifics of internship arrangements are made through negotiations between the student, host organisation, and/or UTS staff. The maximum internship length is one session (approx. 400 hrs; 24cp).

Why should I consider doing an internship?

Internships are a great way to gain professional experience while studying at university, to network with and to learn from experts in your field, and to make decisions about your future career path.

The Faculty of Science strongly encourages students to seek an internship or an internship-like experience, while studying at UTS.

How should I go about finding an internship?

1. UTS website – there are many useful tips and information on [UTS Interns](#); [UTS Careers website](#) and [Science Internships](#)
2. Talk to your lecturers and keep an eye on UTS CareerHub, UTS Online announcements and UTS Science Internships emails
3. Be proactive, look outside of the box and don't underestimate the power of networking
4. UTS Careers Service run internship workshops to provide students with necessary information and professional skills, required to find and complete an internship. Keep an eye on Faculty notices and UTS CareerHub events for details.

What should I do if I'm offered an internship?

Contact science.internships@uts.edu.au. UTS Science undergraduate Internships team can advise you about the next steps, help you prepare for your placement and complete the required paperwork.

What is the required paperwork that I need to complete before starting an internship?

The required paperwork and procedures vary for different types of internships. Please refer to UTS [Science Internships page](#) for information about specific internship programs and required paperwork.

Can I receive academic credit for my internship?

UTS Science offers several undergraduate internship subjects as follow:

Science Research Experience

- Science Research Experience A (6cp) [60702](#)
- Science Research Experience A (12cp) [60703](#)
- Science Research Experience B (6cp) [60704](#)
- Science Research Experience B (12cp) [60705](#)
- Science Research Experience (18cp) [60707](#)
- Science Research Experience (24cp) [60709](#)

Science Professional Experience

- Science Professional Experience A (6cp) [60706](#)
- Science Professional Experience B (6cp) [60708](#)
- Science Professional Experience A (12cp) [60713](#)
- Science Professional Experience B (12cp) [60714](#)
- Science Professional Experience (24cp) [60715](#)
- Science Professional Experience (18cp) [60716](#)

You may be eligible to enrol in a UTS Science undergraduate Internship subject if you have enough free electives in your study plan and haven't reached a 24cp study load limit for the session.

If you enrol, for credit, into a Science Internship subject, there is a fee attached.

Can I do an internship without being enrolled in an internship subject?

Yes, you may choose to complete an internship without being enrolled in an internship subject.

However, for recording and insurance purposes, you are still required to liaise with Science Internships Team and submit a Voluntary Internship Application Form.

Am I covered by insurance whilst working on an internship?

All current UTS students are covered by UTS insurance whilst working on an **unpaid** internship, **only if** the internship is approved by the Faculty and the required paperwork is completed via CareerHub.

Whom should I contact if I have any questions?

For science undergraduate internship-related enquiries, please contact Science.Internships@uts.edu.au