

« THE FRENCH COMPANY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM »

MISSION STATEMENT

Organise internships for Australian students with French Companies established and operating in Australia. Half of the internship taking place in Australia, the other half in France at the Headquarters of the Company or one of its branches.

CONTEXT :

- The number of Australians studying overseas is low : only 1% of the Australian students
- 370 Australian students in France (3000 French students in Australia)
- Internships with Companies are not commonly part of Australian University. But, French companies in Australia are used to welcoming French interns
- Dynamism of French Industry represented by no fewer than 250 French companies established and operating in Australia
- Limited French language skills (only 2.5% of the High School student population learn French)
- Satisfying enrolment at the first year level in French University Departments but attendance quickly petering out in subsequent years.

OBJECTIVES :

- 1- Increase Australian student mobility to France:
 - provide an opportunity to discover the French socio-economical environment
 - develop linguistic skills
 - motivate further studies of French as a build up of language skills acquired whilst in France
- 2- Afford French companies in Australia an opportunity to spotlight prospective employees
- 3- Create a pool of future Australian managers with practical knowledge of France
- 4- Develop Australian Universities / French companies partnerships

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM (as defined by the Universities and their French partner companies)

- Internship duration :
 - 12 months (6 months in Australia, followed by 6 months in France)
 - or possibly 6 months (3 months in Australia, followed by 3 months in France)
- Student profile : - Advanced undergraduates and postgraduates.
 - All disciplines, and more specifically Business studies and Engineering studies.
- Commencing periods: at the start of each semester (January or July).
- Selection process :
 - The Company communicates to the Faculty a job description : the subject of the work, the level of expertise and aptitudes required, the desired level of French
 - The University will then convene to interview candidates and provide the Company with a shortlist of suitable candidates
 - When the successful candidate has been chosen by the company, a signed Convention between the University and the French company will officialise the hiring of the intern and close the selection process.

PROFICIENCY IN FRENCH AND INTENSIVE FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSE :

- From intermediate level : students who have completed French continuous and/or French extension in the HSC examination, or at least one year of French at the University.
- Language course will be provided to the successful candidate before his/her departure to France.

- FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

- **Company:** - \$10,000/\$15,000 scholarship for a 6 month internship
- \$20,000/ \$30,000 for 12 months

The exact amount of the allowance to be negotiated between the company and the university.

- **Embassy:** - \$2500 travel grant for a return airfare to France
- the medical cover for the period in France
- 50% of the cost of the intensive language course (up to \$1000 per intern)
- **University:** - 50% of the cost of the intensive language course (up to \$1000 per intern)

VISA: The intern will be delivered a student visa :

- Document required by the French Consulate : « Convention de Stage » signed by the host French Company in France, the Australian University and the Intern. This Convention will then be stamped by the Prefecture (DDTEFP)
- Endowed with a student status, the intern will be delivered a visa free of charge.

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES :

- University of Sydney

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Other universities have been informed and are interested, such as :

- **Australian National University**
- **Queensland University of Technology**

PARTNER COMPANIES :

- **EADS (AIRBUS/AUSTRALIAN AEROSPACE)** : global leader in Aerospace and Defence. 118 000 employees
- **THALES** : world leader in Information systems for spatial, aeronautic, military equipment. 68 000 employees
- **TURBOMECA** : global leader in helicopter engines production and support. 6300 employees
- **SUEZ DEGREMONT** : Environment and water leader. 3700 employees
- **BNP PARIBAS AUSTRALIA** : First European bank. 173 000 employees
- **ALSTOM** : World leader in hydroelectric power generation and public transport. 68000 employees
- **AREVA T&D** : World leader in transmission and distribution of electricity. 76 000 employees
- **VEOLIA Transport** : World leader in passenger transport services. 82 000 employees
- **TOTAL** : the fifth largest oil and gas company in the world. 97 000 employees
- **ALTIOS INTERNATIONAL** : Consulting for international business development. 150 employees