



ACCESS-NRI PhD Internship Guidelines

Applications for the current round of the ACCESS-NRI PhD Internship Program are now open. Details for this round are found below, with further information about the program available on our [website](#).

Key details for this round

Application deadline	Friday, 10 April 2026 at 5:00pm AEST
Eligibility*	Current PhD student at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian National University (ANU) • University of New South Wales (UNSW) or • University of Tasmania (UTAS)
Internship duration	3 months, full-time preferred. Whether working full- or part-time, the intern is expected to work mostly during regular business hours (9 am–5 pm AEST/AEDT with a 1-hour lunch break). Flexible work arrangements are also available by agreement. University-specific information: ANU: This internship is an eligible engagement in the context of an AGRTP, URS or ANU PhD stipend scholarship extension of up to 6 months UNSW and UTAS: There is no candidature or scholarship extension available.
Intern scholarship	\$1500/month full-time (or part-time equivalent)
Travel support	Travel support is available for approved travel to the ACCESS-NRI office in Canberra (see details below).
Preferred start date of internship	Between late May and mid-June
Equipment	Intern must provide their own computer, ideally a laptop that can be used when working on site at the ACCESS-NRI building. Desk space with internet connection will be provided while interns are on site at the ACCESS-NRI building

* We expect to open a second internship round later in 2026 that will also include Monash University and the University of Melbourne.

How to apply



Applications should include:

1. One-page CV or resume
2. Response to selection criteria (listed below)

Send completed applications to training.access.nri@anu.edu.au by **5pm AEST on Friday, 10 April 2026**.

One-page CV



Your CV (or resume) should be no longer than one page and focused on key experience and skills, rather than a full academic record. Focus on clear, concise descriptions of your experiences and what you contributed or learned.

Sections you may wish to include:

- **Summary** – a short overview of your interests or goals
- **Education** – degrees and/or qualifications (including your current program)
- **Work or Research Experience** – roles, projects, and/or internships (this could include experiences outside your academic ones)
- **Relevant Skills** – e.g., programming languages, software tools, technical methods, communication, collaboration, etc.
- **Awards or Recognition** – if applicable

The CV will not be scored directly but will be used to provide context for your responses to the selection criteria. If you would like advice on preparing your CV, don't hesitate to reach out to the Internship Program Lead at training.access.nri@anu.edu.au.

Selection criteria



In your application, please provide a separate document responding to each selection criteria below. Each criterion should be listed as a heading with a response below.

1. Motivation and potential benefit

Describe your interest in participating in the ACCESS-NRI Internship Program and how it may support your own career development as well as benefit your research group or academic community.

Assesses your motivation for applying and how the internship aligns with your goals and community impact.

2. Engagement with technical or research work

Describe how you've been involved in technical or research activities as part of your studies or other experiences. You might include examples of coding, software use, or problem-solving work, and what you learned through these experiences.

Assesses how you've engaged with the technical or research opportunities available to you and what you've learned from them.

3. Collaboration and communication

Provide an example of how you've worked with others on a shared task, explained technical work clearly, or contributed to a team or community effort.

Assesses your ability to work effectively with others, communicate technical or complex ideas clearly, and contribute positively to a collaborative or community environment.

Notes for Applicants

- We welcome applicants with diverse academic and technical backgrounds.
- Clear, concise responses are preferred — around 1-2 paragraphs per criterion is often sufficient.
- You are not expected to have prior experience in all areas listed. Curiosity, motivation, and willingness to learn are highly valued.

Selection process and dates



The full selection process is described on our [internship webpage](#) and the key dates for this round are:

Application deadline	Friday, 10 April 2026 at 5:00pm AEST
Notification of short-listed candidates	By early May
Notification of selected candidates	By mid-May
Preferred start date of internship	Between late May and mid-June

Travel Support



Interns based outside Canberra are expected to work remotely and will have a budget of around \$4,000 to cover approved transport and accommodation expenses for on-site visits to the ACCESS-NRI office in Canberra (for example, a 6-week visit or two 2-week visits) or attendance at an ACCESS-related workshop, conference, or event.

Interns based in Canberra are expected to work mostly on site, with flexible options available and will have a budget of around \$1,500 to cover approved transport and accommodation expenses for an ACCESS-related workshop, conference, or event.

Disclaimer

Acceptance into the program is dependent on the student's home university approval through their graduate student and/or internships offices. Additionally, this is the first iteration of the program with UNSW and UTAS, and some elements may be updated as arrangements with the partner universities are confirmed.

Questions?



Join for one of our info and Q&A sessions:

- Friday, March 20th at 2pm
Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/access-nri-phd-internship-information-and-q-and-a-session>
- Tuesday March 31st at 12:30 pm
Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/access-nri-phd-internship-information-and-q-and-a-session-2>

Or feel free to reach out to the Internship Program Lead at training.access.nri@anu.edu.au.