



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	Send completed applications to training.access.nri@anu.edu.au by 5pm AEST on Friday, 11 September 2026 .
Eligibility	Current PhD student at - Australian National University (ANU) - University of New South Wales (UNSW) or - University of Tasmania (UTAS)* - Monash University** - University of Melbourne*** * For UTAS applicants, before you apply written approval must be obtained by completing a University Endorsement Form. The Form must be endorsed by your primary supervisor and the Graduate Research Office. Visit the HDR Partnerships (Candidates) website to access the Form and for further information about the ACCESS-NRI PhD Internship Program. ** Monash applicants: see eligibility and “How to apply” steps on the Information for Monash Students and Supervisors webpage. Applicants should contact mgro-industry@monash.edu when submitting an application. *** For University of Melbourne applicants, you must obtain written approval from your principal supervisor and the Graduate Research Industry Team (gr-internships@unimelb.edu.au) to apply for this opportunity.

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. Monash: No specific extension automatically applies for undertaking an internship. Standard extension provisions to thesis submission exist for Monash PhD students. More info on managing candidature at this website. UniMelb: There are no centrally-funded stipend extensions available. Internship late submission may be available on a case-by-case basis.
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 November and late January
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.

How to apply

Applications should include:

1. One-page CV
2. Response to selection criteria (listed below)
3. Send completed applications to training.access.nri@anu.edu.au by **5pm AEST on Friday, 11 September 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, how the internship aligns with your goals, and the potential community impact of your participation in this internship.

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 or 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, or 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.
- Please focus your application on addressing the published selection criteria. We assess applications against these criteria, rather than looking for experience or expertise in any particular area.
- You are not expected to have prior experience in all areas listed. Curiosity, motivation, and willingness to learn are highly valued.
- Internship projects will be assigned after selection. Please do not pitch a project in your application. If you are selected, we will work with you to identify a project that is a good fit for your interests and skills.

When responding to the selection criteria, consider using the STAR method to describe the Situation, Task, Action, and Result. Where appropriate, include a brief reflection on what you learned or how the experience has influenced your approach.

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, 11 September 2026 at 5:00pm AEST
Notification of short-listed candidates	By early October
Notification of selected candidates	By end October
Preferred start date of internship	Between late November and late January

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.

Questions?

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

- Monday, August 10th at 12:30 pm [Register](#)
- Friday, August 28th at 12:00 pm [Register](#)

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

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 certain universities, and some elements may be updated as arrangements with the partner universities are confirmed.