

MRES7001 PACE for Research

INFORMATION FOR HOST ORGANISATIONS

- Progress your research project
- Get a fresh perspective on your business problem
- Mentor a junior researcher
- Engage Macquarie's talent



MRES7001 QUICK FACTS

- Interns may be paid or unpaid
- Interns come from all academic disciplines
- Internships run from August to November
- Interns invest up to 100 hours
- Internships are part time, full time or self-paced
- Interns may work remotely or on site (with approval from Macquarie)

WHAT IS MRES7001?

The MRES7001 PACE for Research unit gives your organisation the opportunity to host an internship for a Master of Research student, who will invest 100 hours towards progressing your research project or finding a solution to your business problem.

In consultation with you as the host supervisor in your organisation, your intern will design, manage and conduct a research project that aligns with your organisation's strategic priorities. You will oversee and guide the project, and we will support our student through a series of academic seminars at Macquarie University.

By the end of the internship, your intern will present the outputs, recommendations and key learnings from the internship in an oral presentation and a formal written project report.

MRES7001 is part of Macquarie's PACE (Professional and Community Engagement) program, our flagship work-integrated learning program for Macquarie.

WHAT TASKS CAN BE DONE DURING A MRES7001 PLACEMENT?

MRES7001 internship activities need to be carefully planned to give interns the opportunity to apply high-level research skills and exercise teamwork, professional communication, and integrity in business and research.

Suitable tasks include organising and analysing data, preparing ethics applications, developing data collection protocols, reviewing policy guidelines and regulations, applying theoretical frameworks, benchmarking, meta-analyses, scoping, and summarising and critiquing current practice.

MRES7001 interns are postgraduate research students with bachelor degrees in a range of academic disciplines: accounting, biology, computing, economics, finance, geography, linguistics, marketing, psychology and others.

WHAT IS INVOLVED IN HOSTING AN MRES7001 INTERN?

As an MRES7001 host supervisor, you will be expected to:

- offer an activity that benefits your organisation and meets MRES7001 learning objectives
- ensure work health and safety requirements are met
- provide the intern with a structured induction at the start of the internship
- review the intern's project management plan to confirm tasks, deliverables and schedules
- provide regular support and feedback to the intern during the internship
- sign off on the intern's tasks at least once every 25 hours
- fill out a short survey on the intern's performance and professionalism.

You will not be expected to mark assignments.

The University has insurance for interns while they are engaged in PACE placement activities while they are enrolled in the unit.

I'M KEEN TO HOST AN INTERN – WHAT DO I DO NOW?

As soon as possible, contact the MRES7001 team (see over for contact details) and ask for the link to the current Host Supervisor Expression of Interest (EoI) form. The information you provide on the form will be used to advertise your internship to MRES7001 students. Students apply for internships from April to June, so we recommend you submit the EoI form before the end of May so that we can attract as many students to your internship as possible.

Applications for an internship with your organisation will be forwarded to you so that you can select the most suitable candidate. We are unable to guarantee that your internship will attract applications, but we will do our best to encourage applications from our Master of Research students. You are under no obligation to take on an intern.

You may offer more than one MRES7001 internship, but the interns will need to be assigned independent tasks for assessment purposes.

WHAT ACTIVITIES HAVE MRES7001 STUDENTS DONE BEFORE?

State Government Office, Research Intern

Worked in a team to summarise data for the development of a scoping tool.

Macquarie's Department of Cognitive Science, Research Assistants

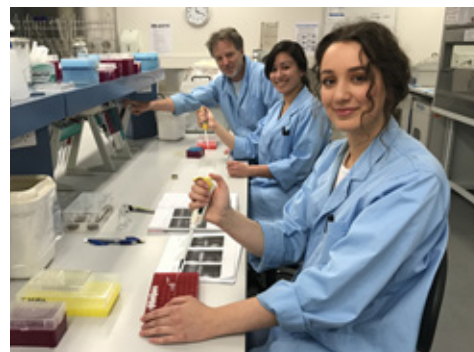
Investigated the cognitive mechanisms of gaze processing during reciprocal social interactions using state-of-the-art human research technologies, including interactive eye-tracking.

Macquarie's Department of Ancient History, Archive Research Intern

Developed a digitalised index to facilitate the navigation of a set of archives held at the University of Pennsylvania, United States.

Macquarie's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Research Assistant

Reinvestigated the communication between surgeons and patients to identify areas that could be improved to ensure a more successful consultation.



PROGRAM TESTIMONIALS



"Supervising [the intern] not only helped me learn about anthropology but has pushed me to modify my supervision style to suit a more experienced researcher at a different point in their research training. The MRes student was also able to make valuable contributions to my ongoing research."

Dr Sarah White
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
2018 MRES7001 HOST SUPERVISOR

"Thanks so much for asking us to take on a PACE student. [The intern] has been a great addition to the team, and her research project has gone very well. We are now left with a well-scoped audit almost ready to start."

Dr Susan Stewart Loane
Senior Analyst, Audit Office of NSW
2018 MRES7001 SUPERVISOR

"[The intern] did an outstanding job in this project and contributed to an excellent experiment plan that will be critical for our lab's next steps with this project. This was an extremely positive PACE experience."

Dr Vince Polito
Faculty of Human Sciences
2019 MRES7001 HOST SUPERVISOR



"MRES701 made me even more keen to work in my field; experience of working hands on in a research project and with tablets has really spurred me to look for more opportunities to continue doing this and incorporate this into my future research projects (eg MRes thesis, PhD thesis, articles, etc) in a way I had not actively considered before."

ILANA CHAFFEY
2017 MRES7001 INTERN

"This invaluable experience allowed me to develop industry-relevant skills and form an understanding of the types of research conducted in the field. It gave me the opportunity to work alongside a world-renowned scholar and contribute towards scholarly knowledge. Overall, the experience on this project has reignited my passion for my studies and opened my eyes to what opportunities lie ahead."

2019 MRES7001 INTERN

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

CONSULT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

- Handbook: coursehandbook.mq.edu.au/2020/units/MRES7001/
- Partner with PACE: mq.edu.au/connect/partner-with-pace

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