LEGAL INTERNSHIPS
AURORA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
WINTER 2018

The overall aim of the Internship Program is to facilitate individual professional development by building career experiences and opportunities in the native title and broader Indigenous sector, and to strengthen the capacity of organisations by attracting and retaining talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous candidates. We pride ourselves on having a transformational impact on the organisations we support and on the career aspirations of our internship alumni.

We are focusing more on supporting improved outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and graduates via Scholarship funded internships as pathways to jobs in Indigenous and Indigenous-sector organisations.

General Information
There are two intakes for interns annually, during the summer and winter university breaks, for four to six weeks, with some timeframe flexibility for graduates. Applications open in March and August of each year.

It is preferable for legal applicants to be in their final year of study and be enrolled or have completed Property Law.

Legal interns can be placed in either the native title or broader Indigenous sector, supporting the legal staff of their Host. Most native title focused legal internships involve native title and land rights-related work, but the work may also cover anything from constitutional law to local government regulations. Internships at organisations in the broader sector could encompass a wider range of issues relating to social justice, policy development, environmental law and Indigenous affairs more generally.

Internships are offered Australia-wide and we seek applicants who have a keen demonstrated interest in some or all of the above mentioned areas.

Hosts are located in:

Paid placements
Following on from an internship, opportunities may be available to internship alumni. Paid roles can start at two months and continue for up to one year. Duties, conditions and remuneration vary and employment opportunities are negotiated directly with the Host.

Applications
Applications for the winter 2018 round of internships will be accepted online via our website between 9am AEDT Monday 5 March through to 5pm AEDT Friday 30 March 2018 at http://auroraproject.com.au/about-applying-internship

More information
For more information and how to apply please visit our website at http://auroraproject.com.au/students-and-graduates

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HOW TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

• We strongly encourage you NOT to leave submitting your online application to the very last day.
• Please note that we can only accept up to 375 applications for this round. As soon as the quota has been reached, online applications will shut down and you will not be able to access the application form.
• You will need to provide TWO WRITTEN REFERENCES to attach to your application material, including at least one who is able to comment on your academic merit and one who can comment on your professional merit (note that two academic references will be accepted). Phone references will not be accepted.
• Please note that NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5pm (SYDNEY TIME) Friday, 30 March 2018.

APPLICATION PROCESS

There are 2 steps to the application process as outlined below:

Step 1
Prepare the required information in the following order as a SINGLE Microsoft Word document that includes:

i) A cover letter (addressed to Kim Barlin, Placements Manager) highlighting the following (Please note: your application will NOT be considered if you exceed the word limits set out below):
   • A strong academic record (max. 200 words)
   • Demonstrated experience in and/or knowledge of Indigenous/multicultural affairs, social justice and other legal work and/or fieldwork (max. 200 words)
   • Demonstrated reliability and integrity (max. 200 words)
   • Demonstrated strong interpersonal and communication skills (max. 200 words)
   • Motivation and initiative (max. 200 words).

ii) A curriculum vitae

iii) A passport-size photo

iv) An up to date academic transcript/s (official or unofficial) listing all university results (please note that it is possible to copy a Pdf academic transcript into a word document by copying and pasting it as a picture).

v) Two written references, including at least one who is able to comment on your academic merit and one who can comment on your professional merit (note that two academic references will be accepted). Please go to our website to download a Pdf copy of the Aurora Reference Request outlining the criteria to be addressed by your referees. Your referees will only be contacted (via email) by the Placements team in the event that we require further information and their details will remain confidential. Please ensure that you have provided us with up-to-date referee email addresses in your on-line form. Phone references will not be accepted.

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Please ensure to clearly label and save your SINGLE Microsoft Word document as follows: surname.firstname.university.anthro.socsci.app.doc.

If you are applying in more than one stream, you should identify which stream/s as follows: surname.firstname.university.legal.anthro.socsci.app.doc.

You will then be asked to attach the SINGLE Microsoft Word document to your online application form.

Step 2

i) Complete the on-line application form via the Aurora website (www.auroraproject.com.au/about-applying-internship)

ii) At the end of the online form, attach a SINGLE Microsoft Word document which will need to include: a cover letter, CV, photo, academic transcript/s (official or unofficial), and two written references.

iii) When you have attached your SINGLE Microsoft Word document please click on the submit button.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: Once you have submitted your application you will immediately receive a confirmation email from the Placements team. If you do not receive this email, this means that your application has not successfully gone through and you will need to re-submit. Be sure to check your ‘Junk’ email!

Important dates:

• All applicants will be notified by early April as to whether or not their application has progressed to the interview stage of the process.
• All candidates who have been interviewed will be notified by late May as to whether or not they are eligible to be proposed for an Aurora internship.

If you have not heard from us, be sure to check your ‘Junk’ email or send us an email to placements@auroraproject.com.au

To avoid correspondence ending up in Junk, please add this email address to your trusted ‘Safe Recipients’ list.

It is important to note in advance that placement opportunities available through the Aurora Internship Program directly reflect the demand from host organisations and this sometimes comes to us very late in the day. For this reason some placements can be confirmed as late as two weeks prior to the scheduled commencement of the internship. It may not be possible to place all candidates who are eligible.

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