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CAREERS OFFICE TO LINK STUDENTS with employers

The new Careers and Employer Relations Office aims to forge mutually beneficial relationships between students and the employer community.



THE OFFICE WAS officially launched on 24 July at an event held at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and attended by high-profile employers, alumni representatives and senior Faculty staff including the Dean, Professor Peter Wolnizer.

The role of the Faculty's Careers and Employer Relations Office, which is specifically targeted at economics and business students, is to develop productive networks between employers and Faculty staff and students.

"Building relationships with employers is the focus of everything we do," explains Rosemary Sainty, Manager of the Office. "We want to create stronger links between academia and the employer community so that both sides can inform, influence and assist each other."

The Office administers a range of programs that bring students and employers together including mentoring,

work shadowing, internships and vacation work schemes. It also helps students develop career management skills through lectures on career-related topics.

"Another strong commitment we have is to the international employability of the many international students within our Faculty," says Sainty. "We have staged several activities for these students this year and will be looking to expand these events and strengthen our links with international employers in 2008."

A key priority for the Office is involving alumni in Faculty activities such as seminars and career information days. Many alumni played an important role in the on-campus launch of the Careers and Employer Relations Office to students, which was held the day after the official launch.

On the day, Faculty alumni and other staff of participating employers showcased their organisations to students and provided information on graduate employment programs. Alumni also participated in a popular careers "speed dating" exercise, which gave students the chance to quiz them about their career paths and ask for career tips during brief, one-on-one interviews.