



# Social Justice Student Placements

## SSPS Postgraduate Program

### Introducing our Program

Our Social Justice Student Placement program is offered to students in the Master of Human Rights; Master of Development Studies, Master Peace and Conflict Studies, Master of International Relations; Master of International Studies; Master of Public Policy, and; Master of International Security. In this program, we hope to partner with industry to deliver vocational training beyond the classroom. Also, to provide students an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the important work undertaken in the social justice sector. To participate in this program, students are required to enrol in the following units of study, which frames their vocational learning:

#### **SCLG6923: Social Justice Vocational Project Design**

This unit of study provides students with practical training in experiential learning methodologies with application to working in the social justice sector. Students will also be introduced to cross-cutting issues in the sector, such as funding, and will receive training in vocational competencies, such as cultural competence and project management. Assessment in this unit of study allows students to critically apply their own area study and/or disciplinary lenses in setting professional development goals and planning a future project.

#### **SCLG6913: Social Justice Vocational Placement**

The social justice internship offers students in Human Rights, Development Studies and Peace and Conflict Studies Masters programs the opportunity to work intensively in a domestic or international organisation, so as to gain a working knowledge of social justice practice. Under the supervision of a member of the organisation, students will undertake a specific focused task or set of tasks relevant to the organisation's mandate and work with faculty to draw links between their practical project and theoretical issues, reflecting a human rights, development studies and / or peace and conflict approach.

### Why host a student placement?

Industry placements allow students to gain invaluable vocational experience providing an opportunity to apply and extend their learning in the classroom. They also provide valued industry partners with access to postgraduate students with experience training to make meaningful contributions to the work of host organisations. In conjunction with our valued industry partners, we offer 'project based' unpaid placements for credit within a structured academic program. Placements are 140 hour (approx. 20 days full-time or equivalent part-time). Previous partners include: World Wildlife Fund (WWF), NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), People With Disability Australia (PWDA) and Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR).

### What's involved?

- Work with University to agree on a framework for student placements that will add value to your work
  - Prepare position description/s which the University will circulate inviting student applications at designated times (or accept resumes from interested students on an ongoing basis)
  - Vet students as per your preferred process
  - Host accepted students for 140 hours (typically 20 days) and sign-off on their completion
- Access University support as required: Academic Placement Coordinator, Student Placement Officer, allocated Academic Supervisor

For more information please go to:

[http://sydney.edu.au/arts/sociology\\_social\\_policy/postgrad/internship/](http://sydney.edu.au/arts/sociology_social_policy/postgrad/internship/)

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