

Student Placement: monitoring and engagement

Expression of Interest: Placement Opportunity

Sydney Policy Lab

Date Range

The placement is for at least a total of 20 days work (140 hours), to be commenced by mutual agreement. The Lab is open to part-time and full-time arrangements, and accepts applications on a rolling basis.

Potential Placement Structure

Part-time or full-time as per mutual agreement. Students must be currently enrolled in a university course at any level and at any tertiary institution, and their placement must be supported by a for credit internship scheme in their home institution.

Project location is in the Sydney Policy Lab office at the Camperdown campus, and all interns will be given a workspace in our office.

Host Organisation

The Sydney Policy Lab was established in late 2017 as one of the University's ten multidisciplinary institutes.

The Lab exists to help forge collaborative relationships between researchers, community groups, campaigners, politicians and policymakers that are capable of driving change to shape an Australia which is more equal, where power is in the hands of ordinary people and not elites, and where more people feel a secure sense of belonging in their own society.

Working alongside the Lab's team, interns take responsibility for a range of day-to-day tasks and big picture work, joining the Lab's leadership meetings, visits to partner organisations, training workshops, and public engagement programs. In addition, each intern at the Policy Lab takes on a research project designed to support the Lab's academic direction and tailored to the student's area of interest.

Please visit our website to learn more.

Student Placement Project Scope

Monitoring and Evaluation Placement

The Sydney Policy Lab is seeking a Monitoring and Evaluation Intern who is who is driven to expand and measure the impact scholarship has on broad societal outcomes, and passionate about tackling local, Australia-wide and global challenges in the domains of equality, belonging and power.

Alongside the Lab's team, the Monitoring and Evaluation Intern will be responsible for scoping, tracking, recording and evaluating the breadth and depth of the Lab's impact, as well as developing narratives that effectively communicate our impact to researchers, policymakers, campaigners, politicians and the general public. You will be tasked with a range of impact tracking and project administration responsibilities, including event planning, data management and outreach.

In addition, the Monitoring and Evaluation Intern takes on a research project for the duration of the internship, shaped together with the Lab's team. Broadly, the project will scope and bring together approaches to measuring the social impact of academic work. You'll assess comparator global organisations and institutions endeavouring to create metrics for social impact.

Measuring the social impact of academic work is completely new, and the Sydney Policy Lab is uniquely positioned to shape research that has bearing on larger societal outcomes and that meets metrics with social relevance and potency. Building on robust standards for high quality research and publication rates, the Lab seeks to expand our common understandings of how and when research is meaningful to make more room for measures of social quality. The Monitoring and Evaluation Intern has the opportunity to take part in and steer a conversation happening across Australian universities on why research matters and the integrity of our yardsticks for measuring its success.

Application Deadline: Accepted on a rolling basis. Please submit at least one month in advance of your proposed start date and confirm availability for an interview in Sydney.

Application Documents

- Cover Letter of no more than one page. Please indicate availability in cover letter, as well as information on the internship scheme that will support your time at the Sydney Policy Lab.
- Resume of no more than two pages.
- Writing sample of no more than five pages.
- Academic transcripts

Selection Criteria

- Qualifications must include at least an undergraduate degree in any field (or be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree if undergraduate);
- Demonstrated interest in furthering unlikely collaborations that cut across societal and disciplinary silos to collectively solve the systemic challenges we face in for the 21st century;
- Knowledge of and interest in measuring and evaluating impact in government, business and/or social purpose sectors;
- Self-starter and highly organised team player; willing to roll up one's sleeves to get the job done
- Familiarity with what makes cogs turn at Universities; ability to work well at all levels within and beyond the University of Sydney institutional structure;
- Natural and efficient written and in person communicator, able to distill complex ideas in engaging, inclusive and fun ways;
- Dexterity working with a wide variety of online platforms and databases: social media savvy and proficiency in Office 365 suite are musts; familiarity with Adobe Suite and CRMs is a plus.

For further information about this opportunity, please contact isabelle.napier@sydney.edu.au