

HOSTING STUDENTS FOR UNPAID WORK

How and why to host a student

The University of Queensland's Faculty of Business, Economics and Law (BEL) provides dedicated employability services for students from UQ Business School, School of Economics and TC Beirne School of Law.

The BEL Student Employability Team (BEL SET) partners with external employers, alumni, business, government and community organisations to promote industry learning and engagement for BEL students. Our service includes connecting students with approved unpaid work experience opportunities and accredited vocational placements.



Why should my organisation host a student for work?

- Gain short-term access to enthusiastic and capable students to help progress projects.
- Introduce new ideas, techniques and ways of thinking to your organisation.
- Develop your employees' mentoring and leadership skills.
- Provide students with a pre-professional learning experience that offers meaningful, practical work experience and skill development.
- Increase your organisation's profile among our student population.
- Inspire and guide students' career aspirations.
- Introduce generational and cultural diversity to your organisation.
- Receive full support from BEL SET.



How can I involve students?

By offering UQ-approved unpaid work experience opportunities and vocational placements (for UQ course credit), you will provide students with valuable short-term work and add value to your business without incurring costs.

Students will benefit from the opportunity to engage with substantive work relevant to their studies and to understand its industry context and how it contributes to your organisation.

Ideally, students should observe a range of work carried out by your team, and contribute to a worthy project or projects where they can apply their academic knowledge and develop their skills with an appropriate level of responsibility.

Students will benefit from guidance, support and feedback during their time with you. Your engagement will add value to the experience for both you and the student.

A current staff member at your organisation should act as the point of contact. They should be available to supervise students and answer questions as needed. However, there is no expectation that a student must shadow one individual for their entire placement, and contact with many staff is encouraged.



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to discuss the opportunities you can offer to BEL students



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