

CEEDWA

Industry Sponsored Research Projects



Cooperative Education for Enterprise Development

Cooperative Education for Enterprise Development (CEED) is a formal program that connects students with industry through real-world research projects.

What are CEED Projects?

CEED projects are undergraduate and postgraduate student research projects, designed to fulfil a degree's research units (thesis) requirements. Sponsored and defined by the client enterprise, these projects address real-world challenges, delivering outcomes that enhance the client's operations, while providing students with invaluable hand-on industry experience.

CEED Project Models

"Full" Project

CEED scholars engaged in Full CEED Projects spend 8 weeks onsite with the client during university vacation periods. This immersive experience enriches their work on the project and gives practical insight into the client's operations.

- Duration: 12-15 months
- Professional Practicum: 450hrs
- Studentship: \$10,000 - \$13,500

"Three-Quarter (3/4)" Project

CEED Scholars participating in a '3/4' Project do not undertake onsite vacation work, though they will still have an opportunity to work at the client's premises during the academic semester. This model is typically for students who have already completed or arranged vacation work elsewhere.

- Duration: 9-12 months
- Professional Practicum: 150hrs
- Studentship: \$7,500 - \$10,125

"Employee" Project

CEED Scholars who already work with a client (e.g. employment, cadet or scholarship holder) may undertake a research project related to the client's business/operations.

- Duration: 9-12 months
- Professional Practicum: 150hrs
- Studentship: \$0 - scholars are not paid a studentship, as they continue to receive payment from their employer.

Students interested in the employee model, or have

connections with a potential Client, are welcome to contact the CEED Office for more information.

CEED Program Intakes

To provide flexibility for clients, projects are advertised periodically throughout the year. Relevant cohorts will receive an email, however it is advised to monitor our website for upcoming projects.

Recruitment Periods:

Semester 1: September-February
Semester 2: April-July

Eligibility

- Final Honours Year, or have completed at least 24 credit points in level 4/5 of their Masters degree
- Must not have completed a research project/unit in their current degree
- Allocated two consecutive semesters in their study plan (12 credit points required for Research Units Part 1 & 2)
- Open to Domestic & International students
- Available to Full or Part-time students

Project Process - Initiation to Deliverables

Applying for a CEED Project

Students can apply for a CEED Project through our website. Applications should include a CV and all tertiary transcripts. After the closing date, a panel consisting of the project's Academic Supervisor and Client Mentor will short-list candidates and conduct interviews. Students will be notified via email about the outcome of their application.

Induction

Upon acceptance, new scholars will participate in an Induction program that covers expectations, working in a professional environment, and the skills for managing an industry-based research project.

Onsite work

'Full' projects are to complete eight weeks of onsite vacation work with the client during university vacation periods. Scholars will need to attend relevant client training before they commence any onsite work.

Academic Semester

During the semester, scholars will continue working on the project, and maintain regular meetings with their Client Mentor and Academic Supervisor.

Scholars circulate monthly reports to update the CEED Office and Project Team on their progress, and submit unit assessments as per the Unit Outline via a confidential portal.

Project Brief

Each scholar will prepare a Project Brief that outlines the project's deliverables, methodology and required resources for successful completion. Supervisors and Mentors play a key role in supporting the student throughout this process.

CEED Seminar

In September, CEED Scholars present their work at the Annual CEED Seminar. This public presentation is attended by industry professionals, university staff and CEED alumni. It is an excellent opportunity for scholars to showcase their research and connect with potential employers.

Completion and Deliverables

At the conclusion of the project, scholars are expected to provide the agreed-upon deliverables (e.g. thesis) to their client.

Studentships

Scholars will receive their studentship payments in equal installments, after reaching their required milestones.

For More Information

Drop-in sessions and promotional events (including bi-yearly BBQs) are regularly organised. Check our website or Socials for up-to-date information.

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