

CEEDWA

Industry Sponsored Research Projects



Bachelors with Honours and Masters Degree Programs

Cooperative Education for Enterprise Development (CEED)

is a formal program that connects students with industry through applied, 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 requirements (thesis).

Sponsored and defined by the client organisation, these projects address real challenges and deliver outcomes that enhance the client's operations, while providing students with valuable hands-on industry experience.

Each project is supported by at least one Academic Supervisor and one Client Mentor, ensuring strong academic guidance and active industry engagement throughout the project's lifecycle.

CEED Project Models

“Full” Project

Scholars complete two consecutive semesters of research project units,

and undertake eight weeks of vacation work with the client. This immersive experience enriches the research project and provides valuable insight into professional practice.

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

“Three-Quarter (3/4)” Project

Scholars complete two consecutive semesters of research project units, with no additional vacation work. This model suits students who have already completed, or are committed to, vacation work elsewhere.

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

“Employee” Project

Scholars already working with a client organisation (e.g. employment, cadet or scholarship holder) may undertake a research project aligned with the client's business operations.

- Duration: 9-12 months
- Professional Practicum: 150hrs
- Studentship: Not Applicable (scholars continue to receive payment from their employer)

Students interested in the Employee Project Model, or have connections with a potential organisation, are welcome to contact the CEED Office.

CEED Program Intakes

To provide flexibility for industry partners, CEED projects are advertised periodically throughout the year via targeted email campaigns, digital posters, and social media.

- Semester 1
Recruit: September-February
Commence: Late February*
- Semester 2:
Recruit: April-July
Commence: Late July*

*Vacation work may occur prior to semester commencement, but not after project completion.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- About to commence their Final Honours Year, or have completed at least 24 credit points at level 4/5 of their Masters degree

(additional criteria may apply for specific research units)

- Not have previously completed a research project/unit within their current degree
- Have a research project unit that runs for two consecutive semesters in their study plan (12 credit points total)
- CEED Projects are open to Domestic & International students, and available to Full or Part-time enrolments.

Project Process - Initiation to Deliverables

Applying

Applications are submitted via the CEED website and must include a CV and all tertiary transcripts. Academic Supervisors and Client Mentors shortlist and interview candidates. Outcomes are communicated by email.

Commencing

Successful scholars meet with the CEED Director and sign a 'Student Undertaking' to formally confirm participation. A Project kick-off meeting follows.

CEED Induction

Scholars participate in an Induction covering expectations, professional conduct, and managing an industry-based research project.

Vacation work (Full Projects)

Scholars undertake eight weeks of full time work with the client, either consecutively or split over

multiple university vacation periods. Workplace onboarding, training and scheduling are managed by the client and communicated directly with the scholar.

Ongoing Project Work

Scholars continue to work on their project throughout the year. This may include accessing University workshops and technical staff to support research activities. While not mandatory, many clients host scholars one day per week during semester, providing access to resources, staff expertise and professional workplace experience. Scholars maintain regular meetings with supervisors and mentors, and submit monthly progress reports. Assessments are submitted in accordance with the Unit Outline via a confidential portal. Presentations are also closed to non-project participants.

Project Brief

The first major milestone is the preparation of a Project Brief. Similar to the research unit's project proposal, the document outlines the plan, deliverables, methodology and required resources. Supervisors and mentors play a key role in supporting the scholars throughout this process.

CEED Seminar

In September, Scholars present their research 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 work and connect with potential employers.

Completion and Deliverables

Scholars submit the agreed deliverables to their client, in accordance with the approved Project Brief (e.g. report and raw data). This may also include separate presentations with an audience at the client's premises.

Studentships

To assist scholars with their cost of living, they will receive a tax-free studentship, paid in equal instalments upon milestone completion. Projects with IP fully owned by the client attract a higher studentship, to reflect the student's contribution to it's commercial value.

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