



CEEDWA

Industry Sponsored Research Projects

Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Placement Projects

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. Available to PhD and Masters by Research candidates, to fulfil HDR industry placement requirements.

Sponsored and defined by the client organisation, projects require scholars to apply their advanced research expertise to address real-world challenges and deliver outcomes that enhance the client's operations and performance.

Scholars work under the supervision of their Academic Supervisors, while engaging directly with Client Mentors for guidance, ensuring outcomes remain aligned with the client's objectives.

CEED Program Intakes

HDR projects are available on a need basis, advertised periodically throughout the year, as projects are

not restricted by standard university teaching periods.

Project duration is specified by the client, either:

- Full Time: 3 months duration
- Part Time: 6 months duration

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a CEED project, applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled as an HDR student and maintain active enrolment for the duration of the project
- Have successfully completed their first milestone
- Obtained initial approval from their supervisor(s) to apply for a CEED Project
- Both domestic and international HDR students are eligible to apply.

If a student is successful, they will be required to formally lodge their intention to undertake a CEED project through the HDR student portal. Formal supervisor approval is then provided as part of this process.

Studentship

HDR scholars receive a studentship ranging from \$12,000-\$16,200, depending on Intellectual Property (IP) arrangements.

Projects where IP is fully owned by the client attract a higher studentship, reflecting the student's contribution to the potential commercial value.

Payments are made in three equal instalments upon the following milestones:

- Acceptance of the Project Brief
- Satisfactory completion of the mid-point progress meeting with the CEED Director
- Acceptance of final deliverables, including a client approved seminar paper

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.

Induction

Successful scholars participate in an Induction that covers program expectations, professional conduct, and managing an industry-based research project.

Ongoing Project Work

Scholars work on the project throughout the specified timeframe, while maintaining regular contact with their Supervisors and Mentors. Hybrid working conditions can be expected, with scholars working onsite at the client's premises and in some cases offsite in remote locations. This level of engagement is critical for the project success, enabling scholars to collaborate closely with company staff, and access client resources. Working onsite also provides valuable opportunities to network and refine industry engagement skills.

Time Commitment

While CEED projects do not have a prescribed weekly hour requirement, the expected level of engagement for a full time project is comparable to that of a full time professional role. Experience shows that scholars who commit more time and actively engage with their project tend to achieve stronger outcomes for both themselves and the client.

Full time HDR scholars will be required to work full time for the duration of the CEED project to accommodate this commitment. Studnets may work part time; 50% of their time for 6 months (12 weeks).

Scholars are also required to maintain regular meetings with their Supervisors and Mentors throughout the project lifecycle.

Monthly Reports

Scholars submit monthly progress reports, outlining progress and identifying any emerging issues.

Project Brief

The first major milestone scholars are expected to complete is the preparation of a Project Brief outlining the project's deliverables, methodology, and resources required 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 research at the Annual CEED seminar. This public event is attended by industry professionals, university staff, and CEED alumni. It provides an excellent opportunity to showcase their work and expand professional networks.

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 a separate presentation with an audience at the client's premises.

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