



CEEDWA

Industry Sponsored Research Projects

Academic Supervisor

Cooperative Education for Enterprise Development (CEED)

is a formal initiative that connects students with industry through applied, real-world research projects.

What are CEED Projects?

CEED projects are undergraduate or postgraduate research projects designed to fulfil a degree's research units requirements (thesis), or HDR industry placement requirements. Sponsored and defined by the client organisation, these projects address real challenges and deliver outcomes that benefit the client's operations, while providing students with valuable hands-on industry experience.

Academic Supervisor Role

Academic Supervisors provide academic guidance and oversight to scholars throughout the project lifecycle, ensuring academic rigour, appropriate research design, and successful project outcomes. Supervisors also support scholars by facilitating access to University facilities and technical staff, and by helping to ensure client expectations are met.

Supervising a CEED project provides meaningful academic and professional benefits. CEED projects strengthen industry engagement, demonstrate applied research impact, and may contribute to publications, data generation, and future grant development. Supervision also contributes to supervisory track record and HDR pipeline development.

Supervisors receive research funding in recognition of the additional time and effort required.

- \$2,000 per project, or
- \$2,700 per project where the Client retains 100% ownership of the IP

This funding is divided equally among all supervisors on the project and paid in two instalments to the nominated Operating Account(s), aligned with student milestone completion.

CEED Project Models

"Full" Project

Honours and Masters scholars complete two consecutive semesters of research project units, in addition to eight weeks onsite with the client.

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

"Three-Quarter (3/4)" Project

Honours and Masters scholars complete two consecutive semesters of research project units, with no additional vacation work required.

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

"Employee" Project

Honours and Masters scholars who already work with an organisation (e.g. as an employee, cadet or scholarship holder) may undertake a sponsored research project related to the client's business or operational needs.

- Duration: 9-12 months
- Professional Practicum: 150hrs
- Scholars are not paid a separate studentship, as they will continue to receive payment from their employer. Total remuneration must exceed \$7,500 across the two semesters (excluding vacation periods).

"HDR" Placement Project

CEED projects are available for Masters by Research or PhD candidates, where the scholar's expertise aligns with the project requirements.

- Full time over 3 months
Part time over 6 months
- Studentship: \$12,000 - \$16,200

CEED Program Intakes

To provide flexibility for clients to obtain internal approvals and funding, projects are advertised periodically throughout the year. Specifically, Honours/Masters projects are open during the following recruitment periods:

- 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.

Project Lifecycle

Project Development - Once the project is approved, the CEED Director will approach suitable academics to gauge interest in supervision. Supervisors are also welcome to bring forward their own industry research projects for consideration within CEED.

Project Advertisement - CEED advertises approved projects via a targeted email campaign, digital posters, and social media. Supervisors are encouraged to promote opportunities through their own networks/word of mouth.

Applications and Selection -

Following the application closing date, Academic Supervisors and Client Mentors jointly shortlist candidates and conduct interviews.

Commencing a Project - Successful scholars sign a 'Student Undertaking' formally confirming participation. The Project Team is notified, contact

details are circulated, and a project kick-off meeting is organised.

CEED Induction - new scholars participate in an induction to support effective management of their industry research project

Vacation Work (Full Projects) - scholars complete eight weeks of full time vacation work with the client, either consecutively or split over multiple university vacation periods. All workplace onboarding, training and scheduling are managed by the client. Scholars are expected to maintain communication with their supervisors during this period.

Monthly Reports - Scholars submit monthly reports, outlining progress and to flag any emerging issues.

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 are to maintain regular meetings with supervisors and mentors.

Expenses - Any project-related UWA expenses must be pre-approved in writing prior to purchase. Supervisors cover the initial expenses, with accounts reimbursed at the conclusion of the project.

Assessments - Due to confidentiality requirements all unit assessments for CEED are submitted via a secure confidential portal (not LMS). Schools provide marking instructions via LMS,

however submissions are forwarded via email from the CEED office to supervisors. Presentations are closed to non-project participants, and independent markers are nominated by the Unit Coordinator.

Project Brief - The first major milestone is the CEED Project Brief. Similar to the research unit's project proposal, the document outlines project objectives, deliverables, methodology and required resources. Supervisors and mentors provide guidance, however supervisors ensure academic and client alignment.

CEED Seminar - In September, Scholars present their work at the Annual CEED Seminar. This public event is attended by industry professionals, university staff and CEED alumni. Supervisors and mentors support scholars in preparing their proceedings paper and presentation, to ensure content is appropriate for a public audience. The seminar also provides an excellent networking opportunity.

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

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