iPREP WA
Industry and PhD Research Engagement Program

Opportunity for final stage PhD students
What is iPREP

iPREP WA is a new initiative to support research engagement between the universities and industries of Western Australia.

The program will involve interdisciplinary teams of PhD students from all five WA universities, working on a short-term project with an industry partner – including business, government and community groups.

We are currently seeking final stage PhD student to participate in iPREP WA projects in early 2015 (2 February - 13 March).

Why participate in iPREP WA?

In addition to a $3000 tax-free scholarship for completing the fulltime 6-week program, students will gain increased and more diverse career opportunities through developing skills and experience in the following areas:

- Business acumen, including experience in identifying business needs and participating in business processes.
- Emotional and social intelligence, including self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and relationship management.
- Strategic problem solving in the workplace, where solutions are practical given a wide range of constraints.
- Project management within tight time frames.
- Effective communication and role negotiation within an interdisciplinary team.
- Collaborative leadership, through guiding and coordinating the problem solving process where both doctoral candidates and industry partners contribute their specialised knowledge to the solution.

“Practical industry experience on a project has given me a range of definable skills that are easily referred to in a job selection criteria.”
What is required of the participating Student?

To apply for iPREP WA, you must currently be enrolled as a PhD candidate at a university in Western Australia, and:

• have submitted a thesis for examination by the program commencement date, but not yet had your degree conferred;
• be available to participate in self-directed preparation activities and a two-day induction workshop (29 and 30 January 2015) prior to commencing the project;
• attend weekly 2 hour seminars;
• be available to complete the project on a fulltime basis during the scheduled 6-week project period (contact hours will be negotiated with team members and industry partner); and
• have the support of your supervisor or appropriate referee.

Don’t miss the chance to participate in this valuable learning opportunity where you can put your research and innovation skills into practice.

Applications

Guidelines and the application form are available on the iPREP WA website: www.waresearch.com/iPREPWA

Applications close on 28 November 2014 and successful students will be notified by 19 December 2014.

“I am so appreciative that I was able to take part in the program. I think it is such a practical and useful program... The timing of it is excellent, as it comes just at the point... where the candidate needs concrete experience to enhance their existing skills.”
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Current projects
Examples of project types include:
- Pilot study
- Design proposals or creation
- Conduct a needs assessment
- Create or test a product
- Develop or evaluate a service
- Prepare a publication
- Communicate findings to a new audience
- Apply for a grant or tender

For more information:
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Advancing Western Australian Research Education (AWARE) is a collaboration between the graduate research schools of the five Western Australian universities Curtin, ECU, Murdoch, Notre Dame and UWA.

AWARE has a mission to provide opportunities for Western Australian post-graduate research students, early career researchers and research supervisors to evolve their knowledge, skills and experience through innovative and collaborative research education programs.