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Call for Interns/Fellows/Work Experience Students

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When I was 16, I did two weeks' work experience for John Langmore, who was then the member for Fraser. It was 1988, the first year that the new Parliament House had been opened, and I remember getting hopelessly lost as I went on errands around the building. I'm not sure that I provided any value to John, but the experience had a profound impact on me – as I learned a ton about the issues and personalities that drove politics in that era.

Over the past parliamentary term, I've been fortunate to have a variety of people help out as volunteers in my office, assisting me with speeches and submissions, helping solve constituent problems, answering the phone, assisting with campaigning activities, and looking into data-related issues (I've made particularly good use of economics students). They have ranged from work experience students (typically in years 10 or 11) to university students, to people in the workforce (two *Teach for Australia* students generously donated me their school holidays).

So I thought it might be useful to put out a formal call for interns, fellows and work experience students.

Keen to apply? See the FAQs below.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the criteria?

Enthusiasm, intelligence, and an interest in helping shape progressive ideas.

How long are the placements?

It depends on you. My office can accommodate anything from a week to a

couple of months (though longer stints would probably need to be part-time). We typically only have one intern/fellow at a time. From my experience, people get the most out of doing a solid 1-2 weeks.

What would I gain?

A unique insight into parliament and constituent engagement.

What can you supply?

We can't promise anything more than a desk and a chair. You'll probably need to bring your own laptop. You may be working at either the electorate office in Braddon, the Parliament House office, or both.

Is it unfair not to pay people?

This is something we've worried about a lot. If we had an external source of funding, I'd love to run a paid internship program. But we don't. So our philosophy has been to work hard to ensure that interns/fellows have an experience that's stimulating and rewarding (as my time working with John Langmore was for me). There are few better ways to demystify politics than a week or two in an MP's office, and we think it's better to run a stimulating but unpaid internship program than no program at all.

What are my chances?

In the past, we have said yes to about half of the people who apply.

How do I apply?

Email [andrew.leigh.mp <asperand> aph.gov.au](mailto:andrew.leigh.mp@aph.gov.au) with a one-page CV setting out your experience and skills, plus a covering email saying why you'd like the position and what period you'd like to work. Either I or my overworked chief of staff Nick Terrell will get back to you within a few weeks. It would be helpful to contact us at least a month before you'd like to start volunteering.

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Education	The Australian National University

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Summary

I am a second year undergraduate student at the Australian National University studying a Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Arts (Political Science/Australian Indigenous Studies).

I am passionate about the law, social justice, and social policy. I also have a keen interest in indigenous issues.

Experience

Electorate Officer (Temporary)

Hon. Dr Andrew Leigh MP

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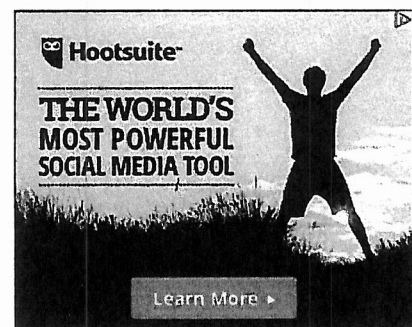
RAC WA

December 2007 – June 2009 (1 year 7 months)

**Operational Analyst**

RAC WA

September 2006 – December 2007 (1 year 4 months)



Volunteer Internship Program - Geelong

Employer: Office of Senator Richard Di Natale

Work Type/s: Volunteer

Classification/s: Administration, Advocacy & Campaigns, Environment & Sustainability, Policy & Research, Project Management

Sector/s: Federal Government

Location: Regional VIC

Job posted on: 20 March, 2015.

Applications close: 30 March, 2015. (Expired)

Are you passionate about healthcare reform? The impacts of climate change on health? Multiculturalism? Issues affecting youth? Local community issues? We are offering an opportunity to acquire first-hand experience volunteering with Federal Greens Senator for Victoria, Dr Richard Di Natale.

Richard is looking for volunteer interns to join his team in Geelong in the first half of 2015.

The volunteer internship program is an opportunity to develop personally and contribute to the community.

Volunteer Interns may learn how to:

- Respond to constituent concerns or help them solve problems;
- Research and write about issues impacting on constituents, Victoria and Australia;
- Facilitate outreach to community groups and organise events;
- Undertake research projects that fall within Richard's portfolio areas (health, multiculturalism, gambling, youth and sport);
- Build constituents' capacity to undertake independent and coordinated activities;
- Design and develop content for websites and social media and printed materials;
- Do a range of other things depending on projects to be designed in collaboration with you.

Volunteer Interns are invited to contribute in the categories of media and communications; community liaison; policy and research; community outreach; graphic and website design; community organising, or other areas desired by the volunteer program participant.

How does it work?

- The position is voluntary. No financial remuneration is available and no employment positions are on offer;
- Volunteer program participants will be offered two training sessions and regular mentoring;
- Costs incurred during project work will be reimbursed as negotiated;
- Volunteer program participants will be mentored by Electorate Officers and the Senior Adviser;
- Hours are flexible and will need to be negotiated to ensure mutually convenient hours.

For more information, contact Stephanie Hodgins-May – Stephanie.Hodgins-May@aph.gov.au or on (03) 5221 4100.

The volunteer internship program will commence on April 15, 2015 and run until June 19, 2015.

How to apply for this job

This job ad has now expired, and applications are no longer being accepted.



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MY SPEECH ON A THEATRE WORKSHOP AT ROXBURGH PARK COLLEGE THAT ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF FORCED MARRIAGE, TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 2015

I was delighted to be involved in the Roxburgh College Year 10 Sociology project, exploring the issues of forced marriage through active theatre. The theatre workshop was led by Thoiba Saeedh, a University of Melbourne intern who has been working in my office for the past few weeks (pictured here with me in Canberra). Thanks to Roxburgh College Principal, Mr Fernando Ianni, staff members Tony Wakefield, Yolande Suffern, Denise Rimoni, Angela Greet, the students from Roxburgh College, and Elizabeth Payne who worked with the students on behalf of ACRATH.



Ms VAMVAKINO (Calwell) (21:04): Last Friday I participated in a theatre workshop at Roxburgh Park College in my electorate which addressed the issue of forced marriage and the rights of young people to determine their own future.

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The workshop was organised by Miss Thoiba Saeedh, an intern in my office from the University of Melbourne, who also happens to be an AusAID sponsored student from the Maldives. The program was an annotation of the forced marriage pilot project run by Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans. The purpose of the workshop was to formulate a better understanding of forced marriage, to raise awareness and to empower young girls and boys to say no in the event of a forced marriage situation.

ACRATH and other community organisations have raised forced marriage as an issue deserving of attention and campaigning here in Australia. This particular workshop was initiated by my office as a way of raising awareness amongst my constituents of forced marriage and the broader issues of cultural identity and negotiating the competing demands of communal and family expectations with individual rights and aspirations, particularly between different generations. Given the very diverse migrant communities, in particular the newly-arrived and emerging communities from Africa, the Middle East and South-East Asia, Calwell is very much an appropriate place for pilot programs such as this to be run at the very grassroots level.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Elizabeth Payne from ACRATH for the amazing work that she does and that everyone at ACRATH does. I also want to thank the deputy principal, Tony Wakefield, teachers Yolande Suffern, Denise Rimoni and Angela Greet, and the year 10 sociology students from Roxburgh Park College for their tremendous effort and cooperation in making the workshop a success.

The project involved the use of applied theatre as the medium in which the issue of forced marriage was explored. Applied theatre is a platform used in many parts of the world to create dialogue on sensitive issues and human rights concerns. The applied theatre workshop provided an opportunity for the students to role play in a hypothetical situation, in this case, of course, a forced marriage situation, which was then enacted by some of the students whilst other students and audience members were given the opportunity to replace characters and redirect the theatre performance to ensure a different outcome for the protagonists.

By replacing and introducing characters we were able to discuss a range of issues surrounding forced marriage. We focused very much on the critical point of emphasising the fact that in Australia a forced marriage is against the law and that people have a right to say no. We analysed the effectiveness of the existing legislation. We also analysed the potential responses of families when authorities try to step in to what is considered by the family a private family matter. We analysed the reluctance of victims to seek help for fear of causing trouble for themselves and their family members. We also looked at the kind of help that is available for victims, such as being able to go on an airport watch list if you are under the age of 18. We also looked at other options, such as the issue of negotiations with family members, and we encouraged those negotiations.

Although in 2013 the Australian parliament criminalised forced marriage, to date there have been no prosecutions. However, many cases of forced marriage have since come to light and have subsequently been reported to the Australian Federal Police. Forced marriage is a serious human rights abuse. It is a practice that robs young girls and women as well as boys of their choices, in most cases denying them education, freedom and independence. Forced marriage involves threats of physical abuse, rape, physical assault, trauma and deep psychological impacts on the victim. In Australia, forced marriage is characterised as a human rights and gender inequality issue, and it is one that is 'not limited to any particular cultural group, religion or ethnicity'. Although it is now an illegal act whose perpetrators can be prosecuted, we need to be aware that it is also very much a cultural issue that results from culturally construed ideas around gender roles, religious and cultural practices, family honour and tradition. So in dealing with this issue we need to understand its causes and work to eradicate them whilst at the same time enforcing, where warranted, the formal legal response that is necessary to deal with this human rights abuse in Australia.

I want to congratulate all at Roxburgh Park Secondary College for their amazing contribution to this very important issue.

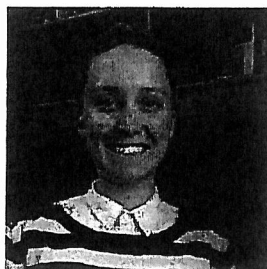


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Summary

A final semester law student at the Australian National University graduating from a Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Laws (honours) in July 2016. Searching for challenging full time work in the legal profession from late May 2016. Uncommonly experienced with direct client communication and knowledgeable in the criminal justice system for someone my age, I am committed to being a mature and dependable advocate. I am proven to thrive in extremely challenging professional environments, work best under pressure and have consistently achieved impressive academic results.

Experience

Paralegal

A.C.T. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
October 2015 – December 2015 (3 months)

- Attending court with prosecutors, assisting prosecutors in the office as required
- Preparing files for Magistrate Court lists – ensuring all documents required by prosecutors are up to date, accurate, making copies for defence
- Assisting with the management of Family Violence paralegal inbox and associated workflow
- Updating court results on workplace software
- Completing external requests for particulars
- Brief of evidence preparation – checking evidence is correctly redacted, scheduling contents, disclosing to defence as appropriate and in consultation with prosecutors

Parliamentary Intern

OFFICE OF SENATOR LARISSA WATERS (Deputy Leader of the Greens)
June 2015 – October 2015 (5 months) | Canberra, Australia

- Contributing to party responses to the National Senate Inquiry into Domestic Violence in Australia.
- Accepted into the prestigious Australian National Internship Program to undertake an 8000 word research project exploring the intersection between family violence and homelessness in Australia.

Education

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Administrative Assistant

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Obligations in Relation to
Small Island States**

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Summary

Seek to aid an NGO with pro bono research during the completion of my JD program. I am
interested in the REDD+/climate change arena, ecosystem goods and services, elephant
conservation and coral reef protection. I have particular interests in Africa, especially East Africa. I
have a background in invertebrate zoology, ecology, evolution, environmental science, law, and
policy.

Experience

Research Intern

Climate Law and Policy

August 2015 – Present (10 months)

Research support for the development of legal and policy publications and reports on a number of
substantive topics across CLP's areas of focus, including climate change, biodiversity and human
rights.

Student Liaison/Front Desk

Kaleen Family Practice

June 2011 – Present (5 years) | Canberra, Australia

General reception duties. Coordination of students rotating through the practice. Liaise with university administration and government health departments.

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Senior Program Manager

Woden Valley Gymnastics Club

2002 – Present (14 years) | Canberra, Australia

Coached men's (2002 – 2010) and acrobatic gymnastics (from 2009). Developed and initiated the only acrobatic gymnastics program in the ACT. Program and coordinate the groupings and training of athletes. Coordinate and organise competitions and gymnastics displays.

Legal Intern

Environmental Defenders' Office (ACT); Environmental Defenders' Office (NT)

July 2015 – December 2015 (6 months)

As part of my JD program focusing on environmental law I am completing a placement in the EDO-ACT office focusing on climate change law, legal research, and legal editing.

Intern

Office of Senator Scott Ludlam

November 2013 – July 2014 (9 months) | Canberra, Australia

Drafting and editing of letters to Ministers. Environmental and renewable energy research. Climate change science and policy research. Research for senatorial speeches. Composing and editing Questions on Notice.

Lecturer

Australian National University: National Centre for Development Studies

June 2002 – June 2003 (1 year 1 month)

Ecosystem Sustainability (July–October 2002): Lectured on ecosystems and their goods and services. Examined the impacts of human pressures such as climate change, population growth and acid deposition on ecosystems. Discussed the responses of ecosystems and humans to the multiple pressures on ecosystems and their ability to continue to supply goods and services for humans and the biosphere.

Ecological Systems (March–June 2003): Lectures will be conducted explaining the principles of general ecology including sustainable development, global cycles, biodiversity, succession, population dynamics and conservation management.

Education and Office Assistant

Australian National University: Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Accounting

March 2002 – June 2002 (4 months)

Researched information regarding Australian Universities and their faculties with research interests compatible with the CRC for Greenhouse Accounting. Designed a database to house the university information and contacts. Assisted in the preparation for short courses offered by the CRC. Performed general office duties

Intern: Centre for Applied Biodiversity Science

Conservation International

May 1999 – November 1999 (7 months) | Washington D.C. Metro Area

Conducted research on the web for data on biodiversity and conservation issues. Assisted in the development on a database for web-based biodiversity information (Biodiversity Information System).

Data Technician

Smithsonian Institution: Integrated Taxonomic Information System

1997 – 1999 (2 years)

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