

Australian Academy of Science

Science Diplomacy and the Australian Academy of Science

Internship available for Winter, 2021

The Australian Academy of Science is Australia's most eminent scientific body. The Academy was established by Royal Charter in 1954 and has a Fellowship of over 500 leading Australian scientists each elected for their outstanding contributions to the scientific disciplines. The Academy champions, celebrates and supports excellence in Australian science, promotes international scientific engagement, builds public awareness and understanding of science and provides independent, authoritative and influential scientific advice.

The Academy is headquartered in Canberra at the iconic Shine Dome and Ian Potter House (currently undergoing repairs following the January 2020 hailstorms) and has a secretariat of approximately 60 staff who support Fellows in their efforts to shape the future of Australian science.

An opportunity exists for a high-achieving undergraduate or master's student from ANU to undertake a stakeholder engagement internship at the Academy under the guidance of the experienced National Committees for Science team.

Project: Science Diplomacy and the Australian Academy of Science

Internship Details:

- Internship Availability: Winter, 2021
- Internship Discipline: International relations; diplomacy; science; science policy; science diplomacy
- Internship Level: Undergraduate 2nd or 3rd yr, or Postgraduate coursework
- Available to International Students: Yes
- Preferred Project Skills:
 - Excellent written communication
 - Interest in science and/or international relations
 - Ability to conduct and synthesise desktop research
- Clearances Required: No
- Location: 1 Farrell Place, Canberra. At least 50% of the internship should be completed at this location.
- Host supervisor: Adelle Wright, ISC Liaison Officer, (Ph: 02 9201 9400; E: adelle.wright@science.org.au)
- Project opportunities/benefits for the intern:
 - Exposure to high-profile scientists
 - Experience undertaking desktop research
 - Education in soft power and science diplomacy
 - Exposure to project management principles
 - Work experience within an office environment

Summary:

The Australian Academy of Science facilitates Australia's access to global science and technology, promotes strategic partnerships between Australian and overseas researchers, and contributes Australian expertise and leadership in regional and global science networks. For example, it is an active member of the [InterAcademy Partnership](#), the [Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia](#), and is responsible for Australia's representation on the [International Science Council](#).

The Academy is currently undertaking a project that maps its science diplomacy activities to identify gaps and opportunities and explore how these linkages align, or not, with existing foreign policy and national priorities. This report will be completed in June 2021.

The project being offered will identify and consolidate resources generated and collated by recent Academy science diplomacy related initiatives, with a view to developing a web resource to boost the profile of the Academy's work in this area. The project will draw on the aforementioned report and materials prepared by previous ANU internships in this area.