



Industry-Based Learning

A learning partnership



INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

An opportunity to gain a career edge through 6 or 12 months paid employment

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“I am so happy I chose an international IBL because not only have I learnt so much about marketing and business, but more importantly, I’ve learnt a lot about myself. I overcame the challenge of doing things I’d never done before; I was left with an invaluable level of confidence and independence”.

Riley, IBL student at Siemens Marketing, Singapore

IBL at Swinburne

Industry-Based Learning (often known as Cooperative Education) provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to undertake full-time paid employment in industry for 6 or 12 months in an area relevant to their studies. Swinburne offers a supportive real-world learning environment that produces great professional outcomes for its graduates. Swinburne has been a pioneer of IBL programs in Australia, offering them since 1963.

Why do IBL?

Undertaking IBL contributes positively to both your studies and future career prospects by allowing you to:

- ▶ Gain valuable workplace experience relevant to your field of study
- ▶ Develop career opportunities and explore career options
- ▶ Apply the theory learned during your studies to real world situations
- ▶ Develop practical workplace skills
- ▶ Earn while you learn
- ▶ Gain valuable insight into how organisations operate
- ▶ Clarify your career aspirations
- ▶ Make valuable contacts within industry

“The strengths of IBL are the opportunity of being able to work in a professional environment, being able to place academic theory into practice, developing new skills and knowledge in different areas, the challenge of taking on new projects, and the personality and character building.”

Aleksandra, IBL student at Bosch



IBL areas:

- ▶ Business
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Science and Technology
- ▶ IT and Computing
- ▶ Multimedia
- ▶ Social Science

How to apply

Contact your Faculty IBL office:
www.swinburne.edu.au/ibl

Costs

IBL Student Contribution Fee

Students enrolling in an IBL unit are liable for the following fees:

- ▶ \$3,000 for 12 months
- ▶ \$1,500 for 6 months

Students enrolling part-time in an IBL unit for 12 months are liable for the following fees:

- ▶ \$1,800 for 3 days or less per week
- ▶ \$3,000 for more than 3 days per week

Students eligible for HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP will be able to defer this fee through the HELP scheme.

Students undertaking IBL overseas should contact their Faculty IBL office for fee information.

IBL : a partnership

Swinburne's role

IBL is a partnership between the student, Swinburne and the employer. Swinburne IBL Managers in each Faculty provide direction and guidance to IBL students and organisations, and manage all IBL administrative processes.

Each IBL student is assigned a Swinburne supervisor who liaises with the student and the employer. This usually includes at least one site visit to the student at their workplace.

The supervisor monitors and assesses student progress and is available to discuss any matters of concern to either the student or the employer.

It should be noted that, due to government regulations, optional Industry-Based Learning is currently not available to international students.

Would you like to know more about IBL?

Please contact:

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