

WHAT A STUDENT NEEDS TO KNOW

Is this opportunity for me?	If you have recently graduated (or are about to graduate) with a master's or PhD degree in science, technology, engineering, design, or business then a Callaghan Innovation Career Grant internship could help you gain valuable commercial experience in a research and development (R&D) environment.
What does Callaghan Innovation do?	Our purpose is to help New Zealand businesses succeed through technology. We connect high-tech businesses with research organisations across the innovation system, as well as operate our own extensive science, engineering and technology laboratories and specialist equipment. We also help businesses develop their own skills and expertise to successfully take ideas to market, and manage around \$160 million a year in funding and grants to support business innovation and capability building.
How can the grant help me?	The R&D Career Grant helps recent master's and PhD graduates get their first job in a New Zealand R&D business by paying their salary for the first six months. The grant is up to \$30,000 (plus GST) for Master's graduates and up to \$35,000 for PhDs graduates. The internships are a valuable stepping stone to connecting with key industry players and creating exciting opportunities to progress your career.
How does it work?	Businesses can apply for an R&D Career Grant as soon as they identify a suitable graduate to support them in solving an R&D problem faced in the development of a new product, process or service. The business employees and pays the graduate and Callaghan Innovation reimburses the business monthly.
Who can apply?	To be eligible for an R&D Career placement you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be completing a master's or PhD degree in science, technology, engineering, design or business; • Have submitted your thesis for marking (or completed your requirement for a taught master's) less than 12 months ago; • Have undertaken the master's/PhD at a New Zealand tertiary institution or be a New Zealand citizen. • Be legally permitted to work in New Zealand. • Not have been employed in the industry under a professional arrangement related to your area of study except temporary, part-time or at a tertiary organisation. • Not have been previously employed at the business – unless this was short-term employment (e.g. over the summer break).
How do I apply?	Students can find interested businesses by talking to academics in your area of study at your tertiary institution e.g. head of department or head of graduate studies. These tertiary institution contacts will have established relationships with businesses and may be able to facilitate an arrangement. You can also contact businesses directly about taking you on under a Career Grant arrangement.
What types of R&D businesses receive grants?	Some of New Zealand's most exciting high-tech companies are recipients of funding for R&D Student Grants. We encourage applications from businesses with active R&D programmes, which realise the value of interns in building their capability, and with expertise to supervise students and time to invest in their professional development.
What can I expect from the business?	The business will provide technical work relevant to your degree in a commercial R&D environment. They will have a professional development plan and a mentor to provide strong immersion in an R&D culture.
What other opportunities are available?	There are three types of student grants available to suit most levels of tertiary education; including R&D Experience, R&D Career, and R&D Fellowship. For information on our student grant programme, please see Callaghan Innovation website .