

# Information for Students

## R&D Experience Grant

### WHAT A STUDENT NEEDS TO KNOW

<p><b>What does Callaghan Innovation do?</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>How can the grant help me?</b></p>	<p>R&amp;D Experience Grants help undergraduate and postgraduate students gain commercial work experience in New Zealand R&amp;D businesses by funding a 10-week full time internship of \$8,460 (excl. GST) over the student summer break.</p>
<p><b>How does it work?</b></p>	<p>Businesses can apply for an R&amp;D Experience Grant anytime during May to August (inclusive) and once they've been approved, can recruit a suitable student to support them in a business R&amp;D project. The business employs and pays the student and Callaghan Innovation reimburses the business at the completion of the internship.</p>
<p><b>Who can apply?</b></p>	<p>To be eligible for an R&amp;D Experience grant internship, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be studying science, technology, engineering, design or business at a New Zealand tertiary education institute;</li> <li>• Be studying, or have recently completed, an undergraduate or postgraduate degree or qualification at NZQA level 7-10. If study has been completed, the closing date of your final semester should be less than 12 months ago.</li> <li>• Not have been previously employed at the business unless part-time or temporary.</li> <li>• Not have undertaken more than two Experience Grant internships with the same business*.</li> <li>• Be legally permitted to work in New Zealand.</li> </ul>

	<p>*Students can have multiple R&amp;D Experience internships over duration of their degree programme, but they can only undertake an internship with the same business twice.</p>
<p><b>How do I apply?</b></p>	<p>Students apply directly to businesses. Business may advertise their positions through many channels. You may find internships through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">University Career Hub</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The University of Waikato Cooperative Education Unit</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">AUT interNZ</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">University of Auckland's MyCDES Job board</a></li> <li>• Job advertising sites such as LinkedIn, Seek and Trade Me, Student Job Search</li> <li>• Internship facilitators such as <a href="#">Summer of Tech</a> and <a href="#">Industry Ready</a></li> <li>• Tertiary institution research and enterprise/industry offices</li> <li>• Encouraging businesses that you want to work for to apply for a grant.</li> <li>• Searching our <a href="#">Grants Recipient</a> tool to find businesses approved for grants this year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What types of R&amp;D businesses receive grants?</b></p>	<p>Some of New Zealand's most exciting high-tech companies are recipients of funding for R&amp;D Student Grants. We encourage applications from businesses with active R&amp;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.</p>
<p><b>What can I expect from the business?</b></p>	<p>The business should provide technical work relevant to your degree in a commercial R&amp;D environment. They will have a professional development plan and a mentor to provide strong immersion in a positive R&amp;D culture.</p> <p>You must be paid at least \$21.15 per hour by the business for 400 hours of full time work. The earliest a business can hire you is May and you should finish the internship by 31 March the following year.</p>
<p><b>What other opportunities are available?</b></p>	<p>There are three types of student grants available to suit most levels of tertiary education; including R&amp;D Experience, R&amp;D Career, and R&amp;D Fellowship. For information on our student grant programme, please see <a href="#">Callaghan Innovation website</a> (<a href="http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/grants/student-grants">www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/grants/student-grants</a>)</p>