

# Fieldwork 2021

Thank you for considering to host a student for their fieldwork placement within your organisation. This Work Integrated Learning (WIL) activity is a requirement for students completing their undergraduate Bachelor of Psychological Studies degree.

It aims to develop students' capacity to apply organisational and interpersonal skills in a workplace or community setting. The fieldwork is a practice-based learning experience. What the student does at the organisation will reflect the organisation's practices and functions and provide an application of the student's broad skills acquired during the previous two years of study.

Students are required to spend at least four hours per week in an organisational setting during Semester 1. This may be in a paid or voluntary capacity. Students will develop learning goals in conjunction with the lecturer for the fieldwork subject. They may design and carry out a project within the organisation, or undertake other activities in which the learning goals can be achieved. Depending on each student's interests and the opportunities available, the project may be essentially research, or a combination of activities. We hope this subject can also provide an opportunity for students to experience work settings that they may be interested in exploring as a part of their future career development.

At commencement students will need to complete a WIL Schedule to clarify their role and duties. They will also need to keep a log of hours spent at the organisation and activities undertaken. At the completion of the 60 hours, the log should be signed by someone in the organisation who can verify attendance. Organisations are not required to pass or fail the student's participation. Students completing agreed WIL activities are covered by VU's insurance policy. An insurance policy statement can be downloaded from the Fieldwork webpage, along with

further information for host organisations: <http://www.vu.edu.au/current-students/careers-opportunities/placements-work-integrated-learning/psychology-fieldwork>

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss the scope of potential roles within your organisation please do not hesitate to contact me on 9919 4096.

Kind regards,

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