



Earth Program: The Andy Thomas Space Foundation 2024/25 Undergraduate Internship Awards

Applications are now invited for the Andy Thomas Space Foundation Undergraduate Internship Awards.

A number of awards worth up to \$2500 are available for Undergraduate students currently enrolled in an Australian university.

Applicants must be Australian citizens and special consideration will be given to eligible Australians with an indigenous background, female applicants and applicants from rural or regional areas.

Overview

Applications are invited for The Andy Thomas Space Foundation 2024/25 Undergraduate Internship Awards.

The Foundation is providing multiple awards to a value of \$2,500 each for Australian citizens or permanent residents residing in Australia and currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree as part of an internship for a period of at least 6 weeks during the 2024-25 Australian university summer vacation in an Australian company, participating in a defined space-related project.

The Australian space industry is currently experiencing unprecedented growth with substantial public and private investment. The job opportunities in space science, engineering and related disciplines are projected to increase as new programs and projects are established. This award program aims to support students interested to further their career in a space-related field by providing an opportunity to gain industry experience while completing an academic qualification.

Internships help to deepen one's understanding and experience of the practical application of space science and technology, connecting both upstream and downstream space sectors.

Specific Requirements

The Program is open to Australian citizens and permanent residents of Australia.

The aim of the Program is to benefit Australia, and applicants must explain how they will ensure that the knowledge or experience they gain through the award funding will help to achieve these aims.

It is the responsibility of applicants to demonstrate that they are currently enrolled in a Bachelor's degree in an Australian university.

All internships will involve attendance at the office of the internship host as specified, and the cost of travel to and from the internship location will be the responsibility of the applicant.

Hosts

The internship hosts are:

- Neumann Space (Two internships) – based in Adelaide, South Australia
- Additional Opportunities to be announced shortly.

Details of the research projects to be undertaken are set out in information sheets on the Foundation's website at <https://andythomas.foundation/the-andy-thomas-space-foundation-education-fund-2024/>

Specific Requirements

Applicants are required to apply on-line at https://andythomas.foundation/applications/2025/app_earth.php outlining:

- **the preferred internship project**
- **their motivation and relevant space-related activity and**
- **their space-related career ambitions.**

Applicants should also submit:

- **An up-to-date copy of the applicant's university academic transcript**

Applicants may also submit (optionally):

- A letter of support from applicant's lecturer or academic adviser

Successful applicants will be required to enter an internship contract with the host organisation setting out the key arrangements between the host and the intern in relation to matters such as remuneration, activities during the internship, confidentiality and intellectual property.

The internship awards of \$2,500 each, funded by the Andy Thomas Space Foundation, will be paid by the host organisation to the intern as a prize after the commencement of the internship according to the terms of the internship contract.

At the completion of the internship the successful applicants are requested to provide an Outcomes Report to the Foundation setting out in general terms:

- the applicant's research activity (subject to any restrictions imposed by the internship host)
- how applicant proposes to apply the knowledge and skills gained and
- how the internship will enhance the applicant's career ambitions.

Timeline

- 02 September 2024 – Applications open
- 02 October 2024 – Applications close (must be received by midnight CST)
- 15 October 2024 – Successful applicants notified

Selection process

A selection committee will review and short-list recipients. The selection committee will consist of representatives of the Foundation and the host organisation.

Publicity

The Foundation reserves the right to publish information about successful applicants as set out in the personal application documents Foundation.

The successful applicant agrees to complete both a written and recorded (video recording) testimonial/ reflection of the program following their completion or as requested by the Foundation. These testimonials are able to be used in all printed and virtual media published by the Foundation.

The successful applicant agrees to complete a short survey at the commencement and completion of their program to provide feedback to the Foundation

More Information

If you need further information or have particular questions, please email: educationfund@andythomas.foundation