

# uni 2 beyond

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## UNI 2 BEYOND INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



"We found that the experience of having a uni 2 beyond intern at our company increased our team engagement and created a sense of community service. The work that the uni 2 beyond staff did prior to and during the placement made the whole experience run seamlessly for both the intern and our team. Through supporting a positive initiative like uni 2 beyond, we are changing lives for the better."

- Robert MacDonald, Director, MIEngineers

### OVERVIEW

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uni 2 beyond is an innovative and award-winning initiative that supports people with intellectual disability to experience university life at the University of Sydney. Students attend lectures and tutorials of their choice as audit students, and participate in university social life through engagement with their peers.

In addition to attending university, students undertake internships. Through doing this, students are able to explore their career interests, gain a richer understanding of their strengths, and sharpen their work related skills, preparing them to be productive members of the workforce.

### STRUCTURE

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The internship program consists of a 6–8 week part-time placement (hours negotiable). The intern will have access to support from a uni 2 beyond inclusion facilitator for the full duration of the internship.

### BENEFITS TO INTERNSHIP PARTNERS

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- Provide an opportunity for employees to build their leadership skills as a mentor
- Build disability awareness and confidence
- Support your Disability/Accessibility and Inclusion Plans and Corporate Social Responsibility agenda
- Enhance your reputation as an employer of choice
- Above all, make a real difference in the life of a uni 2 beyond student

## RESOURCES

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Resources and support provided by uni 2 beyond include:

- support for the full duration of the internship
- training for a workplace mentor
- workplace information session

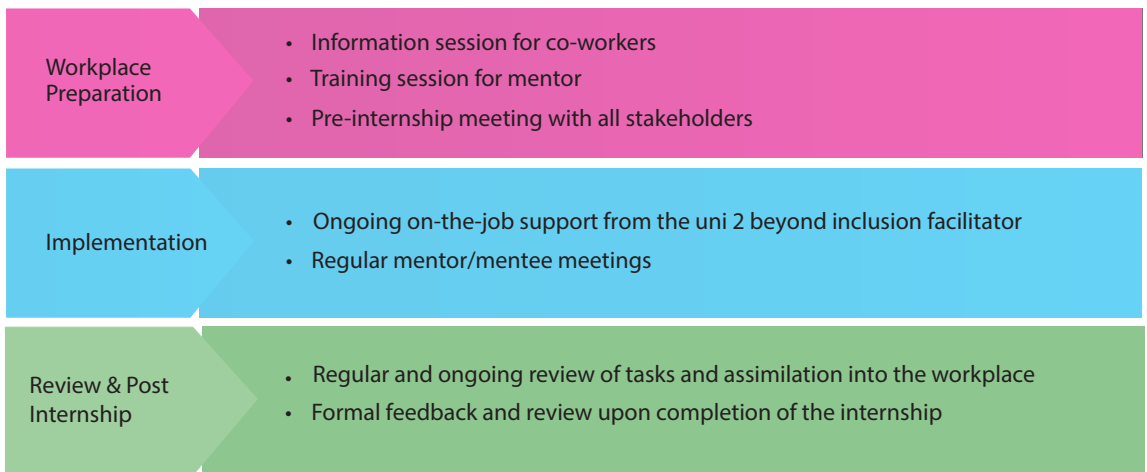
Resources required from the Internship Partner:

- workplace liaison contact
- appointed mentor – time commitment approx. 2 hours for training and 1 hour per week over 6 weeks
- workplace resources as required e.g. access to work station, computer
- payment of 6–8 weeks wages for intern (approx. \$1500)
- optional: Contribution toward the cost of internship support (suggested range \$2000–\$5000)

## APPROACH

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uni 2 beyond, in accordance with JobAccess (Australian Government) recommendations, provides multi-level structured supports to ensure smooth and successful assimilation into the workplace as outlined below.



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