**APR.Intern – Submission Guidance (Alumni)**

**University Research Commercialisation Scheme**

*Please see below for guidance on drafting a submission for the University Research Commercialisation Scheme.*

*Submissions (up to 1,500 words) can be emailed to the the Department of Education, Skills and Employment at* *urcs@dese.gov.au**, closing* ***11.59pm AEST Friday 9 April 2021****.*

*The consultation paper is available to download here:* [*https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/resources/university-research-commercialisation-consultation-paper*](https://www.dese.gov.au/about-us/resources/university-research-commercialisation-consultation-paper)*.*

*Thank you supporting APR.Intern.*

**About APR.Intern**

Australian Postgraduate Research Intern (APR.Intern) is funded by the Federal Government and is Australia’s only national, not-for-profit PhD internship program. It connects businesses with Australia’s leading universities through PhD students, who apply their specialised research expertise to business challenges. PhD interns transfer their skills from theory to real-world application - a key mechanism for innovation through the translation and commercialisation of research.

APR.Intern is the front door to universities for businesses of all sizes – from start-ups through to government agencies and national corporations – linking the right PhD student to the research need and enhancing innovation capability for both industry and academia.

By placing highly skilled PhD students into 3-6 month industry research internships, the program is directly improving translation and commercialisation of research.

**Considerations for inclusion in a response:**

* Does APR.Intern bridge the recognised gap between researchers needing experience and industry?
* Did you have a positive experience of the program?
* Do you recommend the program to other students?
* Why do you think it’s important for a national, Government-supported PhD internship program, such as APR.Intern, to continue facilitating short-term, paid industry internships for students?
* Information on your internship experience including project outcomes, new skills developed, new people you’ve met, value and how the experience contributed to your job-readiness?