

# CONNECT50 INTERNSHIPS

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“I had an amazing experience being an intern at Australia Post. Not only was I given the opportunity to work in the field I was interested in, I was able to build good relationships with my colleagues and learned a lot within a short period of time. Not many would consider a corporate work life fun, but I would like to think so!”

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## CONNECT50 INTERNSHIPS

Connect50 is an exciting new initiative that connects university and TAFE students with disability with employers in regional Victoria. Gain vital work experience, grow self-confidence and build your network of contacts, while you study. The program will make it easier for you to transition from study to employment.



“The best predictor for young people with disability having lifelong work is whether they had a summer job.”

**Senator Harkin**, at the Global Disability Employment Summit.

## CONNECT50 IS A NEW PROJECT RUN BY AUSTRALIAN NETWORK ON DISABILITY (AND).

The project will provide 50 internship opportunities in regional Victoria for university and TAFE students with disability by 2020.

There are opportunities in various disciplines at organisations in Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Latrobe Valley. These organisations will be supported by AND to provide accessible and inclusive working and learning environments.

### BENEFITS

There are many benefits to taking part in an internship:

- > Gain valuable career-relevant work experience.
- > Learn new skills to enhance your resume.
- > Grow your knowledge of your chosen industry and get ‘a foot in the door’.
- > Develop networking and social skills in a professional environment.
- > Improve your job application and interview technique.
- > Preview a job or workplace to see if it is right for you.
- > Receive continual support throughout the program.

### HOW IT WORKS

Connect50 internships run for a minimum 152 hours (four weeks, if working full time).

After you apply, you’ll meet with AND to talk about your skills, abilities and interests. You can also discuss any workplace adjustments, and get advice on how to share disability-related information with employers so they can support you to perform at your best.

If you are shortlisted for the next stage, you’ll be invited to an interview with the host employer. This is your time to shine.

Successful applicants will receive support and guidance from AND throughout the placement.

### ELIGIBILITY

If you are a university or TAFE student with disability in your second-last or final year of study, and you are registered with your disability support service or can provide valid medical information, you may be eligible. Visit the Connect50 website for more information.

### HOW TO APPLY

Internship opportunities are advertised in March for the winter semester break and September/October for the summer semester break. Visit the Students page on the Connect50 website to keep in touch with current opportunities.

To express your interest in one or more internship positions, complete the student application form on the Connect50 website.



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