The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) is offering two internships for current or recent graduate students to gain experience working in the field of science policy.

About ATSE

The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) is an independent, non-government organisation driving technology solutions for a better Australia. ATSE advocates for a future in which technology, engineering and innovation contribute significantly to Australia’s social, economic and environmental wellbeing. The Academy is empowered in its mission by some 800 Fellows drawn from industry, academia, research institutes and government, who represent the brightest and the best in technological sciences and engineering in Australia. The Academy provides robust, independent and trusted evidence-based advice on technological issues of national importance. ATSE fosters national and international collaboration and encourages technology transfer for economic, social and environmental benefit. The Academy also works closely with relevant organisations in Australia and international academies of engineering and technological sciences. To find out more about ATSE activities visit [www.atse.org.au](http://www.atse.org.au).

The Academy’s national Secretariat is located in the St Kilda Road district of Melbourne. The Academy functions operationally through the Secretariat and State and Territory Divisions.

ATSE has eight Topic Forums to provide strategic focus and profile for the Academy. These Forums are aligned with ATSE’s National Technology Challenges, namely Energy, Water, Education, Health Technology, Agriculture, Mineral Resources, Infrastructure and Industry & Innovation. Each Forum has a Committee comprising Fellows of the Academy.

Benefits

The internship program is intended to provide insight and experience for researchers into the science policy environment in Australia. It will be particularly relevant for researchers interested in moving to a policy or other non-research based career.

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to contribute to a variety of projects, including:

- Development of policy position and action statements across ATSE’s National Technology Challenges
- Preparation of major reports for government and other stakeholders on science and technology issues (including the Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA) program *Securing Australia’s Future*)
- Planning and organisation of ATSE national events and conferences

Interns will be supervised and mentored by the Policy & Projects team in the ATSE Secretariat, and will collaborate closely with ATSE Fellows in a variety of areas. Each intern will have a structured program prepared to introduce them to the range of ATSE’s policy work and ensure exposure to a variety of topics and stakeholders.
Interns will receive an honorarium of $7000 for the three month placement (or equivalent part time placement). It is intended that this honorarium would allow for successful applicants to defer their research for the period of the internship.

Eligibility

Successful candidates for the internship will:

- be a current or recent research graduate student from an Australian publicly-funded research organisation (e.g. universities, medical research institutes, CSIRO) in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM)
- have an interest in science and technology policy
- be located in Melbourne, or able to relocate, for the duration of the internship (applicants from interstate may be eligible for a travel grant to assist with travel to/from Melbourne at the start/finish of the internship)
- have permission from their supervisor to participate in the program

Provisions

Interns will be based at ATSE for three months full time, or part time for up to six months, although this can be tailored to individual applicants.

The opportunity for some interstate travel may be possible as part of the program (out of pocket costs will be reimbursed).

The internships are planned to commence in August/September 2015.

Applications

Interested individuals should send a current CV, letter of support from their supervisor, and a covering letter detailing their interest in the program to:

Dr Matt Wenham  
Executive Manager, Policy & Projects  
matt.wenham@atse.org.au

Selected applicants may be asked to participate in an interview, either in person or via Skype.

Applications should be submitted by Monday 3 August 2015.

Questions about the program can be addressed to Dr Matt Wenham at matt.wenham@atse.org.au or on (03) 9864 0926.