

UOW Careers Service

Promoting Cultural Interactions



- Fostering an international perspective, embracing cultural diversity and developing employability skills in an Australian context through workplace learning programs:
- Careers Service Internship Program – working side by side with Careers Service staff
- Univariate Illawarra – team projects solving workplace issues for local / national employers
- Graduate Attributes Challenge – faculty teams interviewing employers
- HEWSO – multidiscipline teams competing nationally to solve workplace issues for Australian employers
- SIFE – Students in Free Enterprise – an entrepreneurial program with teams creating community focussed businesses



“Putting Knowledge to Work”

Rationale:

- In response to the aspirations of International students to gain exposure to Australian workplaces, and the difficulty in securing industry placements for large numbers of students, the Careers Service has initiated and stages a suite of workplace learning programs. International students are targeted to become involved in these team based projects
- HEWSO and Univariate teams are planned with a balance of culture and ethnicity
- Both the Careers Service Internship program and the Graduate Attributes Challenge attract and encourage a major proportion of international students to be involved

Outcomes:

- Strong cross cultural awareness, understanding and collaboration
- Developing friendships and ongoing networks
- Stepping stones to formal work options
- Increased understanding for the employer community of the merits of a culturally diverse workforce