

Student Placement & Sponsored Places- Learning Labs

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HOW ARE STUDENTS PLACED IN WORKSHOPS?

- The Learning Labs program regularly receives more applications than places available.
- All applications are accompanied by qualifying information that indicated to us that the students are capable of working at a stage above their peer group. This means that all students who apply to the program are qualified to attend.
- We do NOT compare qualifications or base our placements on merit alone. To be fair to everyone, we base our placements on the following priorities:
 - 1st priority: Students who were unable to be placed in the previous program- applications must be in by the due date or this is void
 - 2nd priority: Equity-based students (financial and/or social disadvantage, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, regional or remote students)
 - 3rd priority: Application submission by order of date
 - 4th priority: Even ratio of student genders in workshops where possible
 - Also taken in to consideration is the explanation for why students want to come to the workshop which is supplied in the application process
- While we try to place everyone in their first choice, students may be placed in ANY workshop they have nominated, so please choose carefully, and only indicate the workshops the student is willing and interested in attending.
- Remember, if your child does miss out on placement, this would NOT be based on their ability, but on the volume of students applying to the same workshops.
- Students who miss out will get priority placement for the next Learning Labs program.

SPONSORED PLACES

Learning Labs can offer sponsored positions to have the application fee waived if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. You identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
2. You are experiencing social disadvantage
3. You are experiencing financial disadvantage

If you would like to apply for a full fee sponsorship, please indicate this on your application form. We require a brief note to explain your situation. This can be uploaded on the application form. The above applies to students from all schools, including Outreach & Pathways partnered schools.

Sponsorship applicants that are unsuccessful will still be offered a fee-paying placement in a workshop as an option.

Please note: sponsorship covers only the cost of the program. Participants are responsible for their own travel and lunch costs.

COMMUNITY & SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

- Students have been successful in obtaining sponsorship from their schools, local services clubs or newspapers in the past. Please inform us if you are seeking external sponsorship so that a workshop place can be held for you.
- If we can assist you in any way with obtaining external sponsorship, please contact the Learning Labs team at learning-labs@uow.edu.au or on (02) 4221 5557.