

Application for Queensland Parliament Research Internship

Name: Zac Williams

University: The University of Queensland

Course: Bachelor of International Studies

GPA: 5.438

I am a final year student: ☒ Y ☐ N

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Student location:

Eg. If you live on the Gold Coast we would try to match you with a Gold Coast MP if possible.

Alternating between the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane

Please state if you are unable to work with a Member of Parliament from any particular political party? *Please provide details so we can place you accordingly.*

N/A

Topics of interest: *State and local issues only*

1. Social Issues and Human Rights
2. Environmental Policy
3. Education and Training
4. Business and Industry

☒ *I understand that if my chosen topics are not available, I may not be selected for the program.*

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Why are you applying to undertake a research internship at Queensland Parliament:

The opportunity to be a contributing force for effectual positive change is my primary career objective, it's the reason I chose to enroll in the Bachelor of International Studies program at the University of Queensland, majoring in international relations and French. The research internship at the at Queensland Parliament is an opportunity to begin this career, it's an opportunity to apply all the political theory learnt at university to a practical environment. The chance to collaborate on a project of particular interest to the community is an opportunity that I can't ignore, it's everything that I desire in my work, it's what I'm passionate about and you can rest assured that this passion will reflect in the quality of the work.

I possess the necessary knowledge and skillsets required to be successful in this internship, I am more than capable of monitoring and analyzing political developments and issues. Not only have I done extensive research during my degree, I have also been fortunate enough to work for multiple not-for-profit organisations. While working for the Organisation for World Peace (OWP) my responsibilities included writing and editing a weekly article on a variety of current issues in global politics published on their website, though I would often focus on events in the Asia-Pacific. I was also required to be able to collect information and data pertaining to international crises, conduct research on relevant data regarding crises (IDPS, civilian casualties, etc...), conduct research on the role of international institution, governments, and militia groups who were involved in a given conflict to be included in the report and submit finished reports to the Chair of OWP for publishing on the organization's website.

I'm confident that I can prosper in this program, it is a culmination of my passions and professional experience. Additionally, it's an opportunity to grow, I can enhance my research and analytical capabilities, as well as acquire practical knowledge in a field that I want to pursue.

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Commitment

- ☐ I will read and respond, where necessary, to correspondence emailed to me by the program coordinator.
- ☐ I will attend all briefings and workshops in order to complete the course.
- ☐ I will complete a paper on parliamentary procedures and a research paper on a topic negotiated with my parliamentary supervisor and my academic supervisor.
- ☐ I will be proactive in communicating with my allocated MP.
I understand I will need to meet my MP, or their representative, at least four times during the semester and I will need to document this.
- ☐ I understand that I will not pass my course unless my research paper has been presented to my MP.

Signature of Applicant:

Zac Williams

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To be completed by University

GPA Verified:

Email address of academic supervisor:

Name of person verifying GPA:

Phone number of academic supervisor:

Name of academic supervisor:

Signature:

Office Use Only

Date received:

Topics match MP topics:

GPA:

University approved:

MP match: