Welcome

Welcome to the April issue of Monash University’s Careers Update.
We wish you a happy term break and look forward to working with you in Term 2.

Kind regards,
The Onshore Student Recruitment Team

Important dates for 2014

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Monash Information Evenings

This series of regional information evenings are for students and parents who are interested in Monash.

Each evening will cover:
- the VTAC application and selection process
- course offerings
- scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation

Please diarise the following dates for your area:
- Albury: Wednesday, 21 May
- Warragul: Thursday, 22 May
- Geelong: Thursday, 14 August
- Leongatha: Monday, 25 August
- Peninsula: Wednesday, 27 August
- Bairnsdale: Tuesday, 2 September
- Truganina: Tuesday, 9 September

(This session will include a presentation on the Extension Studies program)

All sessions will commence at 6.30pm and conclude at 8pm.

More information and a registration page will be circulated in the next careers update.

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Monash Residential Services

Monash Residential Services (MRS) offers Monash students independent living options where the focus is on supporting residents during their stay. Students will find living on campus with MRS is an excellent stepping stone into tertiary study and general university life.

On campus living provides residents with a large range of events, activities and academic programs that are available exclusively to those living at MRS. These can range from large-scale residential balls to carnivals, establishing study groups to academic dinners, or simply cooking classes within the residential hall. The possibilities are endless and MRS are constantly looking to add to what they already do.

Students can see a number of events via the website, or read the quarterly newsletter, “The 24.7”, to see just what has been happening. mrs.monash.edu/oncampus/24-7.html

MRS encourage students to view the website and see for themselves how exciting living on campus can be.

Applications for 2015 open in August this year and will be available online at mrs.monash.edu

Upcoming events

At Monash Seminar Series

The At Monash Seminar Series provides an opportunity for students, parents and secondary school teachers to gain an insight into courses and careers in a broad range of fields across the faculties and campuses of Monash University. Each Seminar is unique to the Faculty or discipline but all will include an overview of the area, current student and graduate perspectives and ample time to pick up course information and ask individual questions of the speakers and faculty representatives.

Seminar times for April and May

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All seminars commence at 6.30pm and finish at 8pm.

To check out other seminars and to register, visit monash.edu/seminars
**Business and Economics**

**What is actuarial studies?**

Actuarial careers landed the top spot in a 2013 study of the best jobs to have by the Wall Street Journal’s job site CareerCast.com, yet many people haven’t heard of actuarial studies. So what is it? And what does an actuary actually do?

Actuaries are responsible for identifying, analysing and assessing risk. They determine the likelihood of risk to ensure an organisation’s safeguards and they advise on the potential consequences of risk. This is done by creating mathematical models using past data and the actuary’s own knowledge and experience. These models are used to generate future scenarios in order to determine how likely and how severe future risks may be. Actuaries traditionally work in consulting, banking, superannuation, stockbroking, insurance and investment and can also find work in consumer behaviour analysis (i.e. loyalty card schemes) and developing areas like environmental studies, climate change, and genetics.

At Monash, you can study actuarial studies as part of the Bachelor of Commerce or the Bachelor of Economics.

Units offered in the actuarial studies major include:
- Data modelling and computing
- Actuarial statistics
- Probability and statistical inference for economics and business
- Financial institutions and markets
- Financial econometrics
- Contingencies in insurance and pensions

For more information about studying actuarial studies and career outcomes, visit: buseco.monash.edu/undergraduate/majors/actuarial-studies.html

Our courses are accredited by the Actuarial Institute of Australia, which is the professional body for actuaries in Australia actuaries.asn.au/default.aspx

**Information Technology**

**IT Challenge Competition**

The IT Challenge is a multiple category competition for secondary students, culminating in a final IT Challenge awards showcase at our CGBC in July 2014. All secondary schools in Australia are eligible to enter.

Categories include – Programming, Database, Applications, Games Development, Webx Design, Film, 3D, Flash Animation, Digital Imaging, Open IT.

Entries close: Friday, 13 June.

For more information, visit: cgbc.infotech.monash.edu and select the IT Challenge link.

2013 IT Challenge winner
Category: Digital Imaging (1st place)
Student: Rianna Stahl – Mt Eliza Secondary

**Education**

**Monash launches new Education degree in 2015**

*A teaching degree from Monash will prepare aspiring educators to be tomorrow’s leaders.*

The newly developed, innovative Bachelor of Education (Honours) is a four-year specialist course, which prepares students for a career as an educator in the early childhood sector, in primary or secondary schools or a combination of these.

The honours component of the degree is embedded into the four-year course so that – in an Australian first – graduates will have honours qualification. This means that they are ready to take a leading role in their chosen educational setting and teaching field.

It also means they can choose to study for a fifth year – either immediately or at some time in the future – and will qualify for an advanced master’s degree, putting them ahead of the game.

At Monash, students will learn how to work with children and young people with varied needs to develop their creative, intellectual, personal, physical and social capabilities and how to foster learning in diverse ways.

The eight areas of specialisation reflect the age ranges of the students with whom they wish to work. They are:
- Early Years Education
- Early Years and Primary Education
- Primary Education (single degree or double degree options with Arts, Science, Visual Arts)
- Primary and Secondary Education
- Primary and Secondary Special Education
- Primary and Secondary Health and Physical Education
- Secondary Health and Physical Education
- Secondary education (double degree only with Arts, Science, Commerce, Music, Visual Arts)

Throughout their degree, students build their knowledge of teaching and learning through practical experiences in many settings – including unique opportunities in locations such as the Cook Islands, Malaysia, Italy and South Africa.

Education at Monash University has been ranked sixth in the world in the latest QS World University Rankings by Subject 2014. The recently released QS rankings places the Education discipline at Monash amongst the very best in the world.

For further details, visit monash.edu/education or contact Seshna Maharaj, Manager, Marketing and Communications on seshna.maharaj@monash.edu
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Bachelor of Pharmacy course update
As of 2015, the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree will be re-titled Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) – course code 3480 and the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Scholars) will be re-titled to Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) (Scholars) – course code 3481.

All students who are considering the Bachelor of Pharmacy in 2015 should be aware that the Supplementary Information form will no longer be required when applying through VTAC.

And finally, the Bachelor of Pharmacy/Commerce double degree has been discontinued.

For more information, please contact Tom Day, Student Recruitment Officer on 03 9903 9594 or email tom.day@monash.edu

Onshore staff changes
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