

# Internship Program

## Factsheet

# Work Experience and Practical Legal Training (PLT) Internships at Fisher Dore Lawyers

Are you a current law student looking for work experience or a placement for your Practical Legal Training (PLT)?

We offer law students practical, on-the-job training, while completing their studies. Our internships offer real-life experience in a busy law firm. Interning is a great way for us to get to know each other and for students to gain some real-world experience.

Interested students should complete an application form; short-listed candidates will then progress to an interview. Due to the sensitive nature of our work, applicants must be 18 years or older.



# Internship Q&A

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## Who can apply?

Anyone who has commenced their tertiary legal studies (LLB, JD or PLT) may apply. Unfortunately, we do not accept high school work experience placements due to the sensitive nature of our work. We currently only offer internships at our Brisbane office.

## Do I get paid?

All our internships are voluntary, so unfortunately you do not get paid.

## What is the length of the internship?

### Work Experience

Work experience during the semester generally runs for a period of four weeks, with interns attending the office a minimum of two full days per week. During university breaks, the preference is for full time (where possible), extending to a maximum of three weeks. Students who perform exceptionally well may be offered further dates beyond their initial time-frame, depending on the capacity and needs of the team.

### Practical Legal Training

We also accept students completing placement during their Practical Legal Training; placement length is dependent on individual circumstances. In addition to completing the application form, a one-week trial period may be required before continuation is determined.

## How long is the wait?

We offer three intakes: April–July, August–November and December–March. Availability can vary, but if you are accepted, it is likely you will be able to commence within a few weeks of receiving your offer.

## What will I do?

The role of interns is to assist our lawyers and legal administrative staff with anything they need completed. The workload is therefore extremely broad and general and may include working across our different practice areas including crime, compensation and personal injury law and migration.

Tasks may include:

- answering phones
- photocopying
- scanning
- legal research
- drafting emails
- reviewing case law
- drafting briefs
- drafting court documents
- attending settlements, and
- taking notes during court and conferences.

As your skills increase, and depending on the needs of the team, you may be asked to take on additional responsibilities.

We are also dedicated to keeping our website and social media pages up to date and require our interns to assist with writing articles and social media posts.

## What will I be asked in the interview?

Interviews with us are not about impressing us with your experience and outstanding grades. While these are great assets, we prioritise placing people who fit well into our firm's culture, who are enthusiastic and driven, and who have strong interpersonal skills.

## Is there any training before I start?

There are no training prerequisites for an internship at our firm. Completion of relevant subjects that relate to our areas of practice will give you a head start, but are not required. There is nothing students need to do or prepare before they commence with us – you will learn on the job!

## How do I apply?

To apply, simply fill out the application form, sign it and email to Fisher Dore with your cover letter and resume.

Please address your covering letter to:

Sharon Johnston, Office Manager

Complete applications should be sent to:

sharon@fisherdore.com.au

Use the subject:

INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

## What happens after I submit my application?

Once you have filled out the application form, we will be in touch. Good luck!

## Who do I contact for more information?

The details provided in this Q&A should answer all of your questions. If you proceed to an interview, you will have the opportunity to ask specific questions including timeframes and the type of work you can expect to complete.

If you need further support before submitting an application, please email Sharon Johnston at sharon@fisherdore.com.au.



# Apply now

1. Download the [Internship Application Form](#).
2. Complete the Internship Application Form, sign it and return to Fisher Dore via email. Please ensure you amend the file name prior to sending to include your first and last names (e.g. Joanne Bloggs Internship Application Form.pdf).
3. Attach your cover letter, addressed to Sharon Johnston, Office Manager.
4. Attach your résumé.
5. Include any supporting materials or documents as required.

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## Email your documents to:

[sharon@fisherdore.com.au](mailto:sharon@fisherdore.com.au)

with the subject line:

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