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Australian Association of Graduate Employers announces 2017 Top Intern Programs List

The **Australian Association of Graduate Employers (AAGE)** is pleased to announce the publication of the 2017 Top Intern Programs list. Now its fifth year, the Top Intern Program rankings are the definitive guide to the best places for students to gain work experience whilst studying at University.

Congratulations to all the organisations that have been included in this year's rankings.

The Top 40 employers listed are the organisations that provide the **most positive experience** for interns completing work experience **based on the opinions of interns themselves**. The rankings are determined entirely from survey feedback gathered from over 880 interns who have participated in a work placement with one of 69 organisations. The AAGE administers the survey which was conducted between February and March 2017. The survey participants are all current university students that completed a work experience placement or internship in the previous 12 months.

The survey is completed anonymously and students are asked to rate their employer on around 15 different categories including:

- Induction and training
- Content of work
- Ability to work on different projects or in different areas of the organisation
- Quality of supervision provided by manager
- Amount of responsibility
- Access to senior management
- Feedback on performance
- Social life
- Organisation's culture and values

This analysis of responses from interns in relation to a large number of different categories provides a comprehensive measurement of each employer's performance across a broad range of criteria.

All the individual responses from interns at a particular employer are combined and used to determine an overall average rating for that organisation. All of these overall average ratings are then compared and ranked to produce a list of the Top Intern Programs - the 40 employers with the highest overall average rating are shown at www.topinternprograms.com.au

The survey is conducted by the Australian Association of Graduate Employers (AAGE), the peak industry body for the graduate recruitment and development market.

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