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Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) /
Master of Engineering

2027 24-week Industry Placement

Students with advanced skills and capability are looking to deepen their specialist knowledge and experience.

Here's how you can support them.

The University of Queensland (UQ) has responded to the evolving landscape of engineering by pioneering Australia's first five-year integrated Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Master of Engineering (BE (Hons)/ME) program. The program provides advanced specialisation opportunities and prepares students to be adaptable and competitive on a global stage.

A cornerstone of the BE (Hons)/ME program is a **24-week, full-time placement**, where students immerse themselves in industry or research environments. By hosting a UQ engineering student, your organisation benefits from fresh perspectives and up-to-date knowledge. These high-achieving students apply advanced skills and innovative thinking to real-world challenges, supporting meaningful outcomes for your organisation.

Partnering with UQ also allows you to help shape the next generation of engineers, ensuring graduates are well prepared for a rapidly changing world.

"The biggest highlight of my placement at Flight Centre was being able to take the project from a purely development environment and migrating it to a production environment where data processing is automated, and anyone can access the final outcomes of the project. Doing this on cloud infrastructure was something I was looking forward to the most, so I am glad to have gone through that process and learned those skills hands-on before graduating."

Damien Rajub | Flight Centre

What is the BE (Hons)/ME 24-week industry placement?

Students who meet the eligibility requirements for the five-year BE (Hons)/ME program can undertake a full-time placement in industry, or complete a research project with a university or research institution, either in Australia or overseas.

Students complete 24 weeks with the host organisation, working the equivalent of 9:00am–5:00pm, five (5) days per week for the duration of the placement.

The placement consists of a major investigation, research project or design task proposed by the host organisation and approved by the course coordinator. Students produce a project scoping report, progress report and final project report, and deliver an oral presentation.

After returning to UQ, students complete their final year of study and graduate with an integrated Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Master of Engineering.

This program is taught through the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology (EAIT).

How does the placement work?

The placement takes place during Semester 2 of fourth year, or Semester 1 of fifth year, depending on the student's engineering discipline.

As a BE (Hons)/ME placement partner, you are offered:

- Involvement in the student selection process
- A high-achieving engineering student placed full-time for 24 weeks
- Support to progress real and immediate challenges within your organisation
- The opportunity to identify emerging talent and strengthen your future workforce pipeline
- Ongoing collaboration with an industry placement representative
- A UQ academic supervisor supporting the student throughout the placement
- The opportunity to attend the student's final oral assessment day

What makes a suitable industry project?

A strong industry project has clear objectives, practical relevance and measurable outcomes. It should address a real-world challenge and include deliverables achievable by a master's-level student within the 24-week timeframe.

This placement is not work experience. Multiple students may be appointed to the same project; however, each student must complete independent research and produce their own assessment items.

All projects are reviewed by the course coordinator. If refinement is needed, the EAIT Employability team will work with you to clarify project scope and objectives.

Key dates

The BE (Hons)/ME placement program is offered in Semester 1 and Semester 2. Placements may be undertaken at the times outlined below.

Semester 1, 2027	Eligible engineering disciplines
AUGUST 2026 Projects submitted to UQ	Electrical Electrical and Biomedical Electrical and Computer Mechanical Mechanical and Aerospace Mechanical and Materials Robotic and Mechatronic Software
SEPTEMBER 2026 Students apply for industry projects (1 week) Student applications sent to industry partners Shortlisting of student applications	
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026 Interviews Offers of placement made to students Placement agreements sent	
JANUARY 2027 24-week industry placement commencement	
JUNE 2027 24-week industry placement completion	

Semester 2, 2027	Eligible engineering disciplines
FEBRUARY 2027 Projects submitted to UQ	Chemical Chemical and Biomedical Chemical and Bioprocess Chemical and Environmental Chemical and Materials Chemical and Metallurgical Civil Civil and Environmental Urban Water
MARCH 2027 Students apply for industry projects (1 week) Student applications sent to industry partners Shortlisting of student applications	
APRIL/MAY 2027 Interviews Offers of placement made to students Placement agreements sent	
JUNE 2027 24-week industry placement commencement	
DECEMBER 2027 24-week industry placement completion	

Insurances, Intellectual Property & Confidentiality Agreements

UQ provides accidental injury, public liability and travel insurance to enrolled students undertaking compulsory placement courses within a UQ program. For students directly employed by the host organisation, coverage is provided under the host organisation's employee insurance.

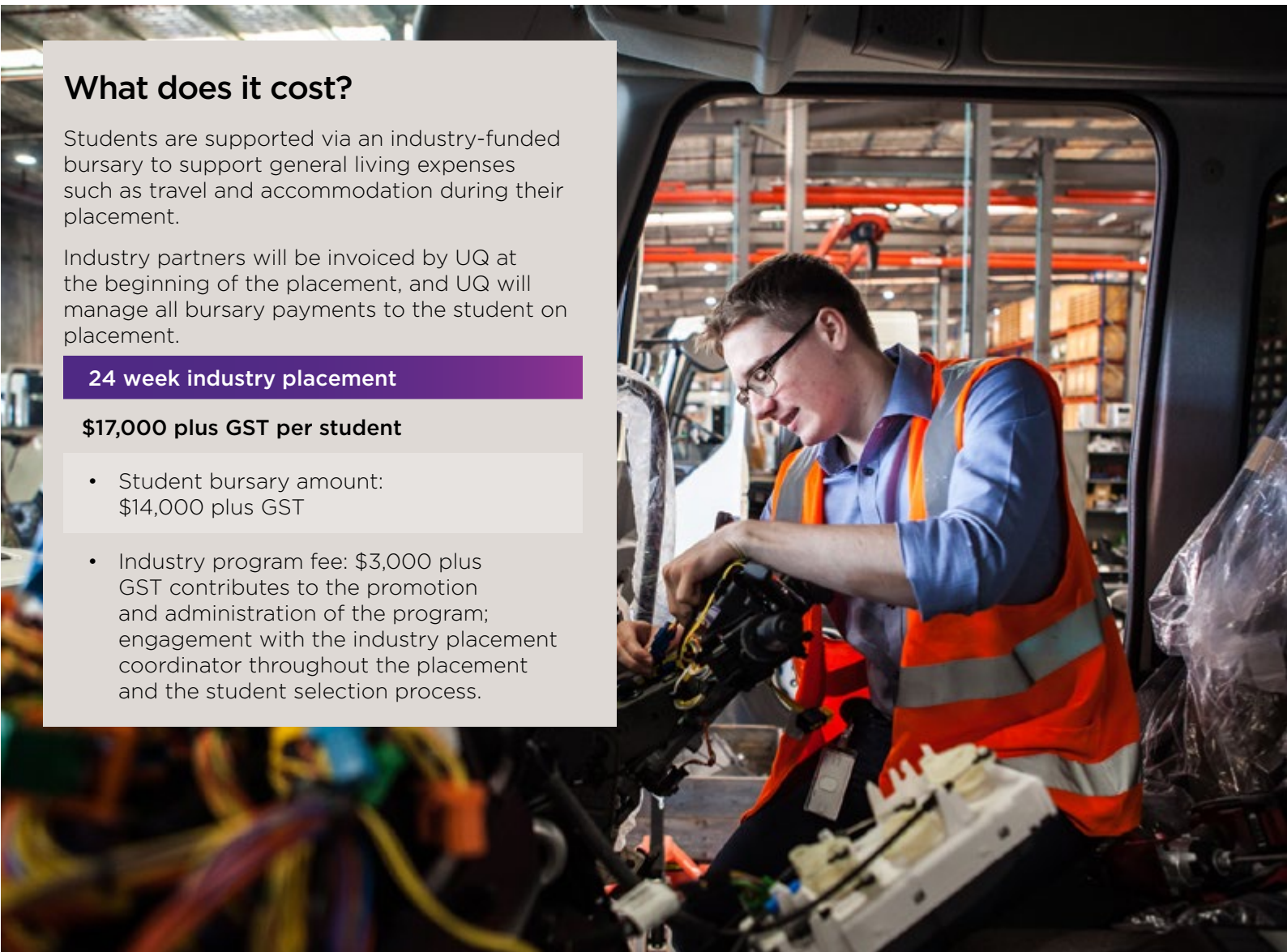
EAIT Employability works across a wide range of industries and recognises that students may be placed on confidential or sensitive projects. Host organisations may request the student's final thesis to be assessed confidentially and/or embargoed. This is declared at the time of project submission.

Unless otherwise agreed between the host organisation and the student, any intellectual property created by the student during the project is owned by the student, including copyright in the student's thesis. Where a transfer of intellectual property is required, EAIT Employability can provide a draft contract for your use.

Industry supervisor responsibilities

- Provide day-to-day supervision in a safe, supportive environmentConfirm dress standards (if applicable)
- Deliver an Occupational Health, Safety and Wellness induction
- Outline policies and procedures, including Code of Conduct and Standard Operating Procedures
- Confirm confidentiality requirements (if applicable)
- Confirm working hours and/or roster arrangements
- Provide feedback throughout the placement and remain available to support the student
- Support project scoping with the UQ academic supervisor and student
- Liaise with the UQ course coordinator and UQ academic supervisor as required
- Complete interim and final workplace performance appraisals
- Contact EAIT Employability if there are repeated absences, welfare concerns, or behavioural issues

UQ's Supporting Students' Fitness to Study Policy supports placement conduct and addresses behaviour that does not align with expected standards in a host organisation environment. More information can be found here.



What does it cost?

Students are supported via an industry-funded bursary to support general living expenses such as travel and accommodation during their placement.

Industry partners will be invoiced by UQ at the beginning of the placement, and UQ will manage all bursary payments to the student on placement.

24 week industry placement

$17,000 plus GST per student

- Student bursary amount: $14,000 plus GST
- Industry program fee: $3,000 plus GST contributes to the promotion and administration of the program; engagement with the industry placement coordinator throughout the placement and the student selection process.

What information will I need to submit a project?

Providing detailed project information helps students assess their suitability and understand how their strengths align with your needs.

Each project submission requires:

Organisation Information:

- ❑ Organisation Name
- ❑ Organisation ABN
- ❑ Contact name, phone number and email (including HR/supervisor details)
- ❑ Organisation address for notices
- ❑ Organisational background (max. 100 words)
- ❑ Preferred discipline
- ❑ Immunisation requirements

Project Information:

- ❑ Project title
- ❑ Project location/address
- ❑ Project motivation/business driver
- ❑ Project aim
- ❑ Project scope and methodology
- ❑ Required deliverables
- ❑ Key stakeholders
- ❑ Additional requirements (for example, Australian citizenship, health considerations, travel support)
- ❑ Funding arrangement (industry-funded bursary or other)
- ❑ Confidentiality and/or intellectual property requirements

Can I submit a project that is interstate/overseas?

Yes. Some students are open to relocation for six months. If your project is interstate or overseas, please indicate whether relocation, travel and/or accommodation support is available, or whether this will be at the student's cost.

How do I submit a project?

During the submission process, you will liaise with the EAIT Employability Industry Relationship Coordinator to ensure your project meets UQ requirements. The team can also guide you on intellectual property and confidentiality considerations.

Find a range of sample projects here.

Applications for Semester 1, 2027 close on **Thursday 20 August 2026.**

Click here to submit an industry project for Semester 1, 2027

Click here to register your interest for Semester 2, 2027

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