

Payment Terms for the Psychology 5+1 Internship Program Support Agreement

The following information has been assembled to assist provisional psychologist wanting to undertake an internship as part of their 5+1 psychology training pathway.

This resource is designed to clarify the Flinders University 5 + 1 Internship Funding Scheme. It aims to ensure that provisional psychologists understand matters related to the funding, securing an internship, and other frequently asked questions.

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What is this internship grant scheme?

This program provides funding to organisations in South Australia and the Northern Territory to support the costs of hosting Master of Professional Psychology (5+1) interns. It aims to strengthen the psychology workforce, especially in regional and remote areas, by subsidising onboarding, supervision, and, where relevant, relocation expenses.

Where can I do an internship through this scheme?

Internships supported through this scheme must be located within South Australia or the Northern Territory.

How do I find an Internship?

Provisional Psychologists are responsible for finding their own internships as the +1 internship year is not governed by a university. Internships are advertised on many of the job platforms, although you should also speak with providers and organisation directly. Our team may, at times, community opportunities with interns as they arise.

Can I contact potential internship providers directly?

Yes. You are encouraged to reach out directly to providers to discuss possible internships. It is your responsibility to secure your own internship. However, in the event that our team becomes aware of an internship opportunity, we will seek to share this with prospective interns.

Is funding guaranteed if I secure an internship?

No. Funding is not guaranteed. Even if you secure a placement, your provider must submit an Internship Request and receive written approval before any funding is allocated.

Is the funding tied to me as the intern?

No. Funding is awarded to the organisation, not to the intern. Funding is designed to support the employing organisation with supervision and onboarding costs related to your internship. It does not follow the intern automatically if they change providers.

Can I do my internship across more than one provider?

Yes, as long as all providers are part of the scheme and included on a single Internship Request. One provider (the primary provider) must take the lead role in managing the administration and funding.

If I change providers during the year, does the funding move with me?

No. If you change providers during your internship, the original provider retains any funding already received. The new provider can submit a new application for funding, although this is not guaranteed to be approved.

If I relocate for a regional internship, what support is available?

If you move to a regional or remote area, your provider can apply for a \$5,000 Relocation Incentive. The new provider must submit an application to access this support, and the relocation incentive is paid directly to the intern to assist them with relocation costs.

What does the internship year involve?

The internship must meet all PsyBA requirements, including 1,360 hours of psychological practice (500 direct client hours), 80+ hours of supervision (with at least 50 hours individual), 60 hours of professional development, four case studies, and passing the National Psychology Exam. More information can be found at:

<https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration/Provisional/5-1-Internship-Program.aspx>

What if I run into problems during my internship?

The internship is governed by PsyBA and AHPRA, not Flinders University. You should raise concerns with your Principal Supervisor, seek external supervision or peer support, and consider your obligations under PsyBA's notification requirements if serious concerns arise.

Can providers charge me extra for supervision?

No. Providers who receive funding through this scheme must not charge interns for supervision or administrative fees.

Does Flinders University oversee or manage my internship?

No. Flinders University administers the funding only. It does not supervise, monitor, or employ interns. Your internship is a professional arrangement between yourself and your provider, with the internship plan approved and governed by the PsyBA.

Who should my provider contact about the internship funding scheme?

Providers should contact the MPP Internship team directly. Our team will liaise with the provider, explain the details around the funding rules, and assist them with completing the relevant forms. All emails from providers should be sent to:

MPPInternship@flinders.edu.au

My provider keeps asking me questions. What do I tell them?

Because the funding is not tied to interns, it is the responsibility of the provider to navigate the application process. Should they have any questions about the scheme, they should contact the MPP Internship team directly: MPPInternship@flinders.edu.au

How can my provider apply for the internship funding scheme?

The first step for providers to access this funding is for them to complete the application form available at: <https://form.jotform.com/242898586909077>

Other queries?

If you have any questions not answered by the FAQ series, please contact us at:
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Getting involved is easy!

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