



DOES MY ORGANISATION OFFER A GEOSPATIAL INTERNSHIP?

Internships offer students a period of practical experience in the industry relating to their field of study. This experience is valuable to students as a means of allowing them to experience how their studies are applied in the “real world”, and as work experience that can be highly attractive to potential employers on a candidate’s CV.

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Several New Zealand organisations already offer geospatial internships, typically over the summer tertiary study break, that are a valuable pathway to fulltime employment. Yes, proper supervision and an appropriate level of remuneration are required but you get a young energetic worker, keen to learn and with plenty of initiative!

“Internships are a great way for us to progress useful work that we otherwise may not have the resources to do. We’ve found the interns’ fresh perspectives and the skills they bring are of real value to LINZ.”

**- Ian Harrison
LINZ Senior Spatial Analyst**

“We have been running an internship program at Eagle Technology for 7 years and I can honestly say that it is one of the most valuable and exciting parts of our work year. Every year we value the energy, imagination and critical thinking of our interns as well as the opportunity to invest in the next generation of geospatial professionals. This year we have chosen to expand our intern programme because we know that it is a key factor in our success as a team.”

**- Scott Campbell
Head of GIS Technology at Eagle Technology and SIBA NZ Chairman**

“Internships are a proactive way to support the emergence of fresh new capability into the industry. By offering internships, your organization can help graduates develop their networks and professional skills, providing a positive start to their geospatial careers.”

**- Dr. Kat Salm
NZIS Spatial Stream representative on the Geospatial Capability Committee and Principal Consultant, e-Spatial Ltd**



If your organisation might offer one or more geospatial internships, there are some sample Job Description templates available at http://bit.ly/geospatial_internships. These come from private, central and local government organisations across NZ, for example Interpret Geospatial Solutions, Eagle Technology, Department of Conservation, and Environment Canterbury. This page also contains contact details of some industry people who have been involved in the hiring and managing of geospatial interns. You can contact them to get first-hand feedback about offering a geospatial internship.