

ACCESSING CREDIT, GRANTS AND FUNDING

FOR A PROJECT EVEREST INTERNSHIP



Every semester, universities battle to cater to the growing industry demand for career-ready graduates. As a result, more and more career-ready and work-integrated learning components, professional practice placements, and interdisciplinary subjects are more accessible than ever.

As a WSU student, there are a number of credit, grant and funding opportunities available to you if you undertake a project with Project Everest Ventures.

FUNDING AND GRANTS AVAILABLE

Scholarships and travel grants up to \$500 are available for WSU students participating in an approved overseas activity such as Project Everest Ventures Internship.

OS-HELP Loans

A deferred debt Australian Government loan for Commonwealth supported undergraduate and postgraduate Australian citizens up to \$7,700. Academic recognition is required; have completed 80 units of study; and have 10 units remaining on return.

CREDIT AVAILABLE

Many degrees at Western Sydney University have dedicated core units that can be utilised for work experience, or you may wish to use an elective - see the Western Sydney University course and unit Handbook

To get permission to undertake the Project Everest internship as a 'Short Program' equivalent, you may need to apply for academic approval. Note: this step may not be relevant for some students - consult with your School.

The following WSU courses already recognise a Project Everest Internship as an approved subject equivalent or component. Other course credit may be sought on a case-by-case basis with your subject convenor.

SUBJECT NAME	FACULTY	DETAILS
300579 Professional Experience	School of Computing, Engineering & Maths	Equivalent to 10 credit points
NA	Health Science	Placement hours negotiated on a case-by-case basis
200920 Enterprise Internship	Business	Equivalent to 10 credit points

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

To receive recognition for your overseas experience, it is important that you seek advice from your Academic Course Advisor and apply for academic approval at least 3 months prior to commencement.

All credit, grants and funding is accessed through your university, **not** through Project Everest Ventures. You will be required to show proof of acceptance into a Project Everest Internship prior to receiving any subsidies or credit recognition.

Confirmation of Overseas Travel (COT)

As soon as you have **received an acceptance letter from Project Everest Ventures**, you are required to complete the Western Sydney University Confirmation of Overseas Travel (COT) form. The COT is an important multi-purpose form that:

- Enables you to be provided with an Official Confirmation Letter from Western Sydney University which will be sent to your email;
- Registers your travel with the Australian Government Smartraveller;
- Enables you to apply for a Student Mobility Travel Grant or International Exchange Scholarship (conditions apply).
- Cannot be processed unless you provide evidence of acceptance from your overseas provider. The COT is processed after the **15th of every month**.

Applying for Course Credit and Approval

1. Complete the [Overseas Academic Approval Form \(non-exchange\)](#) and provide supporting documentation about your course to your Academic Course Advisor (ACA) or Director of Academic Program (DAP)
2. Submit completed Academic Approval Form to Go Global and Study Abroad. Keep the agreement for future records.
3. On return from overseas, apply for [Advanced Standing](#) for recognition of your studies.

Applying for a Student Mobility Travel Grant

Once you are accepted with Project Everest Ventures, fill out Western Sydney University Confirmation of Overseas Travel (COT) form. Apply for the Student Mobility Travel Grant for a Short Program. After submitting your application for funding, you will be assessed and payment into your nominated bank account may take up to **6 weeks**.

NOTE: The University finance section closes down from mid December to mid January. If you apply for funding after the 15 November, your grant may not be processed until late January the following year.

Applying for OS-HELP

Submit a completed [OS-HELP Loan Application](#) (including an OS-HELP Debt Confirmation Form) to Student Central.

Applications must be lodged directly with [Student Central](#). The University requires 25 working days to process your OS-HELP loan. The an OS-HELP loan application can be received is no earlier than six months before to the official start date of the overseas study program. The latest an OS-HELP application loan can be received is six weeks prior to the official end date of the overseas study program.

NOTE: Applications submitted after the completion of an overseas program will not be approved.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

OS-HELP is available to eligible undergraduate or postgraduate students enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place who want to undertake some of their study overseas. OS-HELP can be used for a range of expenses such as airfares, accommodation and other travel or study expenses.

Students may receive one loan per six-month study period and can access a total of two OS-HELP loans over their lifetime. For more eligibility requirements, [click here](#).

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

For WSU student overseas guides and information:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/globalmobility/goglobal/home/info_for_uws_staff/student_steps

For more information on university partnerships with Project Everest Ventures, visit:

<https://www.projecteverest.ventures/training/credit-and-grants/>