Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of Monash University’s Careers Update for 2010, the Onshore Student Recruitment team are all looking forward to working with you again over the coming year.

I hope you took the opportunity to take a well-earned rest over the summer break, and that your former Year 12 students are pleased with their university offers. We have been delighted with the quality and quantity of interest in Monash courses this year, more detail about which you can read in this update.

There are a number of student profiles within this edition, which highlight how diverse the opportunities are at Monash, whether it be excelling at sport, undertaking training placements in South Africa or competing with fellow students in extra curricular activities, the Monash student experience offers a range of opportunities that will be of interest to you and your students.

We hope that you find the Careers Update a useful resource. If you have any suggestions for improvements, or have information you would like us to cover, please email your comments to: rachel.edwards@adm.monash.edu.au

Kind Regards,
The Onshore Student Recruitment Team

Information for students who have received an offer

Firstly, we would like to congratulate all those students who received a first or second round offer for a place at Monash in 2010. If you have students who are enquiring about their next steps, whether it be about the enrolment process or deferrals, please advise them to take note of the information in their offer letter and also utilise the Monash 2010 website www.monash.edu/monash2010

Orientation

Dates for Semester 1, 2010
Orientation for all new students at Monash is designed to help them settle into university and provide information to fully prepare them for the start of classes. As such we now view Orientation as the start of semester and highly recommend that all students attend, it will greatly assist them in making a successful transition to university studies. Each campus runs an Orientation program, and the majority of activities run during the week - Monday 22nd – Friday 26th February

This year, new students may access the eOrientation Planner” online prior to attending orientation, enabling them to personalize an itinerary based on enrolment type, degree and campus location.

More information: www.monash.edu/orientation/
Top VCE students choose Monash

More than 500 of Victoria's best Year 12 students were offered scholarships to study at Monash University in 2010. Students with a perfect ENTER 99.95 were offered a Monash Scholarship for Excellence which covers the cost of a Commonwealth Supported Place (between $4000 and $9000 a year), plus a $6000 allowance for each year of study. In addition, some students with an ENTER above 95 were offered faculty scholarships and scholarships for excellence and equity valued at $6000 per year of full-time study. Students received a text message on the morning their results were released advising them of their scholarship offer.

Monash University Vice-Chancellor Professor Ed Byrne hosted students at a ceremony on 14 December at the Langham hotel where each student was presented with a certificate. “These students have worked hard all year and it is a pleasure to celebrate their success with them and reward their achievements. Monash University offers an educational experience second to none, with a wide range of high-quality course offerings that are proving very popular with students”. Professor Byrne said. “By deciding to study at Monash University, students are choosing a professionally-orientated university degree that allows them to begin working towards their careers from day one. Monash offers the choices of double degrees and the flexibility to change courses should they need to.”

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Faculty of Business and Economics

Have your say on economic issues
Schools across Victoria are invited to participate in Viewpoint 2010 – The Monash Economics Debate. After a resounding launch in 2009, the event will again see schools from across Victoria come together to debate current local and global economic issues. Viewpoint provides an opportunity for students to hone public speaking skills and for schools to showcase their competencies. “Viewpoint will also provide the impetus to create longstanding partnerships between Monash University, secondary schools and the broader community”, said Professor Stephen King, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics.

The Department of Economics in the Faculty of Business and Economics, in conjunction with the Debaters Association of Victoria and supported by the Monash Association of Debaters, looks forward to hosting the competition again in 2010. Preliminary, quarter-

final and semi-final rounds will be held on Sunday 14 and Sunday 21 March, culminating in the Grand Final on Friday 16 April 2010.

More information
www.viewpoint.monash.edu
Contact Susan Chong on 03 9903 2958 / Susan.Chong@buseco.monash.edu.au

Meet the new marketing staff in Education

The Faculty of Education has recently welcomed two new members to its marketing and student liaison team.

To arrange a school visit or to obtain information on Education programs, please contact.
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Faculty of Education – Student Profile

Where can a degree in Education take you?
For Education student Peter Crowcroft, the opportunity to undertake training placements at schools in South Africa was not one to pass up.

“I jumped at the chance!” Peter said. “Here was a unique opportunity to explore and develop an understanding of education in a country so different to our own.”

Along with 10 other Bachelor of Education students from Monash, Peter spent three weeks in South Africa last year, gaining firsthand teaching experience in schools in and around Johannesburg.

The schools that Peter spent time at varied significantly in their resources, giving him an insight into the extremes of wealth and poverty that characterise many aspects of life in South Africa. At the Zandspruit settlement school, there were 50 students in each class and pupils had to get by sharing limited desks and other resources.

“Personally, I was confronted by the obvious discrepancies between rich and poor,” Peter said. “After speaking with some of the very bright and motivated students [at this school] I was left with the feeling that they deserved a better opportunity to achieve their potential.

“The teachers were great, but in a class of 50 opportunities for learning are limited. The difference in educational opportunity was striking when compared with the small, private school where I did my rounds,” Peter said.

The students selected to take part in the trip were from a range of disciplines and were given financial assistance through the University’s Study Abroad program.

For Peter, the experience was a rewarding one which has helped him develop a greater awareness of the importance of education and the right of all children, regardless of socio-economic background, to a quality education.

“I will always look at the South Africa journey as the highlight of my time at university, not only as a highly productive learning experience, but one of the most amazing travel experiences of my life.”

Monash Sport’s Elite Athlete Program – Student Profile

Name: Steph Grant
Sport: Judo
Highest Level played at: Olympic Games
Career highlight so far: Australian Team Member, Beijing Olympic Games 2008, World Uni Games Australian Team Member, Gold at Australian University Games.
What are you studying: Arts/Law
Career aspirations (sport and work): London Olympics 2012. My career aspiration is to combine my love of sport with my interest in law.
Favourite food: Ice cream
Hero: Steve Hooker (Pole vaulter)

Young science minds study at Monash

Australia’s best and brightest young science minds spent their summer holidays studying at Monash University's Clayton campus as part of the Australian Science Olympiad program.

Seventy two students from Years 11 and 12 spent two weeks completing an entire first year university science course, which included lab work, lectures and exams in the student’s chosen speciality of biology, chemistry or physics.

They were selected from 3000 students who entered the national qualifying exams and represent the cream of students studying science in Australia.

Monash University Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) Professor Adam Shoemaker said Monash believed science education and research was a vital part of the future growth of the nation.

“The University supports enhancement studies for pre-tertiary students through contact with exemplary teachers and mentors in high-standard facilities,” Professor Shoemaker said.

“We believe the Australian Science Olympiad program is a tangible way of enhancing students’ interests in developments in science, opening them up to the future career opportunities they can provide.

The students will work in Monash science laboratories and visit the Australian Synchrotron.

From this demanding course 13 students will be selected to form teams in physics, chemistry and biology and will go on to represent Australia at the 2010 International Science Olympiads.

Australian Science Olympiad is a program run by Australian Science Innovations, a national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting science and enhancing the capability of Australia’s science students.

More information
Shaunnagh O'Loughlin, Media and Communications on 03 9903 4843
Monash forum examines transition to university life

Monash University has hosted a two-day conference to provide a platform for academic and professional staff to address the challenges facing students as they adjust to university life.

More than 350 educators from Victorian secondary schools and universities attended the 2009 Monash Transition Retention and Progression Forum, held on 9 and 10 December, to discuss the Federal Government’s Bradley Review of Australian Higher Education, which calls for universities to focus on a student-centred, demand-driven approach to higher education.

The forum included a keynote speech from Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Julia Gillard and the inaugural Chair in Higher Education Research at Deakin University, Professor Marcia Devlin.

Monash University Vice-Chancellor Professor Ed Byrne said the Federal Government’s new education targets meant universities would need to put strategies in place to encourage student enrolment from under-represented groups as well as mechanisms to support their transition to university life.

“As a high-quality research-intensive institution with more than 56,000 students and campuses in regional and metropolitan Melbourne we have a long track record in the provision of a wide range of transition programs to assist students to settle in and succeed,” Professor Byrne said.

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs) Professor Rob Willis said the forum built on the wealth of ideas generated at a roundtable discussion last year.

“This conference will be a fantastic opportunity for University staff and students, secondary school teachers and key stakeholders to discuss new strategies to encourage people to undertake university study and also the issues faced during the transition from secondary study or work to university study,” Professor Willis said.

More information
Monash University Media Office: 03 9903 4840

The Hon Julia Gillard MP addressing the 2009 Monash Transition Retention and Progression Forum

Monash Motorsport celebrate their victory

Monash Motorsport claim 2009 Australasian FSAE Championship

Monash Motorsport won the 2009 Formula SAE Australasian Championships in mid-December 2009. After a few years ‘knocking on the door’ Monash finally claimed victory against national and international competition, and in challenging conditions.

Monash Motorsport are a team of over 50 Monash University students from a range of faculties, that builds its own car over a period of one year in order to compete in the “Formula SAE” challenge. The idea behind this challenge is for young students to gain experience of working with a dedicated team in a meaningful project with a common goal – to create the most competitive and well designed car possible.

In addition to the development of the car, the team had to select and prepare a group of drivers, all Monash students, to compete in the big event held in Werribee. The various driving tests include Skid Pan, Acceleration, Autocross and the Endurance Race. This is a challenging task, given the unique physical and mental demands of driving, the pressure of the event, and the fact that many students have only a few years of driving experience. In 2008, one of the challenges was fatigue, which led to increased errors during the endurance event.

In the lead up to this years event, Trevor Allen, Exercise Physiologist at Monash Sport offered to start a Driver Development Program to help Monash Motorsport drivers prepare for the event.

Trevor has worked with V8 Supercar drivers since 2005 and has conducted research projects for the FIA (the national Motorsport body) and AIMSS (Australian Institute for Motor Sport Safety) on driver physiological stress factors including heat, dehydration and fumes.

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