Welcome to the second edition for 2009 of the Faculty of Engineering Careers News. Careers and Employment would like to thank members of the Faculty of Engineering for their support in bringing Careers Education to Engineering Students. In 2008, we delivered customised careers workshops to 950 Engineering Students, reaching undergraduate and postgraduate students across the ten schools. Workshops covered such topics as ‘How to Find Industrial Training’, ‘Cover Letters & Resumes’ and ‘Marketing Yourself to Potential Employers’.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and find it useful in providing you with updated information and services.

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2009 UNSW Vacation/Internship Careers Expo
Thursday, 13 August
11am-2pm
The John Niland Scientia Building: Leighton Hall
Organisations targeting Engineering students include:
Northrop Consulting Engineers • Ernst & Young (Sydney) • KPMG • PricewaterhouseCoopers • The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE)

2009 UNSW Volunteer Work Expo
Thursday, 13 August
3pm-6pm
The John Niland Scientia Building: Leighton Hall
Organisations targeting Engineering students include:
AIESEC UNSW • Aurora Project • Northcott Disability Services • South East Neighborhood Centre • The Heart Foundation • The Starlight Children’s Foundation • Volunteer and Service Training

Professional Development Program for International Students
Careers and Employment are launching a brand new program aimed at enhancing employability outcomes for international students and improving their competitiveness in the graduate marketplace.

The 60 hour program, which builds on programs currently offered to international students by ISS and Careers and Employment, will run over 6 months and will consist of practical small group workshops, social events, an employer panel and a work experience component conducted in different professional/service areas of UNSW.

Through interactive study and practical experience the students will improve their business communication and interpersonal skills, gain knowledge of Australian workplace practices and cultural differences, understand the kinds of expectations that employers have, and build a local network! They will also gain the skills needed to successfully deal with every aspect of the recruitment process from resume writing to assessment centre style interviewing.

Applications will open on the 13th July and close at 9am on the 17th August, with the workshop component of the program being held on the 7th and 8th September, and interviews for the remainder of the course held on the 15th September.

This is an opportunity not to be missed. Please visit www.careers.unsw.edu.au for more information and details of how to apply.
APESMA is a Professional Association and Registered Union so the services that we offer to student members are broad. By joining APESMA, students become a part of a Professional Association for Engineers that has around 25,000 members.

We offer valuable services such as:

- resume reviews
- fortnightly updated jobs databases (for students/graduates)
- guides to obtaining industrial training
- monthly networking seminars for students and young professionals
- employment contract reviews for student/graduate positions
- industrial support for members in the workplace which ranges from information on average market salaries in the different fields of engineering, advice on work hours and issues in the workplace should they arise.

What important attributes do companies look for in internship applicants?

There are two standout attributes that employers seek: communication skills (written and oral) as well as a real passion for the industry.

What advice would you give to students in their first year/s of studies in regards to their future careers?

It is very important to network - Engineering is an industry where many people obtain jobs through their contacts so being involved in programs like the APESMA Young Professional Mentoring Program is invaluable in helping develop contacts and networks that are often very helpful when looking to get into the student or graduate job market. Students should look to work in the industry from as early as their first year of study; it makes it far easier to get an attractive graduate position when you have a proven history of experience on your resume.

APESMA gives student members the support they need to get into the workplace, and once employed we give students the industrial support they need by providing advice on their obligations to their employers and importantly information on employers obligations to student employees.

The majority of our approx 10,000 student members are studying engineering, so to gain all of the benefits that arise from belonging to a Professional Association and Union for Engineering students, please visit our website at www.apesma.asn.au/students/ or call (02) 9263 6518 for more information.

Useful careers related websites:

- www.graduateopportunities.com provides links and referencing tools for final-year students and graduates seeking graduate positions as well as mid-degree students seeking work experience. www.unigrad.com.au is a job search website specifically for graduate positions in all disciplines. Registering on the site allows you to receive job alerts relevant to your degree throughout the year. www.myfuture.edu.au is Australia’s national career information and exploration service. It can help you make career decisions, plan your career pathways and manage work transitions www.joboutlook.gov.au is a careers and labour market research information site to help you decide on your future career, covering over 350 individual occupations www.graduatecareers.com.au promotes career opportunities for graduates by providing resources such as job vacancy searches, career profiles and careers service contacts.

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