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for Citizenship



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IMPACT STATEMENT

OUR STORY SO FAR

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OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the past four years, the McCusker Centre for Citizenship has embedded itself in the WA community. The Centre was established with a generous endowment from the McCusker Charitable Foundation. It collaborates with students and the broader UWA community, not-for-profit and community organisations, government and business to make a difference in our communities locally, nationally and globally.



Michelle Scott
Director

Since our award-winning internship program began in 2016, the Centre has worked with more than **250 partner organisations** to enable **846 UWA students** to undertake internships and contribute **91,450 hours** to the community. In July this year, the Centre commenced our partnership with the Public Sector Commission, which has already seen more than **20 students** complete internships with a wide range of agencies in the public sector.

In early 2020, the Centre will expand its internship opportunities for students in local government, particularly the regions, through a new partnership with the WA Local Government Association and Local Government Professionals WA.

In 2019, the Centre established the **Outstanding Intern Award**. The inaugural recipient Nothando Ngwenya was nominated by her supervisor at *Save the Children Australia*, where she worked to improve services and programs for young people in Armadale and Gosnells.

In a year of growth for the Centre, I am pleased to say that our partner organisation feedback on the value of our internship program continues to be extremely positive. **98 per cent of our partners** found hosting a McCusker Centre for Citizenship student intern to be a positive experience.

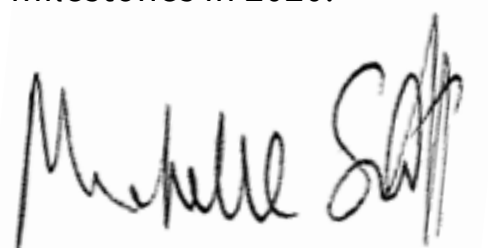
“**Creating and fostering community-minded thinkers and leaders.**”

Our event calendar has been particularly full this year, with the Centre holding **28** social impact and active citizenship-focused events. More than **49,000 students, academics and members of the community** have participated in our events since the Centre was established.

The Centre recently launched a pilot **Mentoring Program** (to run from March–October 2020) that will connect UWA students with mentors from our partners who have experience and leadership actively contributing to their communities and in mentoring young people.

In response to student and graduates’ feedback, the McCusker Centre for Citizenship **Alumni Group** was established this year. Planning is underway for their second alumni event early next year.

I look forward to enduring partnerships, welcoming new opportunities, and reaching milestones in 2020.



STATISTICS

Since February 2016

INTERNSHIPS

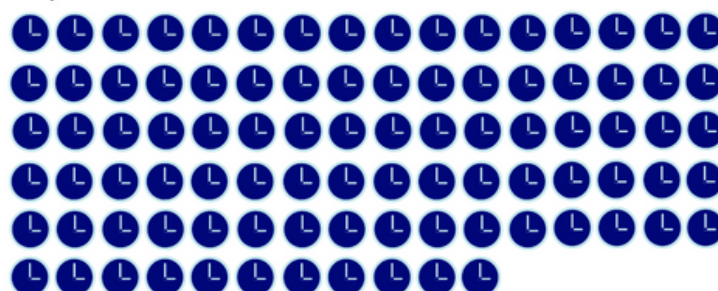
846 INTERNS



250+ HOST ORGANISATIONS



91,450 HOURS CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY



WICKED PROBLEMS UNIT

Postgraduate students work in collaboration with community organisations to address unemployment in Mirrabooka.

4,350 HOURS OF SERVICE



GLOBAL EXCHANGE

4 EXCHANGE STUDENTS



EVENTS

49,017 EVENT PARTICIPANTS



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This year, The University of WA nominated the Centre's internship program for a 2019 national excellence in teaching award.



Huntington's WA communications and marketing intern Ranjana Varma helped organise and promote the organisation's International Huntington's Awareness Month fundraising efforts.

“ Due to Ranj's efforts we had more sites agree to light up this year as well as an overwhelming response to our Light It Up launch event. This has been an invaluable experience for both our team and our intern. ”

*Lenni Duffield
Huntington's WA Executive Director*

95% of student interns would recommend the internship program to fellow students

656
student internship applications in 2019

Regional internships

Six students completed regional internships with the Centre in 2019.

Partner organisations include Men's Health Centre in Albany, Youth Involvement Council in South Hedland, Great Southern Grammar in Albany, South West Community Legal Centre in Bunbury, and Mission Australia in Geraldton.



National internships

The Centre assisted two students to undertake national internships this year.

International Development Masters student Lauren Jackson (pictured) interned at Oxfam Australia in Melbourne, while Environmental Science and Zoology student Corinna Gosby completed her internship at Greenpeace Australia Pacific in NSW.

Public sector internships

Since July 2019, more than 20 students have completed their internships in the public sector.

"My research on diversity statistics will assist the Commission to develop their workforce plan for the next three years."

Shenhav Nave
Public Sector Commission intern



2019 INTERNS

Masters of International Development student Nothando Ngwenya (pictured) was the recipient of the Centre's inaugural Outstanding Intern Award 2019.

McCusker Charitable Foundation (MCF) Director & Chairman and former WA Governor, The Honourable Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC, and fellow MCF Director Judge Denis Reynolds presented Nothando and finalists Robbie Glyde, Taylah Jones, Milo Pena, Lily Smith and Laura Thorington-Jones their certificates in front of about 40 guests at a special event on 25 November.

Student interns contributed
31,560
hours to the community in 2019

Yanyu Chen co-authored a research publication during her internship at the Telethon Kids Institute.

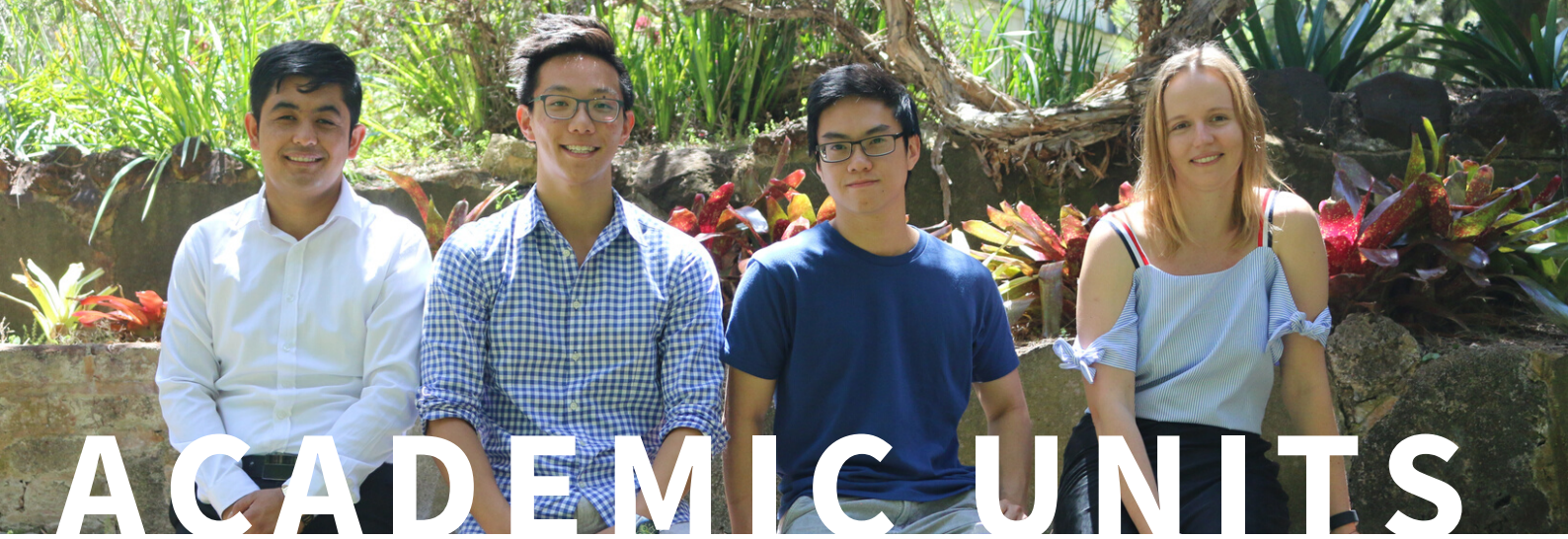


"This internship opportunity changed my life. What you can learn from the organisation you intern for is not only professional knowledge, but also the way you see and think about the world."



“ My time at Aboriginal Legal Service WA made me realise how necessary this type of advocacy work is. It confirms how I intend to put my law degree to use: serving vulnerable communities. ”

***Milo Pena
Award finalist***



ACADEMIC UNITS

Seventeen postgraduate UWA students enrolled in the Centre's Wicked Problems unit in January 2019. They worked on projects to increase employment for culturally and linguistically diverse communities living in Mirrabooka, as part of our three-year partnership with the City of Stirling.

"The unit is designed to get students working collaboratively on a real-world wicked problem."

Chantal Bourgault Du Coudray
Academic Coordinator



The Centre is partnering with the WA Alliance to End Homelessness to offer the undergraduate summer unit Approaches to Wicked Problems in January 2020.



Kylie Hansen
Academic Coordinator

“ Our approach to teaching and learning at the McCusker Centre for Citizenship is ensuring students are connected and embedded with real-world challenges, communities and the sector that serves them. **Approaches to Wicked Problems** is an example of the collaborative approach we have to teaching and learning, and it is a unique approach in tertiary education. ”



GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Centre offers students the opportunity to attend the Global Citizenship Forum, go on Global Exchange to like-minded universities, the Global Citizen internship in New York, and the Pollinate Student Fellowship in Bangalore, India.

Global Internships

In July 2019, Meisha Bull and Natalie Fretton completed the Student Fellowship program run by Pollinate in Bangalore, India. They conducted surveys in local communities so that Pollinate can better address the needs of people in the community.

Eloise Skoss and Brittany Quy joined the Global Policy and Government Affairs team at Global Citizen to complete three-month internships in New York.



Matariki Global Exchange

The Centre sent two students on exchange in 2019: Linh Nguyen to Otago University in New Zealand, and Maddison Pearce to Durham University in the UK.



The Centre welcomed its first Matariki Network of Universities exchange student, Evonne Baltrock-Nitzsche from Durham University, in August 2019.



OUR PARTNERS

96% OF ORGANISATIONS WOULD RECOMMEND THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

98% OF ORGANISATIONS HAD A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE HOSTING AN INTERN

99% OF ORGANISATIONS SAID THE INTERN DEMONSTRATED ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



“ The program has enabled us to gain specialist perspectives and insight, and significantly, brought energy to projects that may have been delayed without this extra impetus. We are grateful to the McCusker Centre for Citizenship for connecting us with active citizens to support our vision of a healthy, safe, and strong Aboriginal Community. ”

*Niall Rhatigan
Wungening Aboriginal Corporation*

Catch-up & Connect

About 70 guests heard from The Honourable Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC, Anglicare WA Marketing & Philanthropy Director Tori Anderson, former intern Alex Arnold and Men's Resource Centre CEO Grant Westthorp at the Centre's first intern and organisation alumni networking event on 11 September.

"I enjoyed the opportunity to network with other former interns, and to hear about what they did in their internships."

Catch-up & Connect attendee





Since the Centre was established, 49,017 students, academics and members of the community have participated in our events. The Student Advisory Committee organised and ran the following events for student interns in 2019.



Mental Health Mythbusters

"As someone with mental health issues, I thought the topics were handled with grace but very important things still got said."

There is no Planet B: A Beginner's Guide to Saving the Environment

“ I liked listening to people who are really doing something about these issues on a larger scale. ”



Making Sense of Social Impact

"I really liked the insights of the panellists. Relevant. Insightful. Applicable."

Globetrotters & Changemakers: Making a World of Difference

“ I liked all the guests in the panel discussion and was particularly inspired by Henry Wanyoike's testimonial on how to successfully overcome life obstacles and help the community. ”



12 Buckets Incorporated
Aboriginal Legal Service of WA
 Activ Foundation
Anglicare WA
 Asthma WA
Australian Department of Education and Training
 Australian Red Cross
Awards WA
 Balga Primary School
Befriend
 Bethanie
Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority
 Campus Management
Cancer Council
 Centre for Social Impact
CEOs for Gender Equity
 Child and Adolescent Health Service
City of Gosnells
 City of Melville
City of Stirling
 City West Lotteries House
Communicare
 Community Arts Network WA
Community Housing Industry Association
 Community Legal Centres Association WA
ConnectGroups
 Conservation Volunteers Australia
Consumer Credit Legal Service WA
 Country Women's Association of WA
Department of Education
 Department of Health
Department of Justice
 Department of Treasury
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
 Developmental Disability WA
Directions Disability Support Services
 Dismantle
Donor Mate
 Early Childhood Australia WA
EdConnect
 Edmund Rice Centre WA
Employment Law Centre
 Equity Outreach UWA
Ethnic Communities Council

Fair Game
GenerationOne
 Global Citizen
Gosnells Community Legal Centre
 Great Southern Grammar
Greenbatch
 Greenpeace Australia Pacific
Guide Dogs WA
 HeartKids Ltd
Holyoake
 Homeless Healthcare
Huntington's WA
 Impact Seed
Inclusion Solutions
 Industrial Relations Commission
Initiate Australia
 Institute for Respiratory Health
Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre
 Kwinana Early Years' Service
Legacy WA
 Legal Aid WA
Lions Eye Institute
 Local Government Professionals WA
Lotterywest
 Men's Resource Centre Albany
Mental Health Law Centre WA
 Meshpoints
Millennium Kids
 Minderoo Foundation's Walk Free Initiative
Mission Australia
 Ngala
Noongar Chamber of Commerce & Industry
 Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre
Office of Multicultural Interests
 Office of the State Training Board
Ombudsman WA
 Orana House - Bayswater
Oxfam
 Palmerston
Parkerville Children & Youth Inc
 PATCHES Therapy Services
Peel Bright Minds
 People With Disabilities WA
Perth Festival

Pollinate Group
Public Sector Commission
 REED
Regional Alliance West
 Ruah Community Services
Samaritans
 Save the Children Australia
SCALES Community Legal Centre
 Shire of Gingin
South West Community Legal Centre
 Southcare
St Patrick's Community Support Centre
 St Vincent De Paul Society
Magistrate's Court of WA
 State Library of Western Australia
Street Law Centre
 Swan Alliance Communities for Children
Teach For Australia
 Telethon Kids Institute
Telethon Speech and Hearing
 The Centre for Social Impact UWA
The Difference
 The Fathering Project
The Fogarty Foundation
 United Way WA
UWA Campus Management
 Valuing Children Initiative
VisAbility WA
 Volunteering WA
WA AIDS Council
 WA Association for Mental Health
WA Centre for Rural Health
 WA Fairhaven
WA Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies
 Wanslea
WA Aboriginal Leadership Inst.
 Western Australian Police Force
Wirrpanda Foundation
 Women's Health and Family Services
Women's Legal Service WA
 Wungening
Youth Affairs Council of WA
 Youth Involvement Council
Zonta House Refuge Assn.



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