



## BACKGROUND

The Alastair Swayn Internship (ASI) has been established in honour of Alastair Swayn AO, a prominent Canberra architect and founding partner of the multi-award winning architectural practice Daryl Jackson Alastair Swayn.

Alastair Swayn was the inaugural ACT Government Architect, a Professorial Fellow at the University of Canberra (UC) and a founding sponsor and Director of the Gallery of Australian Design (now renamed The Swayn in his honour).

## PROGRAM

The ASI will provide the opportunity for a Masters of Architecture student from UC to undertake a research assignment within the ACT Government's Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD), Planning, Land and Building Policy division for one semester\* and to gain course credit.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited for the 2021 ASI program which will be awarded in 2021. Applications from students in Masters of Architecture are being sought to undertake research on one (1) of the following EOI topics to be carried out over Semester 2 of 2021\*.

## RESEARCH TOPICS

1. Topic 1: Development  
e.g. Opportunities and strategies to better achieve living infrastructure, environmental and sustainable outcomes in green field estates; urban infill; industrial estates; adaptive re-use; public works or the building industry.
2. Topic 2: Affordable Housing  
e.g. Innovation in design; construction; adaptability, accessibility; management; or operation which promotes the delivery of affordable housing.
3. Topic 3: Industry Adaptation  
e.g. Impacts of recent and current events such as the 2019/20 bushfires or the Covid-19 pandemic on the design and construction industry.
4. Topic 4: Other  
Personal interest research (subject to consultation with UC academic staff and the ASI Committee)

## HOW TO APPLY

Expressions of interest must include the following:

- > a 500 - 1000 word written (max 2 page Word or PDF) response to one of the three Expression of Interest (EOI) topics, including a research approach and an indication of the final research outcome (The Research);
- > portfolio (Max. 5 page PDF) to demonstrate the ability to communicate; and
- > a current CV.

## SELECTION

A shortlist of applicants will be identified by the ASI Committee through the written application process. Applicants that are nominated for the shortlist will be required to present their application to the ASI Committee identifying their chosen topic, research strategy and an indication of the final documentation.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- > Mentorship from the ACT Government Architect.
- > A work space within ACT Government, EPSDD for the duration of the Internship.
- > Identification as the recipient of the Alastair Swayn Internship for 2021.
- > The Alastair Swayn Foundation will provide sponsorship to the internship including a research Grant of \$2,500 and the opportunity for publication.

Area of Study: Master of Architecture

Duration: 1 semester

UC Credit: 3 credit point unit toward course completion of the Master of Architecture degree

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this internship you must:

- > Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- > Be enrolled in the first or second year of the Master of Architecture at the University of Canberra 2021; and
- > Have capacity to apply for a restricted choice unit in Semester 2\*, 2021.

## APPLICATIONS:

Open: **27 May 2021**

Due: **17 June 2021 (12.30pm)**

Submission: One (1) PDF file, maximum size 10MB

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Subject Line: Alastair Swayn Internship

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An information session will be held on **Thursday 27 May 2021 at 12.45pm, Level B Studios, University of Canberra**

\* Time period and minimum contact hours are to be agreed to prior to commencement.