



Expression of Interest

FRRR/Pratt Water Civil Engineering Cadetships Murrumbidgee River Catchment Project

Employers in the Murrumbidgee Basin are invited to participate in an innovative new program in response to the shortage of Civil Engineers in the region. The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and the Pratt Foundation are supporting a program that matches students, employers and Civil Engineering at La Trobe University’s Bendigo campus. The program combines study with periods of work experience with the employer. In addition a two-year contract with the employer is incorporated upon graduation. Applicants in the broader Murrumbidgee Catchment region will be considered subject to FRRR approval.

Each year of civil engineering study at La Trobe University will have an associated 12 weeks of on-the-job training with the employer.

The total cost of the scholarship will be \$12,100 per annum (\$2,000 Industry; FRRR, \$3000; Vacation work \$7,100). As a result, the cost to the employer will be \$9,100 per year of study/vacation work.

On the completion of the degree the student will be contracted to work with the employer for 2 years

In order to register your interest in the Civil Engineering Cadetship Murrumbidgee River Catchment, please complete the following:

Organisation Name	
Address	Street:
	City/Town State Postcode
Mailing address (if different to above)	
Contact Person	Name: Position
Contact details	Telephone Fax Mobile
	Email:
Website	

Information relating to perceived need for Civil Engineering from your perspective	
Outline the company profile and your interest in civil engineering cadetship program.	
Please indicate the civil engineering shortage or need within your organisation.	
How is the Civil Engineering shortage affecting the environment within your region and organization.	

Please indicate your willingness to sponsor a student by answering the questions below:

1. **Are you willing to sponsor a Civil Engineering student for 4 years at \$9,100 pa (\$2,000 scholarship, \$7,100 vacation work and scholarship management)** **YES /NO**

2. **Would you like to include the option of the student completing one year of full time work experience with the company after completing 3 years of study. In addition, there is the option to add a year of work experience with the employer before the final year of study for the degree. This would be paid for by the employer at standard rates (\$26,000 - \$32,000).** **YES / NO**

3. **In some cases civil engineering students may have completed some prior studies and may get credit reducing the study time to 3 years. Would you be willing to sponsor such a student?** **YES / NO**

Organisation Authorised Signature: Date:

Thank you for your interest in the Civil Engineering Cadetships. This expression of interest in no way ties the business to any contractual obligation and is only an expression to pursue possible collaborations.

Please forward this form to:

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