

Work Based Learning (WBL) Placement Description

Host Details

Host Organisation	Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary
Placement Title	Seedbank Curation and Plant Production Intern
Placement Location	On-site
Address (if onsite)	La Trobe University, Melbourne VIC 3086
Primary Supervisor Name	Michael Cincotta
Position Title	Habitat & Biodiversity Coordinator
Host Organisation Website	Latrobe.edu.au/wildlife

Host Organisation Background:

The Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary is a 30 hectare open range habitat restoration project that engages extensively with the university and broader community, forming an essential biodiversity node within Nangak Tamboree eco-corridor, connecting the Sanctuary with Gresswell Habitat Link and Gresswell Forest to our north, through the Bundoora campus to Darebin Creek in the south.

The Wildlife Sanctuary is a true wildlife sanctuary, we focus on looking after and enhancing the habitat for the local wildlife. As such, we do not offer animal handling or husbandry experiences.

We have an indigenous nursery which supplies plants to local councils and other land managers as well as backyard gardeners. Our schools outreach program delivers a range of hands-on environmental education activities to primary and secondary schools.

Placement Details

Placement Semester/Term	Terms 4 and 5
Start Date	29 July 2024
End Date	25 October 2024
Days/hours per week	
Hours (total)	200-400
Placement Type	Unpaid

The host and successful student will have an opportunity to negotiate placement start and end dates, as well as days of the week that align to the Term or Semester dates that the student is enrolled in prior to commencing the placement.

Desired Course Discipline/Background

Preferred degree/areas of study:

Any of Bachelor Wildlife and Conservation Biology, Bachelor Biological Sciences, Bachelor of Science and associated majors such as Biology, Ecology, zoology

Any interested student with these or similar courses and majors.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

The role will involve working across all areas of the Wildlife Sanctuary to get a broad range of experiences

and understanding of what we do. Some activities may be booking or seasonally dependent, but possible activities include:

- Land management activities such as invasive species control and track maintenance.
- Predator proof fence inspections.
- Collating and cleaning of plants for wholesale orders.
- Undertaking water quality testing.
- Undertaking biodiversity monitoring activities.
- Assisting with tour or other educational activities.
- Preparation of content for social media.

The focus project will include assisting with:

- Forecasting and carrying out seed collection
- Seed processing and cleaning
- Seedbank curation
- Priority plant propagation
- Updating nursery procedures and process maps
- Preparation of a seed collection report

Selection Criteria

Essential:

- Demonstrated ability to work as a team and independently.
- Excellent attention to detail and ability to undertake repetitive work.
- Confidence in working in a range of terrains in all weather conditions.
- Demonstrated understanding in computer software systems, including Word, Excel and databases.
- Knowledge of and interest in indigenous flora and fauna.

Pre-Placement Compliance Checks & Requirements

- Police Check
- Working With Children Check (WWCC)
- Other (Please Specify)
- None

Work Based Learning (WBL) – Subject Information and Requirements

Subject Code	Two of the Professional Placements subjects, likely LTU2PP1 and LTU2PP2
Subject Information	
Subject Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed 120 credit points of your degree• Have at least 2 elective spaces in your course plan

How to Apply

Application Deadline: 22 May 2024

Application Instructions:

Please provide:

- CV/Resume
- Cover letter. Please address why you are interested in this placement opportunity.
- Apply through the following link: [Industry Placement Application Form, Careers and Opportunities, La Trobe University](#)

For help with your cover letter and resume - [Resumes and job applications, Careers and Opportunities, LTU](#)

Thank you for considering a Work Based Learning Placement!