

# CIPSA Internship Programme

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## Overview

At the end of 2010 Jigsaw Search worked in partnership with CIPSA to launch the inaugural CIPSA Internship Programme, the not for profit project run by Jigsaw Search on behalf of CIPSA was established in order to enable students from CIPSA accredited universities in the region to apply for work experience placements within blue chip companies and Public Sector organisations in Victoria during their summer holiday period.

## Participating Clients

Students were placed within some key organisations including: CIPSA, Coles, GE Capital, Jetstar Airlines, Parmalat, Shell and VIP Packaging.

These companies kindly offered interesting project work and mentoring to 7 students who were eternally grateful for the chance to gain first-hand experience within one of the fastest growing professions in the country.

## Testimonials

Below is what some of them said about their experiences:

### ***Susan Bates, RMIT studying International Business and Intern at VIP Packaging said:***

“Honestly, the anticipation of starting this internship created knots in my stomach. I did not know what to expect. Procurement is an area that is not given much of a wrap at university whilst other business areas seem to have all the limelight. What is the draw for a university student into procurement? It’s fast paced, it’s sassy and you can immediately see the outcome of your decisions. However, it is not simple – which is the best draw card of all. There is definite satisfaction in knowing that what you’re achieving is difficult. Without the support of my mentors and their generosity in unveiling the procurement covers I would not feel this way. I am in debt to them and wish I did not have to leave so soon. Overall I am pumped and cannot wait to jump into the industry”.

### ***Lipsa Samantaray, University of Melbourne studying International Business student and Intern at Shell said:***

“Firstly I am very impressed with the internship team of Jigsaw and would like to specially mention Steve Jamieson and Chris Bray for being so cooperative and giving an excellent response through- out the entire proceedings of the internship process at Shell.

Shell is a great company to work with an excellent work culture and team spirit and given an opportunity I would like to continue my work at Shell”.



***Jaisharan Gill, University of Melbourne, Master of Logistics, Intern at Coles said:***

"I would like to thank you for all your help in getting me a training position at Coles. I enjoyed my time there and learned a lot from the experience.

I believe this event should definitely be held again as it would give graduate without previous experiences a stepping stone into the industry".

***Haydn Tracy, GM - Purchasing & Logistics, VIP Packaging***

"Both the process & the intern supplied have been first rate. Yes, we would repeat again next year. No real improvement suggestions. Susan Bates is a terrific young lady, enthusiastic, hard working & wants to do well. A pleasure to have her here.

The programme has been an undeniable success for all parties and plans for 2011 across multiple states are in the pipeline.

*If you are interested in taking an intern next year or want to discuss any of the above in more detail, feel free to contact Steve Jamieson on 03 9225 5207 or [steve@jigsawsearch.com](mailto:steve@jigsawsearch.com)*



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