



STEM Immersion: Edinburgh Defence Precinct and Adelaide CBD (June/July)

Reference number:	WEP/01320/26
Service:	APS
Placement Location:	Edinburgh Defence Precinct and Adelaide CBD
Type of Placement:	Secondary
Start & End dates:	29 June – 1 July 2026
Duration of Placement:	3 days (9.00am – 3.30pm)
Placement Limits:	40
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Closing Date:	11:30PM AEST, Sunday 17 May 2026

Overview of Placement

This event has been developed to showcase a variety of STEM careers available in Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) and the Australian Defence Force (ADF). DSTG brings together interdisciplinary expertise from across Australia and around the world to address Defence and national security challenges. Our role is to work closely with the Australian science, technology and innovation eco-system. This helps deliver scientific advice and solutions that provide capability enhancement for Defence and the national security community.

In this placement you will have the opportunity to observe and gain an introduction to the application of research in engineering and science fields. You will be specifically introduced to Defence scientists/engineers and learn about how they help to develop new capabilities and assess existing science and technology.

While you will not be engaged directly to perform any scientific work you will have the opportunity to tour our facilities and speak to many different scientists about their areas of research, education and career histories.

DSTG will conduct a tour of their research facilities, giving students the opportunity to view equipment up close that is not normally open or accessible to the public. Some of the equipment on display may include:

- Maritime: Operating in the maritime space with advanced undersea surveillance, materials science, and navigation technologies.
- Platforms: Making sure our vehicles are undetectable, resilient, efficient, and capable.

- Chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear: Detecting threats and protecting our forces in compromised environments.
- Human and Decision Sciences: Support of human situational awareness, decision making, control, and protection in complex environments.

Special Conditions of Placement

1. Placements can be changed, postponed and/or cancelled at short notice due to operational requirements.
2. Only Australian Citizens or Australian Permanent Residents are able to apply.
3. Participants, including those travelling from interstate, are responsible for all travel and any incidental costs that may arise if the placement is changed, postponed, or cancelled.
4. **Accommodation is not provided** unless specifically stated in the '*Overview of Placement*'. Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation, and those under 18 must have appropriate supervision outside work experience hours.
5. Applicants must be aged between 15-18 years of age at the time of the placement.
6. Applicants must be able to attend Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) at Edinburgh on Day 1, RAAF Base Edinburgh on day 2, and Adelaide CBD on Day 3 (meeting point to be confirmed).
7. Applicants must bring suitable photo ID for Base Access.
8. Applications may close before the advertised date. If high application numbers are received a wait listing of some applicants will occur Students should apply as soon as possible to avoid missing out.
9. In order to comply with the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011(Cth), all participants are required to disclose any pre-existing medical conditions, illness or injuries as part of the selection process. Should you suffer an injury or illness (e.g. recent fracture or sprain) between the time of your application and any attendance on a program you are required to notify the Work Experience Manager as soon as possible.
10. By submitting an application, you acknowledge that you have read all items listed in the '*Special Conditions of Placement*' .

Application Questions

You will be required to answer the following questions when completing your online application:

1. What STEM subjects/areas are of particular interest to you? How do you think this Defence STEM work experience will assist you in choosing a future career pathway?
2. Are you currently involved in STEM related activities/projects within school, or outside school? If so, please outline the activities and your involvement.
3. What are your interest and hobbies (E.g. describe your participation in science, programs, organisations, volunteering, part time jobs, hobbies, additional schooling etc.).
4. This program will run over three days. Please confirm that you can attend at Defence Science and Technology Group at Edinburgh on Day 1, RAAF Base Edinburgh on Day 2, and Adelaide CBD on Day 3 (meeting point to be confirmed). Yes or No?

Eligibility

This Work Experience opportunity is for secondary students only.

Applicants/candidates must be an Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident of Australia.

Age Group – Students participating in this Defence work experience placements must be 15-18 of age at the time of the placement.

What Happens Next?

IMPORTANT: Applications must be submitted via the online application system prior to the placement closing date. Additional information on completing an online application can be found on the [Help page](#).

1. To make an application, you will need to [register](#) for an account. Use the email account that you access most regularly.
2. When completing an application for the Work Experience placement you will need to use a Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). This is also required to accept an offer. MFA is an extra layer of security for your account that requires more than just a password to log in, making it much harder for someone else to access your account. The next time you login to your Defence Careers account, you will have to pick one of the following MFA methods to use:
 - Google Authenticator App
 - Alternate email address
3. You may be required to answer assessment criteria questions as part of the application process. Make sure all questions are answered and provide detailed responses.
4. Following the advertised closing date, an assessment of applications will commence.
5. The regional Work Experience Team will advise you of the outcome of your application.
6. If successful, you will receive a letter of offer containing information about the placement and a Defence Work Experience Placement Agreement. To accept the placement offer:
 - a. complete the Work Experience Agreement;
 - b. ensure all relevant sections are signed by yourself, your parent/guardian (if you are under the age of 18) and your Education Institution Representative (e.g. Careers Advisor or Vocational Education Teacher).
 - c. submit your completed Work Experience Placement Agreement through the online portal (see letter of offer for details)
7. You will receive a reminder email or SMS message before the placement start date. Check your email inbox regularly for updates.

If you are experiencing difficulties in submitting your application contact the Defence Work Experience Program: defence.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au.

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Defence