



Animal Behaviour Research Placement Factsheet

About the Animal Behaviour Program at Adelaide

The Bachelor of Science (Animal Behaviour) is a 3 year program located at the Roseworthy Campus at the University of Adelaide. Animal Behaviour is psychology for the animal kingdom. It's about understanding the science behind why animals act in certain ways, how we should work with them, and how we can look after their futures. It even informs our understanding of human behaviour. For information on the Bachelor of Science (Animal Behaviour) program please visit https://www.adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder/2023/bsc_bscab.html

INTRODUCTION

Bachelor of Science (Animal Behaviour) students are required to complete 120 hours of a research placement in semester 2 of their final year while enrolled in *AN BEHAV 3010RW Advanced Applications in Animal Behaviour*. Students will usually commence their research placement in August and conclude it in October of the same year.

The Research Placement has two components:

- 1) Conducting a **Research Project** (60 hours);
- 2) Gaining industry experience through **other tasks** (e.g. animal husbandry) (60 hours).

Research Project: the students will investigate a research question that is of relevance and interest to the organisation. University staff can assist organisations if required to develop a research question. The students will work on the research question. In doing so, they will apply and strengthen their analytical, research and problem-solving skills, while providing value to the host organisation.

The students can observe and collect data during routine procedures with the animals, which relate to animal husbandry and management. Conducting special procedures with the animals specifically for the purpose of the research project would not be possible, as this requires prior Animal Ethics and Welfare approval.

Other Tasks: The student will assist the host organisation with other tasks such as animal husbandry (cleaning, feeding and care of animals) by contributing to the daily operational procedures of the host organisation, learn about the workplace activities and their link to Animal Behaviour.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The student will write a report and give an oral presentation of their research project and workplace experience in class.

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Students must complete their Research Placement satisfactorily in order to pass the course.

STUDENT SAFETY ON PLACEMENT

We ask our sites to complete the necessary inductions in relation to health and safety.

SUPERVISOR ASSESSMENT

We ask that you complete a Supervisor's Assessment Form at the completion of the placement. This can be discussed with the student as appropriate. Feedback outlined in the Supervisor Report will contribute 5% to the students overall mark. Students will be required to provide feedback to the School on each placement they attend. A link to the Supervisor's Assessment Form will be emailed to the site near the end of the placement. Alternatively the form can be accessed through the student placement system [Sonia Online](#). If you would like to provide confidential feedback on a student please email us on animalvetsci@adelaide.edu.au.

INSURANCE

The University maintains a Public Liability insurance policy that will indemnify the host organisation for any negligent act, error or omission by the student during the period of the work placement. It is expected that host organisations also have their own Public Liability Insurance for their own protection. Please refer to the [School of Animal and Veterinary Science Student Placement Guide](#) as proof of the University's insurance.

STUDENT PLACEMENT SYSTEM

[Sonia Online](#) is the student placement system which manages our Extra Mural Studies placements. You can view up and coming students, complete forms and view historical information.