Can I become a PACE Partner?

We anticipate that by 2016 up to 10,000 students per year will be engaged in participation activities in small and large businesses and government and not for profit organisations in Sydney, around Australia and overseas. So partnerships with organisations that share our vision and ethical standards are crucial.

If your business or organisation is interested in a mutually beneficial partnership with Macquarie University, please talk with us about your needs and projects.

Some of our current partners include:

- CSIRO
- TomTom
- The Heart Foundation
- City of Ryde Council
- Citigroup
- North Ryde Community Aid and Information Centre
- The Benevolent Society
- Beiersdorf Australia
- GlaxoSmithKline Australia
- Alzheimer’s Australia NSW
- Ku-ring-gai Council
- Australian Red Cross
- Perú’s Challenge
- Bahay Tukoyan
- Know One Teach One (KOTO)
- PACOS Trust
- Restless Development

How does my organisation partner with PACE?

If you’re interested in learning more about how to partner with us but you’re not sure which of Macquarie’s four Faculties is right for your organisation, please contact the PACE Office and we can put you in touch with the right person.

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“PACE is very much about knocking down the ‘ivory towers’. It is about our students being in the community and the community being in the University.”

Professor Judyth Sachs, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Provost)

Partner with PACE for a piece of the action

PACE (Participation and Community Engagement) is Macquarie’s way of connecting students with partner organisations like yours to provide a mutually beneficial experience.

At Macquarie we want to produce graduates who are well-rounded, have a global perspective and are equipped to actively promote more just, inclusive and sustainable societies. We believe our students need to achieve both depth in a particular discipline, and also the breadth of understanding required of today’s graduates. Getting involved in PACE is one of the key ways in which they do just that.

While the PACE initiative has some similarities with conventional “service learning” or “work integrated” educational approaches, these more traditional approaches are generally offered by other universities as add-ons to the curriculum in select vocational fields. By fully integrating practical experience within the curriculum for all undergraduate students Macquarie University has gone further and created a model for institutions across the country and, indeed, around the world.

As a PACE partner you can be part of the action too! By joining the initiative you can engage with our band of enthusiastic and skilled students and benefit from their independent and fresh thinking to support and develop your organisation. In return, our students have the opportunity to develop valuable career and leadership skills, improve their job prospects and make a difference to your business and the community you work with.

What sorts of Participation Activities are possible?

The range of opportunities is endless… It’s as broad as your imagination. Let us work with you to determine a program that matches your needs.

For example…

Do you need help with a behaviour change campaign?
Cancer Council NSW utilised the skills of our students to develop and review skin cancer prevention and tobacco control campaigns.

Would market research help your bottom line?
Nielsen took on our students as Consumer Research Assistants to assist in the management of key milestones of a research project.

Is your website looking a bit tired?
Mental Health Association of NSW utilised health education students to pilot and develop an “easy to read” brochure about elder abuse in the community.

Do you need help with a corporate sponsorship strategy?
V8 Supercars engaged one of our business students to work with their corporate sponsors in running the Grand Finale Event of the 2011 motor racing season.

Would some targeted research help you secure additional funding or to make that difficult decision?
Marist Youth Care engaged our psychology students to investigate mental health services in Western Sydney and map that information against federal funding opportunities.

Do you need some fresh ideas on that upcoming event?
The Sydney Fish Market collaborated with our marketing students to manage an online HR system to manage workflow to help a renowned Australian company more efficiently manage staff absences and allocations to projects on a day to day basis.

“Having the students at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) gives us an opportunity to get fresh perspectives on a range of public interest issues. Their passion and enthusiasm for social justice adds to our energy and capacity. It is really gratifying when we later meet them again as lawyers practising in the public interest.”

Robin Banks CEO, Public Interest Advocacy Centre

“What is particularly appealing is the breadth of skills that Macquarie University students can bring to a business. In the Public Interest Advocacy Centre we have been able to access the skills of students across a range of disciplines, from marketing and business management to law and economics.”

Keith Power, General Manager Human Resources, Beiersdorf Australia

“I have had the opportunity to work on real business projects like planning events, working with corporate sponsors and have been mentored by my senior managers. This has definitely made me sure that a career in motor sport is what I want to pursue after graduation.”

Nicole King, V8 Supercars