# Bachelor of Information Technology Information For Sponsors

UTS: Engineering in conjunction with industry partners have been awarding scholarships to outstanding school The UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-op Scholarship Program (BIT) was established in 1988 and provides a strong academic education in information technology complemented by guided practical industry placements. Industry sponsors play an active part in the program and contribute to curriculum development.

Entry into this program is highly competitive and students are selected for their management potential including skills such as leadership, initiative, motivation and communication. In addition students must display outstanding academic achievement. Final selection of students is based on a combination of of interview performance and ATAR. Entrants into the program are typically in the top 15% of the state each year.

The course is an intensive three year program during which students spend two six-month placements gaining professional experience within sponsoring organisations. Students study business subjects in addition to information technology (IT) subjects. Formal coursework is also supplemented by contributions from industry sponsors in the form of site vists and presentations about contemporary IT issues. Industry sponsors have input to the curriculum to ensure that the course reflects the current focus of the industry. Students therefore graduate with a solid academic foundation, sound technical skills, practical experience and an advanced appreciation of the role of IT within today's business environment. This combination makes UTS BIT graduates highly desirable employees who are productive at a very early stage in their careers.

Graduates from this program are naturally in high demand and are almost exclusively recruited by sponsoring organisations.



## Investment required

A contribution of \$17,000 per annum is required for three years for each place sponsored (\$51,000 in total). GST at 10% will be added.

You will also be required to provide two 23 week periods of professional experience within your organisation. Your representatives are encouraged to take part in activities such as course steering committee meetings in order to help shape course content. This will ensure that UTS students continue to receive an education which is at the forefront of the IT industry's requirements.

## What our sponsors say

"BIT students bring passion, enthusiasm, intelligence and hard work during their placements and have been able to contribute to the delivery of real customer solutions. The value they provide to WiseTechGlobal is incredible – it is often a task to remember that they are only students!"

#### Richard White CEO & Founder, WiseTechGlobal

"American Express values our role to help shape first year BIT students through on the job experience. We receive tremendous benefit from the third year students who arrive ready to take accountability for a project and leave a legacy with us. American Express offers Business Analyst roles to graduating BIT students and we find the skills they bring to the role quickly see them progress within our organisation."

Kate Hanson World Service Technologies Delivery Director American Express Australia Limited

#### Contact

To promote your organisation to some of the most talented entrants to the IT profession, please contact <u>Maritza Messina</u> - Business Relationship Manager.