



## Experience the House

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### About us

Fusing ancient and modernist influences, and situated on a site sacred to the Gadigal people for thousands of years, the sculptural elegance of the Sydney Opera House has made it one of the symbols of twentieth century architecture - a building that, to quote US architect Frank Gehry, "changed the image of an entire country."

Today it is Australia's number one tourist destination, welcoming more than 8.2 million visitors a year and one of the world's busiest performing arts centres, presenting more than 2000 shows 363 days a year for more than 1.5 million people, from the work of the seven flagship arts companies to which it is home to First Nations' arts and culture, talks and ideas, theatre and dance and the superstars of classical and contemporary music.

### Work experience

The program is for a week and gives students a behind-the-scenes look at how the organisation operates during the day.

The Opera House employs over 900 people working across a range of vocations to maintain its status as a world-class performing arts venue, a world heritage listed site and a tourism and entertainment provider. Participants will interact with a range of employees and visitors throughout the week. Wherever possible, students are given practical experiences. The experiences on offer will vary each work experience week and depend on what is happening at the Opera House at the time.

As the Sydney Opera House is primarily a performance venue, the work that happens here focuses on getting the show on stage rather than producing the show. If you are interested in creating, making and performing in shows, you may wish to explore work experience opportunities with our [Resident Companies](#).

### Availability

The Sydney Opera House currently offers two work experience weeks each year. Our work experience weeks take place in August (Term 3) and November (Term 4). We receive a high volume of applications and the number of places we can offer is limited. We do not guarantee that every applicant will be offered a place on the program.

During each work experience week we expect students to participate from **9.30am-3.30pm each day (Mon-Fri)**.

The NSW Department of Education also offers work experience at the Opera House to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students. Please contact us if you would like to be connected with the Department to get more information on their program.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for our work experience program applicants must be:

- An Australian citizen
- Currently studying in secondary school (ideally in Year 10)
- Covered with appropriate insurance by the applicant's school for the duration of the work experience (successful applicants will be asked to provide paperwork to verify this).

We welcome applications from students who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and students with disabilities.

### Getting here

The Sydney Opera House is a 10-minute walk from Circular Quay with a variety of public transport options available.

### Contact us

Questions? Please contact: [workexperience@sydneyoperahouse.com](mailto:workexperience@sydneyoperahouse.com)

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# 2019 WORK EXPERIENCE

Sydney Opera House

Principal Partner

**SAMSUNG**



## Application Form

### Applicant details

Name

Residential address

Phone

Email

School year in 2019

Email we should contact regarding application outcome

### Parent/Guardian

Name

Residential address

Phone

Email

### School

School name

Contact name

Position

Contact phone

Contact email

### 2019 dates you wish to apply for

Term 3:  
19 – 23 August

*Deadline for applications: 21 July 2019*

Term 4  
4 – 8 November

*Deadline for applications: 6 October 2019*

You can apply for both intakes at once, however if you are unsuccessful in the Term 3 intake it is recommended that you update your application and re-submit for the Term 4 intake.

### Keep in contact

Can we contact you regarding work experience, and other career education and development opportunities at the Sydney Opera House?

Yes (we will only contact you if other opportunities arise that may interest you)

No, I only consent to being contacted about this work experience application



## Application Form

**Applicant Name:**

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**Question 1**

Tell us about a time you went to a live performance, attended an event, or visited a place of cultural significance. What made your visit memorable?

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**Question 2**

Tell us about your strengths, and how these would assist you during your work experience.

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**Question 3**

Tell us why you chose to apply for work experience at the Sydney Opera House.

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**Question 4**

From the list below, check the box next to the areas that interest you:

Production + Producing

Design + Visual Communication + Content

Tourism + Hospitality + Events

Community + Partnerships + People

Security + Safety + Legal

Technology + Systems + Information

Publicity + Communications + Projects

Building + Heritage + Sustainability

**Submission**

Completed applications must be emailed to: [workexperience@sydneyoperahouse.com](mailto:workexperience@sydneyoperahouse.com)

Thank you for your interest in our work experience program. Application deadlines are provided in the 2019 dates section.

Applications are assessed within two weeks of an application deadline passing. All candidates will be emailed with an outcome shortly after.

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