Hi guys, so we’re well into semester two now and it’s getting close to the end of the year where some students have the opportunity to go out in industry and have an industry cadetship experience.

The La Trobe University Industry Cadetship Program (ICP) arranges this for students, and you have the opportunity to apply for and hopefully get accepted into a really good opportunity over the summer.

So I’m here today with the head of the program Matt Posetti, and we’re just going to have a short Q&A talking about some of the great things about the program. So Matt, what is the Industry Cadetship Program (ICP)?

Well at the cadetship program, basically we work with a range of different industry partners to create opportunities for our students to go out into industry and apply the knowledge they’ve been learning in an academic context within a real world setting. **(um)**

For the benefit of students, you’ll actually receive a scholarship as well for your troubles, so it’s a better way to earn some money, and actually get to apply the skills you’re learning in your scientific discipline within **(eh)** a workplace environment.

Sure, and so I remember that when I did an industry cadetship I was lucky to get it in first year. Is that something which La Trobe is still doing? Can students get an industry cadetship after their first year of study?

Absolutely they can. **(um)** It is a competitive process, so it is about being able to demonstrate you have the skills, the passion, and the enthusiasm for the opportunity that’s presented.

But **(um)**, we have had a number of first years succeed, **(um)** yeah so it’s a good opportunity.

And I also remember that when I did an industry cadetship it was in a food chemistry laboratory, so it was quite a narrow area of, of **(um)** cadetship experience.

Although there were lots of things that I could do, it was food chemistry. And I was just wondering if I’ve got friends who are studying physics, or maths or maybe engineering, do they have the opportunity to work in industries specific to them?

We work with a whole range of industries within the scientific disciplines where our students end up, so **(um)** we’ve got a range of diverse companies on board from **(ah)** Government Departments like DEPI, through to multi-nationals like Glaxo-Smith Klein, we’ve got engineering, we’ve got **(um)** electronic engineering... so many opportunities.

Sure. So hopefully guys you’ve had the opportunity to see that when you come to La Trobe this is one of those drawcards that the University offers to you.

There’s an opportunity for you to apply for and hopefully get accepted into some great industry cadetship programs.

Because of course as we know the learning experience is not just going to happen in the classroom at University, it’s also about how you can apply that knowledge out in industry, and La Trobe certainly gives you the opportunity to do that. Thanks Matt.

My pleasure.