



careerseekers

opening the door to corporate australia

\$200,000

over three years to establish the CareerSeekers New Australian Internship Program.

The award-winning CareerTrackers Indigenous internship program demonstrated the effectiveness of meaningful and supported work experience as a pathway to long term employment. This inspired a new vision - CareerSeekers - to create employment opportunities for people seeking asylum and refugees.

CareerSeekers offers two streams of paid internships for individuals who have been granted approval to settle in Australia and possess the necessary work rights:

- University students who undertake paid internships during university breaks in an effort to link their studies with practical work experience
- Mid-career professionals - those with tertiary qualifications and professional work experience who strive to re-establish their careers in Australia

Recognising the transformational impact of having a job, and the pioneering nature of the program, VFFF saw this as a catalytic opportunity to provide meaningful employment for refugees and people seeking asylum to ensure their full participation in Australian life.



“Everyone was telling me about the importance of having an Australian local experience, which I didn’t have yet. It was perfect timing when one of my friends introduced me to CareerSeekers... The 12 week program gave me hands on experience in my industry. I have developed a network of support and I have been able to see how well my skills were transferred to the Australian environment.”

CareerSeekers Intern