

Dear Kevin and the wonderful Friends of the Academy,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your financial contribution to my secondment. My experience on secondment, as described below, was greatly beneficial.

I am a third year Arts Management student at WAAPA. For my third year industry secondment, I divided my ten weeks between the Perth and Sydney offices of a renowned talent representation agency. The organisation represents a selection of Australia's finest actors, directors, entertainers, voice-over artists, presenters and writers.

I started with the agency as an intern in June 2013, and was accepted to complete my secondment with the organisation in early 2014. Whilst working in the Perth office, I had the opportunity to work as a junior actor's agent, coordinating casting sessions with over fifty actors for a major feature film. It was an extraordinary experience, and I was able to learn many valuable skills.

The money provided by the Friends of the Academy allowed me to visit the Sydney office, to meet several individuals whom I had only conversed with over the phone, and to experience how a multi-department agency operates. I had the incredible privilege of sitting in on agent meetings and viewing how the acting, literary and entertainment sectors function on a daily basis.

I have now returned to Perth to continue working for the company on a part-time basis while I write my extensive organisational thesis. I have also been informed that I will be continuing on with the same company in the New Year.

I would personally like to thank the Friends of the Academy for their kind donation towards my future in the industry, as I am sure that my trip to Sydney solidified my position in the organisation. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity for me, as I entered this course straight from high school, and I am completing it as an employed young professional on the path to my dream career.

Thank you again for your donation towards my future.

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Tara