Commonwealth Parliamentary Internships
ANIP is the only university program that offers Commonwealth Parliamentary Internships in which students work in the offices of Members of Parliament and Senators and engage with a range of activities that shape national policymaking. Students are based in the Commonwealth Parliament for two to four weeks where they develop a policy research project. During the remainder of semester students continue developing their project through working with constituency offices based in their home state and ANIP’s academic advisors.

ANIP Travel Grant
ANIP Travel Grants are available for interstate students undertaking an ANIP internship away from their normal place of residence in order to reduce the overall cost to the student. Students will be considered for an ANIP Travel Grant when they apply to ANIP.

Ken Wanganeen Scholarship
The Ken Wanganeen Scholarship is open to Indigenous Australians enrolled in ANIP. It was established to encourage young Indigenous Australians to develop their leadership skills and aspire to leadership positions in their community through undertaking an ANIP internship. Ken Wanganeen was Assistant Secretary in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and committed to constructive ways of bringing the people of Australia together.

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Mikayla-May Brinckley, ANIP ‘18  
Bachelor of Science (Psychology) / Bachelor of Arts (Gender & Cultural Studies / Australian Indigenous Studies)  
Placement: House of Representatives

The best way forward for Indigenous policy and solutions for issues in Indigenous communities comes from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people ourselves.

ANIP allowed me to have a practical experience working in Indigenous Health. I worked from Parliament House in the office of the Minister of Indigenous Health on a report to reduce rheumatic heart disease and renal disease. Having young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students doing ANIP means we are able to have our voices heard and represent our communities and people. We’re able to help shape policy and give our communities the best outcomes by centring our knowledge and solutions.

During my time at ANIP I worked with data from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to ensure that our voices are captured in the planning to reduce the rates of these diseases in Indigenous communities. I enrolled in ANIP as I wanted to ensure I was gaining the best experience I could in the health sector, while also playing my role in helping ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are at the table when finding our own solutions to problems.

Keegan Knott, ANIP ‘18  
Bachelor of International Relations/ Bachelor of Classical Studies  
Placement: House of Representatives

I got to experience party briefings, political strategising and diplomatic meetings with different embassies, providing for a worthwhile experience.

ANIP provided me with the opportunity to work first hand with a senior member of the Australian Parliament and the first Aboriginal woman to be elected to the House of Representatives, Linda Burney MP. My report focused on tackling the exploitation of the Centrepay program within the Department of Human Services. This crises was disproportionately targeting the Aboriginal community, highlighting the great opportunity ANIP provides to Indigenous students to directly challenge these issues and impact their community in a positive way.