2020 CAA207: London Ambulance Placement Opportunity

Application Information

There is an opportunity for 12 students in total from both Hobart and NSW to undertake CAA207: Inter-professional Emergency Placement, with the London Ambulance Service (LAS) in Semester Two 2020. Placement dates are tentatively planned for 31 August to 18 September 2020.

This placement offers a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth for successful applicants. Successful applicants will be required to re-locate to London, England for placement. LAS services a population of over 8 million across 620 square miles and 70 ambulance stations. As LAS will allocate students to a central hub which will likely mean travel to different stations, there is no option to preference locations. Rosters will be provided on arrival in London.

Students will also need to consider how they will manage on-going study commitments, including time differences while away. You will need to plan to arrive in London with 24 hours clear before the placement commences, your travel should not include the examination, DO/supp periods, or other unit class times. Where a clash of unit requirements looks likely you will need to discuss these with your unit and course coordinator before booking your travel.

NSW students should also note that if allocated to a regional placement for CAA208 it may not be possible to move to the metropolitan division for this placement. Individual requests to move from the regional division to the metropolitan division for this placement will be considered on a case by case basis.

Things you need to know before considering this opportunity

London is one of the world’s oldest cities. It is the largest city in Europe and one of the most densely populated cities in the world with a population of 8 million and approximately 16 million tourists/year as well as a large inflow of workers on a daily basis. This is a huge contrast to both Sydney and Hobart. Applicants need to consider how they will cope with being immersed in such a megacity. Although LAS provides some on the ground support and there will be other students travelling at the same time, this is essentially an independent placement and as such some students may find the experience very challenging.

Students are required to meet all travel and living expenses for placement, including airfares. London is an expensive city, therefore students need to ensure they have enough funds available to sustain their stay. Students will also need to allow for internet and mobile phone charges, consider international roaming or a local SIM card. It is highly recommended that students have travel insurance for the entire period of travel, including repatriation cover. Students are responsible for organising their own accommodation while on placement.

Successful applicants may be eligible to apply for a OS-HELP loan. Further information is available at http://www.utas.edu.au/fees/help-loans/os-help/utas-os-help-guidelines
Students are responsible for ensuring their passport is valid for the correct period of time and to obtain the **appropriate visa (TBA)**. As this placement is observational, students will only require a tourist visa. The University of Tasmania takes the safety of its students seriously. The Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) issues travel advice through its [http://smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au) website. It is recommended students regularly monitor changes to travel advice, both for the UK and if travelling to other countries before or after placement. Students are required to register with DFAT prior to leaving Australia.

If the Australian Government travel advisory status changes for the UK prior to or during placement, the university may cancel the placement activity, or request students to return home immediately.

Students will need to inform the University of their accommodation address and contact details while in London. Next of Kin details need to be up-to-date in eStudent. Students will also be required to access their UTas email account regularly as this is the main communication pathway for placement information both before and during the placement.

Students will also need to consider how they will manage on-going study commitments, including time differences while away. All students will be required to attend a mandatory pre-placement briefing session. All students are expected to continue to attend regular lectures/tutorials prior to departure for placement and submit assessment tasks on time.

While this is a great opportunity to travel and to experience a different lifestyle, it is also important to remember students will be an ambassador for the University of Tasmania. All students will be required to demonstrate a high level of professionalism and practice.

Students need to consider this opportunity carefully, as you will be away from home and support networks for over three weeks. Looking after your health and personal wellbeing is always important and especially so when in a new environment, away from friends and family. Once allocated to London Ambulance Service, students will be required to relinquish their placement in Australia. To avoid delays and the risk of placement cancellation, successful applicants are strongly encouraged to begin their own personal organisation for placement in London as early as possible.

**Eligible students will need to have reached a minimum Credit average across all subjects during their BPP program and have demonstrated a high level of personal integrity and professionalism across their Bachelor of Paramedic studies.**

**Your final acceptance into the placement is also conditional on successful completion of any necessary prerequisite units and ability to meet all compliance requirements for the University of Tasmania.**

- Before your place is finalised, students will be required to have completed all 2020 University of Tasmania mandatory compliance requirements. Items with an expiry date (2020 Safety in Practice agreement, National Police Certificate and NSW Working with Children Check) must be valid beyond 18 September 2020 with all other compliance requirements, including immunisations, completed and verified in InPlace.
- Students will be required to sign a statement of agreement that they are prepared to relinquish their place in Tasmania or NSW if your application is successful and you accept the offer. We will need this statement signed and returned with your application.
- All students will be required to attend pre-placement briefings prior to leaving for London.
- Students will need to submit an application via InPlace addressing the selection criteria below. Applicants will also need to include brief a curriculum vitae, and may be required to participate in a short interview.
• Applications will need to be submitted via InPlace during the application period **Monday 2 March to 2359 Sunday 15 March 2020**
• All applications will be considered by an Academic Panel
• Successful applicants will be informed via email by **1200 Monday 23 March 2020**
• Students will need to provide all travel details to the PEP Team prior to departing Australia, as well as a contact address and phone number in the UK, including current passport details.
Selection Criteria

Applications for this opportunity need to be submitted via InPlace. Please ensure you use the attached checklist to correctly submit your application.

1. Submit a statement no longer than 500 words stating you have demonstrated the following
   a. Evidence of commitment to Paramedicine at the University of Tasmania
   b. Evidence of high level skills in professional communication and practice
   c. Ability and willingness to act as an ambassador for the University of Tasmania School of Medicine
   d. Articulate how this opportunity will assist future career plans, including potentially working with LAS

2. Academic History
   a. Demonstrated credit average throughout your Bachelor of Paramedic Practice Program
   b. Successful completion of all PEPs to date
   c. Attach a transcript of your academic history (available from eStudent)

3. Fully compliant with University of Tasmania mandatory PEP requirements
   a. Screenshot of current InPlace Paramedicine Compliance status

4. Current Curriculum Vitae, no longer than two (2) pages

5. Completed statement relinquishing placement in Australia
Statement of Agreement to Relinquish Local Placement

You are required to complete and submit this form with your application.

I ................................................................................................ Student ID ......................

Agree to relinquish my practice placement for CAA207 in Australia 2020, if my application to
undertake placement at London Ambulance Service for this unit is successful.

Signed .................................................Date .................................
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