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Dear

Re: Engineering Work Integrated Learning Program

I am writing to invite your company to participate in a Work Integrated Learning (WIL) program from La Trobe University's Department of Engineering. The Department has revised its engineering courses and has placed greater emphasis on preparing students for professional work. The revision of the courses was made with consultation with a range of industry representatives who supported the introduction of Work Integrated Learning and its high priority in the courses.

This program aims to:

- provide an opportunity for students to contribute to or carry out meaningful and structured projects and gain practical work experience
- challenge students to apply and extend the core skills and knowledge they have learned to solve authentic problems in the engineering context
- allow students to apply knowledge and ideas towards the solution of specific organisational problems or projects
- enhance the academic program by bridging the gap between theory and practice.

Your organisation is invited to partner with La Trobe University by hosting one or more student(s) to undertake a placement project in your organisation. Alternatively, the placement may be operationally based where the student is undertaking tasks that are part of the ongoing work of the organisation. The Work Integrated Learning Program will deliver direct benefits to participating organisations as students will apply their knowledge to a task or project for up to eight months at minimal cost to your organisation. A nominal fee of \$10,000 for six months (for full-time placement) will cover the student's stipend, program fees and GST and will allow you access to the highest performing students in our Engineering cohort. As an additional bonus, La Trobe University administers the payment of the student stipend, meaning your organisation will not be charged payroll tax.

In addition to the direct benefits, your organisation would be contributing to its corporate citizenship profile and the student's professional development as illustrated above, by allowing them to apply and extend their knowledge in real business and community settings. Participation in the program would be highly valued by La Trobe University which is seeking to develop long-term relationships with significant Victorian organisations to the benefit of all parties.

Other benefits to employers include the opportunity to:

- gain access to high-calibre students (screened)
- promote employment opportunities to a targeted and high-achieving student cohort
- offer a recruitment pathway with an opportunity to trial potential employees without obligation
- access a cost-effective casual resource
- have a student undertake a project that has been on hold due to a lack of resources

Please feel free to contact the Subject Coordinator, Peter Moar on 9479 3024 or via email (p.moar@latrobe.edu.au), regarding any questions about the program. Please give the Engineering Program your serious consideration. Should you be interested, it would be advisable to make contact promptly as only a small cohort of students will be available in Semester 1 of 2018 and established partners will have first options on the program.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lumley', is centered on the page.

Professor Roger Lumley, FTSE, FIEAust, CPEng
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Enclosed: WIL Program Brochure