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STUDY NSW PARTNER PROJECTS BOOST INNOVATION

Teams of international students will help NSW businesses, startups and not-for-profit partners analyse market changes and identify opportunities to innovate or pivot to recover from COVID-19.

NSW Treasury's Jennifer West, Deputy Secretary, Trade said Partner Project grants from Study NSW would provide more than \$300,000 funding to help ensure the future of international education in NSW.

"International education remains one of the State's biggest exports, sustaining thousands of jobs across NSW," Ms West said.

"These grants are part of a range of measures supporting over 141,000 international students currently in the State and assisting the industry manage impacts from COVID-19.

"They are part of what makes NSW the premier study destination in Australia, helping international students pursue opportunities inside and outside the classroom, from the time they arrive until graduation and beyond.

"Through this program, students team up with universities and colleges, sporting organisations, educational start-ups, entrepreneurship programs, and local and State government including the NSW Police Force. That helps them build employability skills, network and thrive while they complete their studies in NSW."

The recipients for the 2020-21 round are:

- **Practera:** \$80,000 for teams of international students to analyse market changes and opportunities for innovation for NSW businesses, startups and not-for-profits;
- **Sydney Institute of Business and Technology:** \$50,000 to deliver Farm Jobs Connect, linking international students with part-time harvest work in the Hunter and the Central West;
- **Haymarket HQ:** \$46,000 for a virtual entrepreneurship program supporting international students to create startups;
- **Outcome Life Pty Ltd:** \$44,000 to connect small and medium enterprises across NSW with international student talent for mutual benefit;
- **Western Sydney University:** \$38,390 for INTERCHANGE, a 4-week fast-paced *Work Integrated Learning* program where international students from six universities work on real-world social problems;
- **Sydney Football Club:** \$31,916 for Learn, Earn & Thrive to educate and integrate international students using the universal language of football;

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- **University of New South Wales:** \$21,376 to combat scams targeting international students through collaboration between international students, NSW Police Force and leading academics; and
- **Australian International Sports Organisation Pty Ltd (AUSISO):** \$19,850 to foster international student community integration and employability through sport.

Between 2014 and 2020, Study NSW has invested \$2.1 million across 53 partner projects and attracted \$7.9 million in industry contributions.

To find out more about this year's projects, visit www.study.sydney/programs/partner-projects.

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