



## Murdoch University: Career Connect Newsletter

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### LATEST NEWS

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Murdoch Sports Science Graduate, Darrell Morgan has gone from strength to strength.



Darrell Morgan has relentlessly pursued his sporting passion from the very beginning of his Sports Science degree at Murdoch and all the hard work is paying off.

After completing a Masters in High Performance Sports Coaching in Melbourne, Darrell returned to Perth early this year to accept a full-time Strength and Conditioning Coaching position with the Perth Lynx (National Women's Basketball League). Darrell is also currently busy with consultancy work, presenting and facilitating workshops for high performing athletes, teams and coaches through his own business, Athletic Advantage. *Note: [The Athletic Advantage website](#) is a useful resource for strength and conditioning and sports development articles.*

Darrell kindly agreed to share his story.

#### **1) How did you land your first career related position?**

I pursued strength and conditioning coaching roles for local basketball and AFL football teams throughout my Murdoch degree and eventually progressed to state level. I got involved with the Perth Wildcats organisation, which led them to get back in touch with me when they purchased the Lynx and entered the women's league. You never know what work or personal connections will develop into opportunities in the future so it's always worthwhile going above and beyond and leaving a good impression.

## 2) Proudest Achievement?

I think what the Perth Lynx is doing for women's sport and equality is fantastic and I'm very proud to be a part of the process. We built a team and system from scratch managing to take the WA program from the bottom of the ladder last year to making the Championship this year.

## 3) What single piece of advice would you offer current students interested in a career in Sport Science?

You'll find yourself putting in a lot of time and effort but if you truly find reward in helping others achieve their goals and improve then you'll love it. Sports Science is a very diverse field and improving sports performance is a complex task, but people are the common factor and it's how well you can communicate and relate with the athletes and other members of the organisation, which will ultimately dictate your success.

## 4) What did you need to develop yourself (that was not taught in your degree), that has been invaluable in progressing your career?

I have been working in strength and conditioning and personal training capacities right throughout my education. This was an incredibly valuable experience as it ensured that any theory I was learning at university could easily be related to real world settings.

On top of this, the demands of the groups I worked with required research and learning in other areas, not specifically covered in my undergraduate degree. We tend to focus on the science in Sports Science, but in many cases there is an art to it as well. It's important to appreciate new research and progress but not forget the real world you're working in. You need to be open-minded and learn everything you can from alternative opinions, as well as from your own mistakes. It is also important to establish your personal philosophies and be consistent in them. Selling belief in what you're doing with athletes and teams is often just as important as what exactly you are doing.

***Some great wisdom Darrell. Your dedication to your profession is commendable. All the very best for the future.***



Murdoch student, Pardis Maghami - WA winner of the EY Young Tax Professional of the Year.



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Congrats to Pardis from @MurdochUni WA winner of the #tytpy competition. He's won a place in our Vacationer Program!

Students from across the globe recently took part in this year's EY Young Tax Professional Competition. Current Murdoch student, Pardis Maghami was one of them. He spotted the event on the EY website when looking to apply for their 2017 Graduate Program. Pardis thought he would give it a go and submitted a case study application, with nothing to lose. Submissions were reviewed by EY tax specialists. Top students were then invited to present their findings in person at various EY city locations. Pardis was short-listed for Western Australia and was subsequently awarded the WA state winner title! Pardis, along with four other state representatives each won a place in their 2016-17 Summer Vacationer Program. He also narrowly missed out on a trip to Amsterdam to take part in the international final, having secured second place nationally. Pardis had the following to say about the experience.

"The whole competition experience was highly rewarding and provided me with a good insight into the working world of a tax consultant. The ability to present my case study response to very senior EY tax specialists was a very exciting opportunity and privilege. The highlight of the competition for me was finishing the presentation and being told by industry professionals that my presentation was extremely well done and that it was pitched perfectly at a client. Receiving positive feedback like that was a huge confidence booster and reflected the hard work and preparation I did. Becoming more confident in my understanding of tax laws has consequently reinforced my passion for the field and fostered my desire to orientate my future career towards this area."

Pardis' advice for other students:

"The EY Young Tax Professional competition allows students to demonstrate their research skills and understanding of taxation, in a practical way. This is a wonderful initiative which provides students with an alternative pathway to showcase the high quality work they can produce, even when they are still at University. I would highly recommend other students to take part in the competition next year".

***Fantastic result Pardis, well done!***



SAVE THE DATE! Access Experience Fair: Internships, Volunteering, Vacation Work and more. August 3. ALL students welcome.

# Access Experience Fair 2016

Wednesday 3 August 11.00am - 1.00pm Bush Court

Over 25 Exhibitors including:

Murdoch Careers and Employment Centre

Practical experience is essential for the job-ready graduate. Visit the Access Experience Fair and discover some of the great opportunities available!

Want to find out how this event could benefit you?  
Contact:  
[careers@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:careers@murdoch.edu.au)

Volunteering • Internships • Vacation Work • Professional Associations

Gain on-the-job experience as a student and get ahead! Get along to the Access Experience Fair to find out how. 20+ exhibitors will be attending this year's Access Experience Fair on Wednesday August 3 between 11am - 1pm. Head to the Careers and Employment Centre, on Bush Court. Full event details and updates can be found on [CareerConnect](#).

Some helpful tips for students on the day:

- 1) Come early and get along to the "Engaging Professionally (with employers)" presentation by industry (executive recruitment agency, Gerald Daniels) just before the event. (see [CareerConnect](#) Events below for details).
- 2) Have something light to eat prior to meeting exhibitors - so you can focus your attention and not be lured into the nearby Food Court!
- 3) Find a mirror for a quick presentation check.
- 4) Visit the Careers and Employment Centre for an exhibitor list and to plan your approach (visit as many exhibitors as possible).
- 5) Ask questions!
- 6) Use your manners - wait your turn to introduce yourself, don't just take the freebies and thank exhibitors for their advice and information.

## **AUSTRALIAN JOBS - 2016 Edition now Available**

Australian Jobs is an annual publication containing useful Australian labour market information. It is based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures and includes job details by; location (state), industry, occupation grouping and qualification (i.e. graduate employment outcomes).

The 2016 edition suggests that Bachelor degree graduates in Education, Health and Business/Management currently have the strongest employment outcomes. The guide also offers projections on where the jobs will be in the future. Occupations involving creativity, complex judgement, advanced reasoning, social interaction and emotional intelligence are likely to grow and less likely to be affected by advances in automation and artificial intelligence. Therefore the importance of "soft" or transferrable skills will be emphasized in the future.

Hard copies of the 2016 edition are now available in the Careers and Employment Centre. Not on campus? A PDF version is available [here](#).

## **VOLUNTEERING SURVEY - enter and win**

Would you like to win a \$50 Coles Myer gift card? Take a few minutes to complete this survey on volunteering. The survey was developed by a group of Murdoch Student Emerging Leaders (MSEL) students, who are completing a volunteer project for The Smith Family. The survey is open to ALL current students at Murdoch. [Survey Link](#).

## **CAREERCONNECT EVENTS**

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1) Young Professionals - How to take advantage of that platter of opportunity

This networking event is open to Murdoch students, graduates, business owners, leaders and local community members who are under 35 and have an interest in developing themselves professionally. Guest Speaker: Dave Simmons - Founder, Chairman and Lead Innovation Engineer of The Simmons Group of Companies. Graduate of the University of Technology – Sydney (UTS), Sydney.

This is a no cost event offered by Murdoch University in-conjunction with Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce. To register your attendance contact: SBG@murdoch.edu.au.

**When: Wednesday, 20 July, 5.45 - 7.00pm**  
**Where: Club Murdoch, South Street Campus**

[More Info](#)

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## 2) Access Experience Event: Engaging Professionally (with Employers) - Presentation by Gerard Daniels (executive recruitment agency)

Find out how to impress future employers in person. Alex Goldrick, from Gerard Daniels (executive recruitment agency) will be offering invaluable networking tips in preparation for the "Access Experience Fair", scheduled for later in the day. All students welcome. No bookings required but come early for a good seat.

**When: Wednesday, 3 Aug, 9.30 am - 10.30 am**  
**Where: Senate Conference Room, Senate Building, Bush Court, South Street Campus**

[More Info](#)

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## 3) Access Experience Fair: Internships, Volunteering, Vacation Work and more!

Relevant industry experience is no longer an optional extra for students. Come along to our Access Experience Fair and speak directly to representatives who are offering: Internships, Volunteer Work, Vacation Work and other student experience options.

All students welcome. No bookings required, but be sure to dress-up a little on the day and check out exhibitor updates by selecting the "More Info" below.

**When: Wednesday, 3 Aug, 11am - 1 pm**  
**Where: Outside the Careers and Employment Centre, Bush Court, South Street Campus**

[More Info](#)

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## 4) Access Experience Event: The Big Issue - Big Idea national student team competition - Information Session

The Big Idea invites students to work in small teams to develop a concept and business plan for a social enterprise idea, aimed to improve the lives of those in need. Undergraduate students from all disciplines are encouraged to get involved. The competition is a great way to showcase your innovation, presentation and team skills, as well as possibly make a real difference. Find out more about this exciting opportunity and how you can get involved. No bookings required.

**When: Wednesday, 3 Aug, 12 noon - 1.30 pm**  
**Where: Senate Conference Room, Senate Building, Bush Court, South Street Campus**

[More Info](#)

## **JOBS CORNER**

Final year and Graduate Opportunities

2017 WA Housing Authority Graduate Program (Multi-discipline) [Find out more](#)

WA Public Sector Commission Graduate Development Officer (Multi-discipline) [Find out more](#)

WA Education Dept. Graduate Support Officer (Multi-discipline) [Find out more](#)

## Student Opportunities

2017 Govt. ICT Cadetship Programme (1st/2nd year IT students) (Aust. wide including Perth) [Find out more](#)

Pwc 3 year Trainee program (Business / IT / Bus. & Law combined) (penultimate students) [Find out more](#)

Scitech Volunteers (Perth Science Festival) [Find out more](#)

## Useful Links

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[The dos and don'ts of student networking](#)

[Eight great tricks for reading people's body language](#)

[Your digital footprint and the permanent job search](#)

[10 common behavioural questions and how to answer them](#)

[How to be a star in a group interview](#)

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