

STUDENT OFFICER PROGRAM – NOW OPEN

VACATION EMPLOYMENT – YEAR 2026/2027

Applications are invited from chemistry students who are interested in paid work experience at ChemCentre in the Forensic Science Laboratory and Scientific Services Division between November 2026 to March 2027 (three-month period). Students must have completed at least 3rd Year Chemistry.

ChemCentre is the premier analytical chemistry facility in Western Australia. It has an extensive history and well-earned reputation in the delivery of high quality analytical, consultative, and investigative chemical services.

We have total five (5) vacancies. Four (4) in Forensic Science Laboratory and one (1) in Scientific Services Division.

Forensic Science Laboratory: includes a diverse range of government agency, industry and research clients and collaborative research partners. ChemCentre's role includes the provision of forensic science and consultancy services to the WA Police, the Office of the State Coroner, Racing and Wagering WA, Department of Home Affairs, Department of Health as well as a range of other government and commercial clients.

To be successful in Forensic Science Laboratory, immunity against Hepatitis B, evidenced by a serology report, is required. Where a successful applicant previously had all Hepatitis B vaccination then a booster vaccination may be required, followed by a serology test.

Scientific Services Division: includes complex chemical analyses, problem solving and investigative and collaborative research projects. SSD provides an extensive range of NATA and TGA accredited specialised analytical and advisory services on a fee-for-service basis to government, industry and the community. We serve a diverse range of sectors including environment, public and occupational health, emergency response, mining, infrastructure, and defence.

To be successful in Scientific Services Division, successful applicants must undergo serology testing to confirm Hepatitis B immunity in accordance with ChemCentre requirements.

Your duties may include:

- Assisting scientific staff
- Assisting with Research and Development projects and
- Routine laboratory activities.

Benefits

- Practical laboratory professional development
- Paid public holidays during your employment Annual and personal leave (pro-rata)
- Join the ChemCentre social activities.
- Opportunity for a written reference (upon completion of placement)
- Potential for future employment at ChemCentre

Our values of Integrity, Technical Excellence, Respect and Innovation guide our organisation. ChemCentre is committed to attracting and retaining a culturally diverse workforce through supportive and inclusive work practices. We value the unique perspectives that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, women and youth bring to our workplace.

ChemCentre is committed to flexibility in the workplace. You may be required to work in any area of Forensic Science Laboratory or Scientific Services Division within ChemCentre.

For more information refer to our website [ChemCentre](https://www.chemcentre.wa.gov.au)

For **Scientific Services Division** opportunities contact David Lynch, Manager Inorganic Chemistry dlynch@chemcentre.wa.gov.au or 08 9422 9977.

For **Forensic Science Laboratory** opportunities contact David Brown, Manager Forensic Toxicology, dbrown@chemcentre.wa.gov.au or 08 9422 9801.

Prescreening or other Employment Requirements

- Current National Police Certificate (no more than 3 months old)
- Participation in ChemCentre's Hepatitis Immunisation Program (evidence by a Serology report)
- Proof of Identity (passport or drivers' licence)
- Proof of working rights in Australia
- Provide a Buccal swab sample for a staff DNA database

Additional requirements for Forensic Science Laboratory:

- WA Police Force Integrity Check

Meeting these requirements will be further discussed with successful candidates prior to appointment.

How to apply

Please provide a brief (two pages maximum) resume along with a copy of your academic records via email to: training@chemcentre.wa.gov.au with the subject line: *Student Vacation Employment Program*.

CLOSING DATE: Monday 14 September 2026.

Successful applicants will be notified by end of September 2026.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED