



Get in touch Whakapā mai



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in more information or would like to get in touch we would love to hear from you.

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Project SEARCH

Ka whakakaha i te tangata

A holistic work experience programme to get you work-ready

How can I get involved?

Ka pēhea te mahi mōku?

TO BE ELIGIBLE to apply, you need to be a disabled person aged 18–22, enrolled at high school or in further education and want to be in paid employment.

If you are interested in learning more, contact us to request an application pack.



“ I’m going into the course for the skills and to show people that no matter what your disability is, you can still do anything. I like proving people wrong. ”

Ricky, Project SEARCH intern.



CCS disability action
Including all people



What is Project SEARCH?

He aha te tikanga?

PROJECT SEARCH IS a holistic, one year programme. It is led by businesses and provides young disabled people with the skills they need to enter the workforce with confidence.

Interns are placed within participating workplaces and provided practical hands-on training, education, career development as well as comprehensive support throughout the programme.

The programme was originally developed at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre, which is the administrative headquarters for Project SEARCH.

In Christchurch the Project SEARCH pilot is hosted by Canterbury District Health Board at Burwood Hospital.



"I enjoy working with the people in the Orderlies Department who show me what to do and teach me great skills."
Ethan, Project SEARCH intern.

THE PROGRAMME IS delivered as a partnership between:



TE HUNGA HAUĀ MAURI MŌ NGĀ TĀNGATA KATOA



What you can expect

Ko ngā whakamārama

IF YOU ARE getting ready to leave school or further education and you're interested in getting 'work-ready' Project SEARCH may be for you.

1. The unpaid internship runs for one (school) year, with breaks during school holidays. You will work five days a week so you need to be prepared to commit for this time.
2. You will be offered a mixture of practical work and classroom-based learning. You can expect a range of experiences that will interest and challenge you.
3. You will be doing real work and you may have to step out of your comfort zone!
4. The team from Project SEARCH are knowledgeable, friendly and experienced and will provide ongoing support to ensure you get the most out of the experience.
5. The programme is well structured, with regular opportunities to discuss your progress at work and your wellbeing as the year progresses.