

# Global Trade Accelerator (GTA) 2-Week Consulting Experience July 2021 FAQs



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## General statement about COVID-19 impacting the GTA program in July 2021 (formerly known as GVIP or Dealbook)

Due to the evolving situation of COVID-19, there may be unexpected changes to the delivery of GTA in July 2021. Currently, the program is planned to be delivered entirely virtually for the July 2021 intake

## Am I eligible for GTA?

To be eligible for the July 2021 intake of GTA, you need to be, **at the time of application (e.g. between Monday 12 April to Friday 30 April 2021):**

- A currently enrolled domestic or international student at The University of Melbourne
- **An undergraduate student or a postgraduate coursework student in your first year and under (e.g. have successfully completed less than 100 UoM credit points)**
- Have the appropriate IT and technical resources to successfully participate in GTA (e.g. laptop and reliable internet connection)
- Have attended / watched the Careers and Employability Session on "Preparing your GTA application" with information on Smart Resume and addressing Key Selection Criteria

You cannot apply for GTA (formerly known as GVIP or Dealbook) if you have participated in the program in the past.

## Am I eligible for Practera Consulting Projects too?

To be eligible for the July 2021 intake of Practera Consulting Projects, you need to be, **at the time of application (e.g. between Monday 12 April to Friday 30 April 2021):**

- An undergraduate international student in your third year and above (e.g. have successfully completed more than 200 UoM credit points), **or**
- A postgraduate coursework or graduate research international student

You may be eligible to apply for Practera Consulting Projects too if you are, **at the time of application (e.g. between Monday 12 April to Friday 30 April 2021):**

- An undergraduate international student in your third year and above (e.g. have successfully completed more than 200 UoM credit points), **or**

- A postgraduate coursework international student in your first year and under (e.g. have successfully completed less than 100 UoM credit points)

**Please note, you will need to submit separate applications and apply for both programs. The Key Selection Criteria is different for each application.**

**Due to conflicting dates, students cannot complete placements for both Practera Consulting Projects and Global Trade Accelerator under the same July 2021 period.**

If you are still unsure about your eligibility, please email the [Student Engagement team](#).

#### **How can I get assistance preparing my application?**

We recommend students consult all available resources listed on the [GTA webpage](#). This includes:

1. Attending the Careers and Employability Session on “Preparing your consulting project application” with information on Smart Resume and addressing Key Selection Criteria at Thursday 15 April, 11.00am.

**To register for the session, please visit <http://go.unimelb.edu.au/c5pi>. Please register with your University email address and student ID.**

If you cannot attend the ‘live’ session, the session will also be recorded. Please note attending or watching the recording of this session is a **hurdle** requirement.

The link to the recorded session will be made available on the [GTA webpage](#) after the ‘live’ session.

You can also preview a PDF of the GTA July 2021 Application Form ahead of formally commencing an application via Careers Online (SSO required) <https://careersonline.unimelb.edu.au/docs/495/GTA-JULY-2021-APP-FORM.pdf>

For more information on how you can develop your employability while you study, please visit The University of Melbourne’s Careers website <https://students.unimelb.edu.au/careers>

#### **Can I make changes to my application after I have submitted it?**

If you need to make any changes to your application answers after submitting the form, you will need to resubmit a new form. After the closing deadline, we will take your latest submission as your final application.

#### **How will my application be assessed?**

Your application will be assessed by a selection panel of University staff using the Key Selection Criteria listed on the Application Form. All applicants will be notified about their application outcome by **Friday 4 June 2021**, latest.

#### **I am working/planning to work/studying over the summer/winter break, can I apply for GTA?**

While it is not strictly recorded, it is expected that students will spend ~25 hours overall across the 2-week timeframe on GTA with their project team. The exact hours of commitment will depend on your project team and the project deliverables from your client, as this varies from client to client and are based on the client’s project brief and guidelines. Deliverables are group-based.

You will need to ensure that you are able to make yourself available to participate in The University of Melbourne’s and Practera’s compulsory sessions to successfully complete this program.

### **Are there any fees required for participation in this program / do I receive any payment post program?**

No, there are no fees required for participation in this program. The University of Melbourne, together with Practera subsidize the cost for students to be involved with the Global Trade Accelerator Program. It is important to note that this program is an unpaid, extra-curricular skills development opportunity.

You will not receive payment for participating in this program or upon completion of your final report. Students who successfully complete the GTA 2-Week Consulting Experience will receive a digital certificate from Practera.

### **Can we choose our industry partner or client?**

The matching process is done by Practera and not The University of Melbourne. Please note that the exact host organization and client you will be working with will only be determined once Practera receives student confirmations from the other participating Victorian Universities. Host organization matching, and allocations are only done closer to the start of the placement dates.

If there is not a particular industry aligned to your area of study and/or interests, we would encourage you to take this opportunity to explore potential career paths and industries you may not have previously considered in line with the objective of the Global Trade Accelerator Program.

### **Do we have to meet up as a team?**

No, you are not required to meet in person as this is a virtual program and you can collaborate entirely online. If circumstances allow at the time you can choose to meet up and do group work in person. Please monitor [COVID-19 website](#) for updates.

### **Are there any “marks” associated with this program?**

No, there is no mark that you / your team receives; you will get feedback from your client but there is no formal “mark”. Post program, students who successfully complete the Global Trade Accelerator Program will receive a digital badge and certificate from Practera.

### **Are we located at the client’s office?**

No, you will be working remotely for the duration of the two-week program. If circumstances allow at the time GTA is session, the client may invite you to meet at their office, however it is not mandatory to meet with your client to complete this program.

### **How do we get started as a team?**

First, establish a communication channel; second, read the content on Practera; third, complete the team introduction slide as a team; fourth, understand the export brief and divide up the work amongst the team.

### **How do we determine project roles for each team member for this program?**

Read and understand the brief as a team and divide up the work accordingly. What is needed of each person to complete the final report will depend on the brief. Some role examples include researcher, report writer, etc.

### **What do we do if team members are not responsive?**

If you find out your team members do not respond, and you are worried that this is delaying your teamwork, please contact the GTA Program Team.

### **What if I am unavailable for part of the program?**

If you are unavailable for part of the program and you are concerned that this will impact your team significantly, please contact the GTA Program Team. If you are partially unavailable, but can still contribute as a team member, please communicate this with your allocated team members.

#### **How do I contact my/our client?**

Successful students will be placed into teams and will receive further instructions from Practera, including project brief and their client details. You can email your client, or you can reach out to them via Practera chat.

#### **What are the deadlines I need to know / need to meet to complete the program?**

The only formal deadline is for the Final Report. We recommend that you complete the Team Introduction Slide as soon as possible and submit a draft report at the end of week 1 / start of week 2.

#### **How do I communicate with my team?**

Successful students will be placed into teams and will receive further instructions from Practera, including details about the project brief, and the email addresses of your team members so you can reach out via email. You can also use the Practera chat function. You may also decide as a team to use other communication tools.

For any further clarification and/or advice, please contact the Student Engagement team ([student-engagement@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:student-engagement@unimelb.edu.au)).