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First Internships To be Provided Today After Federal Budget Initiative

Australia's leader in personalised advice across insurance, utilities and personal finance products, iSelect, and four other companies will be announcing today, (Friday, May 6, 2016) the first internships following the Federal Government's 2016 Budget plan to introduce an internship program designed to help young people transition into work.

iSelect will be providing two internships, while single internships will also be presented by KPMG, Zendesk, Immersive Solutions and SAS.

The announcement of the internships will be made at the inaugural Melbourne Data Science Conference (MedasciN 2016) at nab Arena, to be attended by more than 250 of Australia's leading data science professionals.

The interns will be selected after the conference, which will cover a range of the topics covering the cutting edge data science field, which combines analytics, big data, IT, statistics, machine learning and artificial intelligence.

Scott Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of iSelect, said "We are excited about launching our internship program hot on the heels of the Federal Budget, which will provide much needed incentives for young people and employers to fill the data sector's skills shortage.

"We aim to build on the program to appoint more interns to iSelect over coming years as our company is growing fast across a range of industry sectors and we need the sharpest minds to satisfy the growing demand for our expanding range of services", he added.

Founder of the data science group holding the event and iSelect's head of Data & Analytics, Yuval Marom, said "data science is one of the fast growing areas of Australian government and corporate sectors. iSelect and the other companies are responding to Australia's need to invest in analytic talent through its internship program".

A wide range of corporate professionals, academics, students, researchers and government employees are attending the conference on Friday, which is expected to become an annual event.

Conference program: <http://www.datasciencemelbourne.com/medasciN2016>

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