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## FEDERATION STUDENTS SET TO SHARE SPORT SCIENCE EXPERTISE WITH YALE UNIVERSITY

Yale University, one of the most prestigious universities in the world, is set to benefit from Federation University Australia's world-class Sport Science expertise, with two Federation students starting internships at the famous American institution.

Sport Science students Liam Haintz and Micah Drake will be heading to New Haven, Connecticut in July where they will commence an internship at Yale, fulfilling roles as strength and conditioning coaches for the University's American Football team, the Yale Bulldogs.

As well as providing hands-on support to the team's players during the upcoming Ivy League football season, Liam and Micah will also spend their time in the United States acquiring and analysing athlete performance data as part of their honours research project at Federation.

The prospect of a student internship at Yale was conceived by Federation University Discipline Lead, Exercise and Sport Science, Dr Scott Talpey, a New Haven native who is based at Federation's Ballarat Campus (Mt Helen). Dr Talpey has connections to Yale through a previous role and suggested the internship to their coaching staff as a way to support the Yale Bulldogs while providing Federation students with an exciting opportunity to further their studies.

Having a prestigious institution such as Yale University calling upon the knowledge of Federation's Sport Science discipline is a strong endorsement of the University's Institute of Health and Wellbeing, whose Sport Science and Exercise discipline is ranked in the top 100 globally by the Good Universities Guide.

### **Quotes attributable to Federation University Discipline Lead, Exercise and Sport Science, Dr Scott Talpey**

*"Federation's Sport Science and Exercise team have helped many elite athletes and sporting organisations here in Australia and now, we are excited to have two of our students travel to Yale and share our knowledge and practices with one of the world's most prestigious institutions."*

*"This internship at Yale University will provide an amazing opportunity for our students and is an endorsement of how highly Federation's Sport Science discipline is considered around the world."*

### **Quote attributable to Federation University student Liam Haintz**

*"I'm really excited as this is a huge opportunity for me, not only for my studies but for my future career aspirations as well. I'm extremely grateful to have the opportunity to be able to undertake this trip to such a prestigious university as Yale."*

### **Quote attributable to Federation University student Micah Drake**

*"I'd never thought I'd have the opportunity to do an internship at such a famous international university as Yale, so I'm really excited for this opportunity. There's been a lot of work to make this trip happen but it's finally happening and now I'm really looking forward to travelling to the United States next month."*

### **About Federation University Australia**

With a history spanning over 150 years, Federation University Australia is Victoria's premier regional dual-sector university with campuses located in Ballarat, Berwick, Brisbane, Gippsland and Wimmera. From 2018-2022 Federation ranked first in Australia for first-generation student

*enrolments. In a first for Australia, the globally recognised co-operative education model will be embedded across all Federation programs from 2025.*