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Dear Chris

**Monash Industry Experience Project - Business Higher Education Round Table Awards**

Australia Post has been involved in the Monash Industry Experience Project for the past few years. As a mentor representing Australia Post, I have witnessed the benefits of the program. The program's format provides a very good simulation of a real world project experience. The students work in small groups for a set period of time. During their time in the program they get to experience firsthand many of the situations they would experience in today's IT environment: the pressures of delivering working software to a deadline, changing scope, changing requirements, making priority decisions, and more.

The students work in agile teams, and they go through the process of forming a team, finding everybody's strengths and weaknesses and deciding on how they collaborate and work most effectively together.

At the end of the program, the teams present their work in an expo showcasing their final product. This is a great opportunity for the teams to further master their presentation skills and showcase their work to the rest of their peers and industry sponsors.

This program is not only beneficial for the students it is also very beneficial for the sponsors. It gives us as the sponsor an opportunity to highlight our brand and showcase our work and culture to some of the brightest students in Victoria. Australia Post contributes to the community in many different ways and this is just another opportunity to give back by helping better prepare students for life in the IT sector. Mentors who participate in the program have a chance to fine-tune their mentoring and coaching skills. Guiding teams through the process from ideation to product is not always a situation that is always readily available day to day so this program provides a safe environment for industry mentors to participate in such a scenario and learn how to mentor teams.

Yours sincerely,

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