

## **UPNG STUDENTS CONDUCT EIGHT WEEKS JOB TRAINING WITH NLAS**

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On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, five students of the University of Papua New Guinea commenced their Industrial Practical with the National Literacy Awareness Secretariat. This internship arrangement was an initiative of the UPNG Linguistics Students' Association in collaboration with their course coordinator Mr Sakarepe Kamene and approved by the Director of NLAS, Mr Willie.E.Jonduo, ML. The students' job practical is expected to run for eight weeks.

The five linguistic - major students comprise of two female third years and two female final year students with the fifth being a male second year student. They are;

- Khadijah Apai – 4<sup>th</sup> Year, minor in English Communication,
- Agnes Solien – 4<sup>th</sup> Year, minor in Political Science,
- Anna Lisa Sapak – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, minor in Anthropology,
- Simatha Tramaff – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, minor in Anthropology,
- Semion Thomas – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, minor in English Communication

The purpose of this job training is to equip students with the much needed experience in the employment sector and to allow for exposure in the workplace environment and hopefully provide an apt foundation for a successful career.

It has been observed that for graduands to enter the workforce a key requirement is experience and the trainees' from the University of Papua New Guinea are grateful and pleased that the National Literacy and Awareness Secretariat have agreed to take them under their wing. For the duration of the eight weeks, the five students hope to gain some knowledge and skills in the subject of Literacy in Papua New Guinea and additionally in the workplace environment. Furthermore, it is understood that literacy in Papua New Guinea is an important development agenda for PNG and the students are willing and ready to help out in whatever way they can.



*From Left to Right: Khadijah. A, Agnes. S, Semion T, Simatha T, Anna Lisa S.*