

Indigenous Scholarship (Aboriginal / Māori / Pasifika)

Terms and Conditions

ACODE Learning Technologies Leadership Institute (LTLI27)

Scholarship Details

1. This LTLI27 Indigenous Scholarship (the **Scholarship**) on offer assists Aboriginal, Māori and Pasifika¹ leaders in technology enabled learning, where financial circumstances would otherwise preclude them from participating in the Australasian Council on Open and Digital Education (ACODE) Learning Technologies Leadership Institute (LTLI) in August 2027.
2. The Scholarship provides financial assistance to the value of \$2,000 AUD plus GST.

Eligibility and Application

3. The Scholarship is offered by the Australasian Council on Open and Digital Education (ABN 64 939 648 740) (**ACODE**).
4. Application for the Scholarship is open to individuals who meet the criteria set out in clause 6, excluding direct employees and the Executive members (and their immediate families) of ACODE.
5. The Scholarship application period opens at 9:00am AEST on 17 September 2026 and closes at 11:59pm AEDT on 1 November 2026 (**Scholarship Application Period**).
6. To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria (**Applicant**):
 - 6.1. identify and are recognised as an Aboriginal person, Torres Strait Islander, Māori or Pacific Islander;
 - 6.2. aged 18 years or over;
 - 6.3. an employee within an organisation that holds ACODE Institutional Membership or Affiliate Membership for 2027;
 - 6.4. have at least 12 months full-time (or part-time equivalent) relevant work experience in the tertiary sector; and

¹ *Pasifika* is defined here to mean people of indigenous ethnicity from countries in the Melanesian, Micronesian or Polynesian regions.

- 6.5. currently employed at least 17.5 hours per week.
7. In order to apply for the Scholarship an Applicant must, during the Scholarship Application Period, submit an **Application** which is:
 - 7.1. a personal statement detailing their motivations to participate in the LTLI27 and the benefits that will extend to their organisation and sector (maximum 1000 words);
 - 7.2. a curriculum vitae (CV);
 - 7.3. a completed and signed Scholarship application form; and
 - 7.4. an endorsement signature from their institution's ACODE representative.
8. An Applicant may only submit one Application within the Scholarship Application Period.
9. ACODE accepts no responsibility for any late, lost or misdirected Applications due to technical disruptions, network congestion or for any other reason.
10. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their contact details submitted to ACODE are correct. Applicants may forfeit their right to claim a Scholarship if their contact details are inaccurate, or their Applications are incomplete.

Selection Process

11. 8. By submitting an Application, Applicants acknowledge that they have read, understood and agree to accept and be bound by these Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship.
12. Applications will be individually judged by a selection committee selected by the ACODE Executive (**Selection Committee**).
13. Applications will be judged based on merit against the following selection criteria: (i) interpersonal and intellectual qualities necessary to demonstrate that the Applicant is motivated to complete the ACODE LTLI; and (ii) any other criteria considered relevant by the Selection Committee (**Selection Criteria**).
14. A maximum of two (2) Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Selection Committee (collectively, the **Recipients**).
15. The Applications that best satisfy the Selection Criteria will be the Recipients as determined by the Selection Committee. Applicants will receive an email acknowledging receipt of their Application within 21 days of its submission to ACODE. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their Application via email by no later than 27 November 2026.
16. If no valid Applications are submitted, or none of the Applications submitted meet the Selection Criteria, then ACODE will not issue a Scholarship.
17. Unsuccessful Applicants may reapply for the Scholarship where offered in subsequent years, provided they meet all eligibility criteria.

Scholarship Conditions

18. Scholarships cannot be transferred or exchanged and cannot be redeemed for cash.
19. The Scholarship will be credited directly to the recipient's employer, following confirmation of all required details for payment.
20. Unless expressly stated in these Terms and Conditions all other expenses become the responsibility of the Recipient.
21. Each Applicant will be informed of the outcome of their Application via email by no later than 27 November 2026 (Applicant Notification).
22. Each Recipient is required to notify ACODE at the time the Recipient(s) are announced, or via email within 7 days of receiving the Applicant Notification (**Final Acceptance Date**), if they are willing and able to accept their Scholarship (**Acceptance Notification**).
23. If a Recipient does not confirm with ACODE by the Final Acceptance Date that they are willing and able to accept their Scholarship, the Recipient will forfeit their Scholarship and ACODE may offer the Scholarship to the next runner-up Applicant.
24. Each Recipient acknowledges, agrees and consents to ACODE using their name, tertiary education institution, country, image and/or Application submitted, on ACODE social media accounts like LinkedIn and:
 - 24.1. authorises ACODE to use their personal image howsoever recorded, in the Advertising in any medium in the world (including without limitation, in print or a broadcast, or by transmission or communication to the public, electronically, digitally or by other medium not now existing);
 - 24.2. releases ACODE from any obligation to make payment to them for participating in the Advertising or for the use of their name and/or image in the Advertising;
 - 24.3. waives any moral rights whatsoever in respect of the Advertising.
25. Each Recipient declares that they have not engaged in activities or conduct that would bring harm to their own or ACODE's reputation.
26. It is a condition of accepting the Scholarship that the Recipient may be required to sign a legal release in a form determined by ACODE in its absolute discretion.
27. Following attendance at the conference, the Recipient will be required to provide a short post conference report to ACODE (**Recipient Report**) within 4 weeks of the final day of the LTLI27. The Recipient Report may be used in whole, or in part, in promotional material by ACODE.

Privacy Statement

28. Your personal information collected by ACODE for this Scholarship (**Personal Information**) may be used for the purposes set out in these Terms and Conditions and the application form, subject to your consent.
29. By applying for the Scholarship, you consent and agree to the use of your Personal Information for the purposes disclosed and which you have consented to in your application form; and to use or publication of your name and image to identify you as a Recipient.
30. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their Personal Information submitted to ACODE is correct and complete, otherwise ACODE will not be able to process your Application for the Scholarship.

General Provisions

31. ACODE staff, or ACODE Executive Members, or LTLI Faculty Members, and their family members are not permitted to enter the Scholarship.
32. ACODE reserves the right (subject to the requirements of any applicable law) to cancel the Scholarship at any time and for any reason whatsoever and will not be liable for any losses, damages or expenses suffered by any Applicants as a result of cancelling the Scholarship.
33. ACODE may in its absolute discretion disqualify any Applicant of the Scholarship and/or terminate any Scholarship, where ACODE has reason to believe:
 - 33.1. the Applicant has breached any of the Terms and Conditions, or engaged in any unlawful or other improper conduct calculated to jeopardise the fair and proper conduct of the Scholarship;
 - 33.2. false or misleading information is provided by the Applicant in their Application or during the Scholarship term;
 - 33.3. a Recipient ceases their membership with ACODE Institutional or Affiliate Member organisation for any reason;
 - 33.4. the Recipient fails to meet the eligibility criteria and conditions of their Scholarship;
 - 33.5. the Recipient fails to participate in the full program of the ACODE LTLI in 2027;
 - 33.6. the Recipient has breached the ACODE Constitution and/or By-Laws; or
 - 33.7. the Recipient is found guilty of a criminal offence.
34. ACODE is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers, or providers, computer equipment, software, technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, (including but not limited to) any injury or damage to Applicants or any other person's computer related to or resulting from application for this Scholarship.
35. If the Scholarship on offer is cancelled for any reason whatsoever, ACODE will not be obliged to provide a substitute Scholarship and will not (to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law) be liable for any losses, damages or expenses that the Applicant suffers or may suffer whatsoever arising from the cancellation.

36. ACODE's decision in relation to all aspects of the Scholarship is final and binding on every person who applies, and no correspondence will be entered into.
37. ACODE shall not be liable for any loss, damage, expense or charge whatsoever which is suffered (including but not limited to direct, indirect or consequential loss) or for any personal injury suffered or sustained in connection with this Scholarship except for any liability which cannot be excluded by law.
38. ACODE has sole responsibility for the interpretation of these Terms and Conditions and no correspondence about the same will be entered into. ACODE reserves the right and may at its discretion amend, modify, change or remove these Terms and Conditions at any time without notice. Any questions regarding the Scholarship, or the Terms and Conditions, may be directed to secretariat@acode.edu.au.