

## STUDENT TESTIMONIES

"You get an established ICT company investing in you through hands-on experience in a project-oriented, team environment with a strong desire to groom you for a professional role upon graduation."

EDWARD TAYLOR, IBM SYDNEY

"I have undertaken 2 scholarships through the ACS Foundation. The Commonwealth Bank of Australia and IBM were great organizations to intern at and gave me great amounts of experience and knowledge that i would not have had otherwise. They also gave me paths into their graduate program"

LUKE STUART, IBM AND CBA

"I appreciate the opportunity given to continue working with [eProgram] after I finished my Bachelor Degree. If ICT works for me, ICT works for you too!"

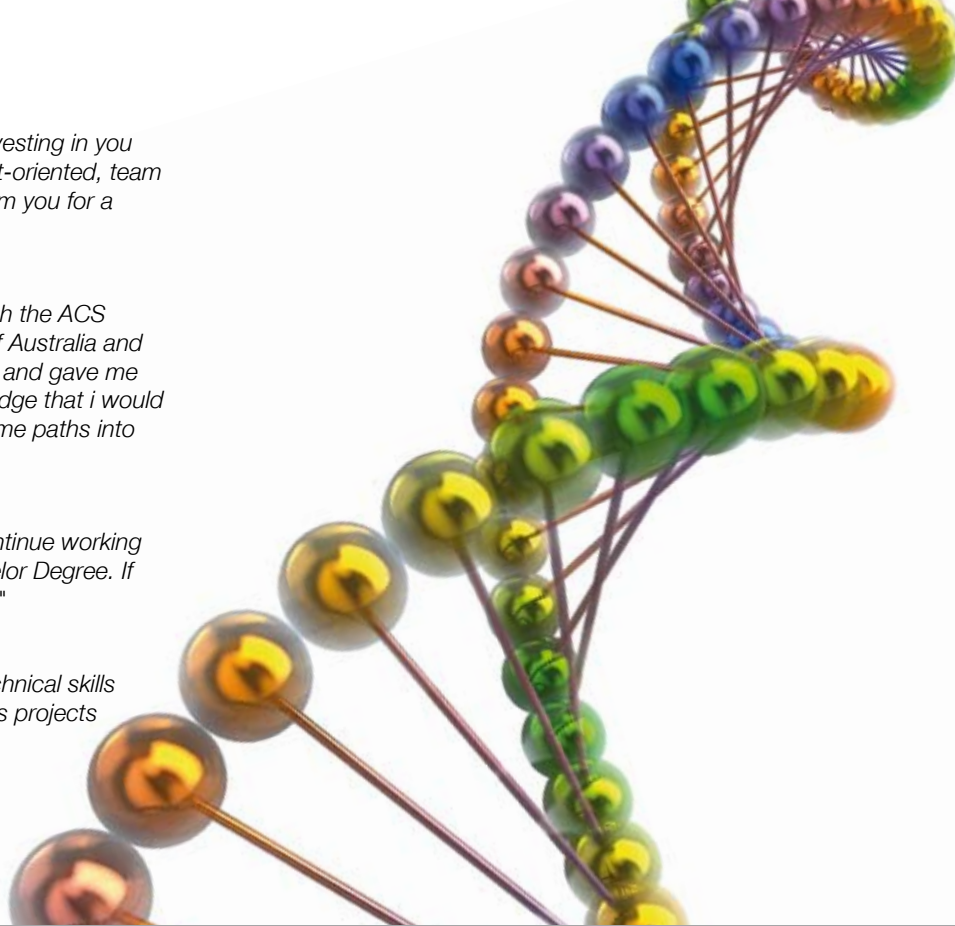
SARINEH CHEN, ePROGRAM MELBOURNE

"I have been able to build on soft and technical skills gained at university by working on various projects with Accenture in Melbourne."

VAUGHN SCOTT, ACCENTURE MELBOURNE

"Lucky me, a perfect start to my SAP career with a well known Client."

ASHWATH SHETTY, REVOLUTION IT



*Match  
students  
and  
graduates  
with your  
business  
needs*



*"Forming mutually beneficial partnerships that contribute to the overall development of strong, dynamic local industries and communities is important to eCorner. As an ACS Foundation donor, we're responding to the growing need for practical, vocational support for ICT students."*

JOHN DEBRINGAT, MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CEO OF  
DONOR COMPANY eCORNER

### TAKE A STEP TO THE FUTURE

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## ADVANCING ICT THROUGH EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

In 2001, the Australian Computer Society (ACS) recognised that Australia's success in the global economy would increasingly depend on our ability to produce skilled ICT professionals to service all Australian industries. The ACS established the ACS Foundation to raise and provide funding for educational scholarship using a Work Integrated Learning (WIL) placement model.

As technology becomes increasingly pervasive, more and more ICT career opportunities are becoming available to students in all industries. Today, the ACS Foundation is Australia's prime scholarship facilitator focused on industries that embrace new technologies. By funding scholarships for tomorrow's ICT leaders, the ACS Foundation is supporting the growth and development of Australian industry.



## ACS FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE

The ACS Foundation seeks to create a highly skilled ICT workforce, by matching businesses with students and education programs. The Foundation facilitates partnerships between industry and students in order to provide academic and project-oriented work-integrated learning experiences. ACS Foundation achievements include:

- Strong growth since being established 2001
- ATO-designated deductible gift recipient
- Broad industry and government support
- Tax-effective programs for industry and donors
- Provision of over 2,500 student scholarships worth over \$26M
- Partnerships with 35 Universities around Australia
- Support from over 300 donors organisations

## PARTNERING TO BUILD THE FUTURE ICT COMMUNITY

The ACS Foundation has built dynamic community partnerships which incorporates donors, local and global ICT companies, industry associations, government bodies, individuals and the ACS itself. Together, by contributing expertise, time and funds, we have made significant progress in creating and promoting innovative career opportunities for the next generation of ICT professionals. Through its programs of scholarships, financial assistance and mentoring the ACS Foundation not only helps students become work ready, but ICT also creates a robust pipeline that is producing Australia's future highly skilled workforce. We invite you to join the ACS Foundation community and to discover how partnering can help your business and the ICT industry.

## FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The ACS Foundation has a highly flexible approach to the selection and allocation of scholarships, allowing donors to have significant mentoring involvement. Scholarships are awarded on a national and regional basis through Australia's leading education institutions and target high achievers, as well as those who are financially or physically challenged. Scholarships also seek to encourage more women in IT.

### Foundation Chapters

The ACS Foundation is actively establishing state chapters. Chapters exist in WA, NSW and QLD with ICT leaders who work voluntarily to obtain funding support in their particular state.

### Foundation Committee

The ACS Foundation is administered by a Trustee, who is empowered to make decisions relating to the allocation of funding and the strategic direction of the organisation.

### Investing in IT

The ACS Foundation is an ATO designated Deductible Gift Recipient. This status provides tax effective programs for industry, government and private donors. By becoming a Foundation donor, you demonstrate your leadership and commitment to Australia's future, by supporting and developing the skills and growth required for tomorrow's workforce.

### You're in good company

Over 300 organisations have supported the ACS Foundation, some of whom include Adobe, Commonwealth Bank, Deloitte, Bank West, CSC, Country Energy, IBM, Microsoft, Telstra, Woolworths, and most state governments. These donor organisations are benefiting today as they nurture tomorrow's ICT leaders.

