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“There is no question that our future will be built on technology and those nations who own the intellectual property associated with leading edge development will have significant advantages over those nations that don’t. The most effective way of encouraging further growth and development within the Australian ICT industry is to improve access to higher education and encourage more R&D.”

John Ridge, Executive Director, ACS Foundation

Advancing ICT Through Education and Research

In 2001, the Australian Computer Society recognised that Australia’s success in the global economy would increasingly depend on our ability to produce skilled ICT professionals and to encourage Research and Development. The organisation established the ACS Foundation for private and public donors to provide funding for scholarships and research in the field of ICT, increasing opportunities available to students and researchers, and benefiting Australia.

Today, the ACS Foundation is the prime scholarship facilitator focused exclusively on the ICT industry. 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

By increasing funding opportunities for industry to contribute to education programs, the ACS Foundation seeks to create a highly skilled ICT workforce. The Foundation enables industry and students to be involved in an academic project-oriented work-integrated learning experience, and it effectively encourages research.

- Established 2001
- ATO-designated deductible gift recipient
- Broad industry and government support
- Delivers tax-effective programs for industry and donors
- Provided in excess of 550 scholarships
- Raised over \$7.5 million since the program’s inception
- Supported by 26 Universities around Australia
- More than 150 donors

A PASSION FOR ICT SKILLS AND RESEARCH. AN AFFINITY FOR THE FUTURE.

These qualities unite the donors and supporters of the ACS Foundation.

The ACS Foundation has a dynamic community of donors - ICT companies, industry associations, Government bodies, individuals and the ACS itself - who contribute funds to make a difference to Australia's ICT industry. Through its program of scholarships and research grants, the ACS Foundation helps fund the cost of ICT education programs to create a highly skilled workforce. The ACS Foundation continues to make a difference and many students are benefiting from financial assistance and mentoring.

We invite you to join us.



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 ICT.

FOUNDATION CHAPTERS

The ACS Foundation is actively working with the ACS to establish foundation chapters in each state. Chapters exist in WA, NSW, VIC and SA, with ICT leaders who work voluntarily to obtain funding support for scholarships 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 ICT

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 150 organisations have supported the ACS Foundation,

some of whom include Agilent, Altiris, Compuware, Corporate Express IT Solutions, eCorner, eProgram, IBM, most state Governments, Microsoft, Motorola, Sun Microsystems and Wesfarmers. These donor organisations are benefiting today as they nurture tomorrow's ICT leaders.

TAKE A STEP TO THE FUTURE

To find out more about the ACS Foundation, visit our website at www.acsfoundation.com.au or call us on (02) 9299 3666.

"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 Debrincat, Managing Director and CEO, eCorner

“Our student really exceeded our expectations, and gained valuable hands-on experience and skills relevant to her course and career as a result of her time with us. I feel the ACS Foundation’s Work Integrated Learning scholarship programme is invaluable to both industry and the students.”

Kevin Lee, Professional Services Director, eProgram (ACS Foundation Donor)

“The scholarship has made an enormous difference since it gives me much more time to spend on my coursework. The money from the scholarship certainly makes a big difference in covering everyday living costs as well as expenses associated with my studies. I’m currently planning to continue my studies and do my Honours next year, and will really appreciate having the ACS Foundation behind me.”

Ben Williams, Scholarship Winner

“After seeing an advertisement for the ACS Foundation at RMIT, I applied for a scholarship. Overall, it has been a fantastic opportunity. Apart from the scholarship’s financial rewards, I have gained invaluable workplace skills and experience in the ICT industry. This has enhanced my academic studies and delivered other benefits, such as networking with industry professionals and extending the breadth of my ICT knowledge.”

Charles Ojaimi, Scholarship Winner



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