



AI FOR LEARNING  
INNOVATION AND  
FUTURE EDUCATION

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# AI for Learning Innovation and Future Education

Empowering Australian Citizens for a Life with AI

## Mission

To ensure Australia's education and training systems are AI ready

## Vision

To empower Australian citizens for a life with AI

## Values

Equity Trust Ethics Diversity Impact Stewardship Human Centred

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Cooperative Research Centre  
Proposed Launch 2026

## AI is not coming... It is here today

By 2030 it will represent 7% of Australia's GDP, the Tech Council of Australia forecasts that AI will contribute \$115 billion to the Australian economy.

AI for LIFE seeks to develop tools and processes that allow students, teachers and the community at large to realise the benefits of AI whilst being alert to its potential to do harm.

The impacts extend well beyond the education system and go to foundational values and beliefs on which our society is based - equity, diversity and trust.



## Supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Education enables upward socioeconomic mobility and is a key to escaping poverty. Education helps reduce inequalities and reach gender equality and is crucial to fostering tolerance and more peaceful societies.



In the face of a rapidly changing global economic landscape and increasing inequalities, sustained growth must include industrialisation that first of all, makes opportunities accessible to all people, and second is supported by innovation and resilient infrastructure.

## Why a CRC?

Cooperative Research Centres are a proven method of bringing researchers, industry and Government together to develop new products and services that meet identified needs.

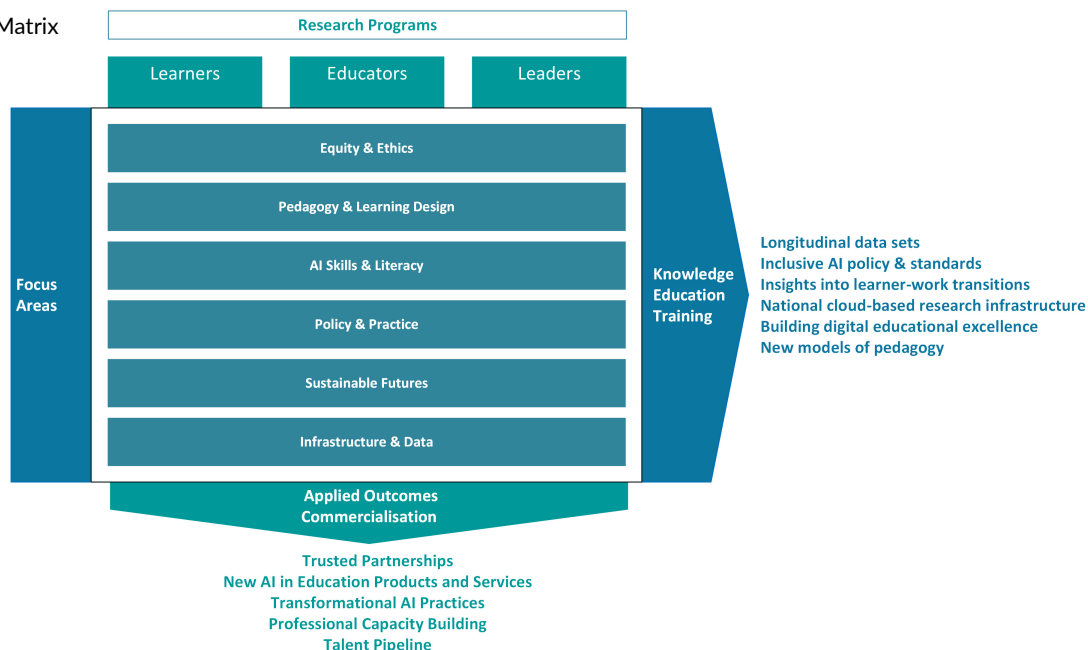
The CRC mechanism is ideally suited to bring the potential of AI to bear in all parts of the Australian education and training ecosystem



<https://techcouncil.com.au/newsroom/generative-ai-could-contribute-115-billion-annually-to-australias-economy-by-2030/>  
<https://www.minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/husic/speeches/unlocking-potential-ai-australian-industry>  
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment>

## Research Methodology

AI for LIFE Research Matrix



## Intellectual Property

Projects approved for funding by the AI for LIFE CRC might generate intellectual property (IP) that deserves to be protected.

Questions of IP ownership, enduring benefit and continued access, will be resolved at the CRC project level amongst contributing partners.

The AI for LIFE CRC does not intend to retain ownership rights of any IP generated through CRC initiated or approved research projects.

## Governance

The AI for LIFE CRC will be established as a company limited by guarantee. It will have a board comprising a majority of independent directors and representatives from the major stakeholder groups.

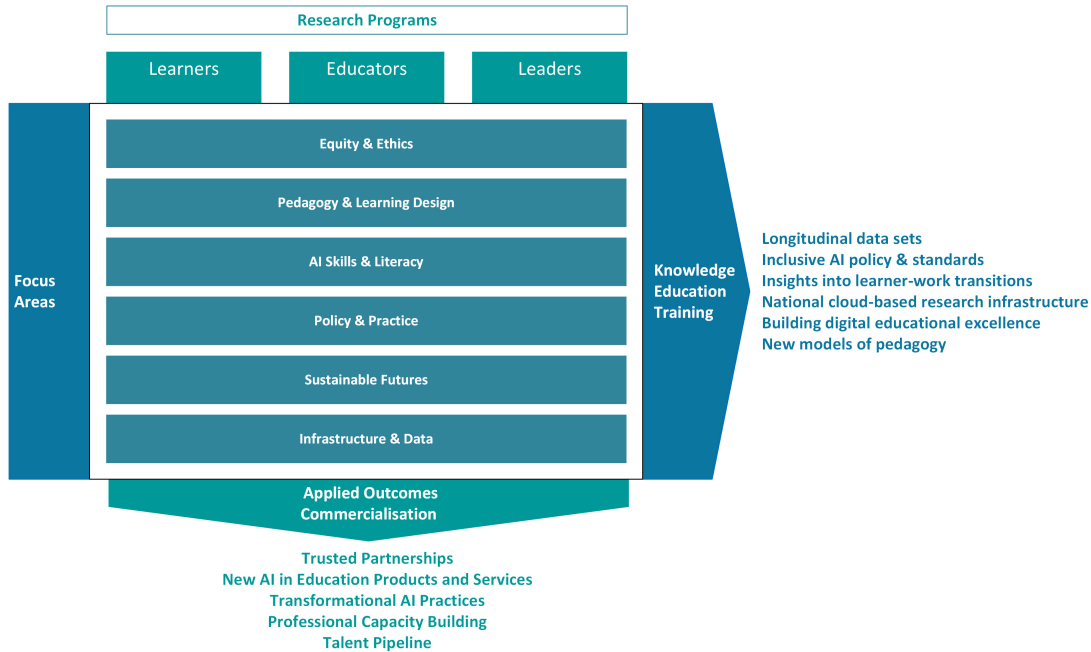
The research program will be overseen by a research committee that comprises both research and industry representatives.

An interim board is being established to guide the development of the CRC to ensure that the CRC is ready to start work from July 1 2026.

## Get Involved

| Partner                               |               | Contributions   | Nomination rights for directors   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Tier 1</b><br>Non-Research Partner | Voting rights | Minimum \$200K p.a cash<br>Approx. \$400K p.a in-kind | Can nominate independent board member candidates and research committee member candidates |
| <b>Tier 2</b><br>Non-Research Partner | Voting rights | Minimum \$100K p.a cash<br>Approx. \$200K p.a in-kind | Can nominate research committee member candidates   |
| <b>Tier 3</b><br>Non-Research Partner |               | Cash and in-kind as appropriate                       | Project participation only  |

## Outcome focused research



The schema for the research program is represented by this matrix which has been developed in close consultation between researchers and AI for LIFE participants.

The matrix has two elements: The stakeholder groups - learners, educators and leaders - are represented by the vertical bars and each represents a research program.

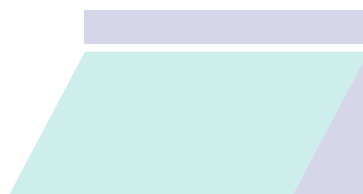
Proposed research themes are represented by the horizontal bars. This represent areas around which our participants envisage projects being clustered.

Two long term projects have been identified that affect and in turn will be influenced by all projects that are captured within the matrix construct.

The first is an infrastructure project to define and establish a national cloud-based infrastructure that underpins the Australian educational system. The infrastructure must be safe and secure, affordable and readily available to all. The achievement of this goal will be an important legacy outcome of AI for LIFE.

The second is an ambitious project that seeks to discern the drivers that are likely to shape the purpose(s) and structure of the Australian education system in the latter half of the 21st century. This project will seek to identify trends and developments some of which may present fundamental challenges to the way in which all elements of education and training are organised, delivered and funded twenty or more years from now. We begin with an assumption that AI is a profoundly disruptive technology with potential impacts, intended and unintended across communities and society as a whole. If this assumption holds truth, what elements of the current educational system might or should we try to hold constant? And, alternatively, what might or should we be prepared to challenge and change? Should the education system lead or follow changes in community expectations of education? These are the types of questions we envisage being addressed in this project.

## Our Research Partners



## What is a CRC

The Australian Government Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) program is a proven model that supports industry-led collaborations between industry, researchers, and government to develop new technologies, products, and services. CRCs are the longest running R&D Program in the Commonwealth industry portfolio and have the potential to deliver the significant funds required address grand challenges such as that posed by the introduction of AI into our education sector.

Since its inception in 1990, the program has committed \$4.6 billion in funding to support the establishment of 297 collaborations. Every dollar invested by government in collaborative research through the CRC program has delivered three times the value generating more than \$14 billion in direct economic benefits to the nation from CRC-produced technologies, products, and services.

CRCs are required to be established and governed as an incorporated company, limited by guarantee. The duration of a CRC can vary however generally they are funded for between 7 to 10 years for the purpose of addressing the challenge that forms the focus of the CRC.



You can find more information on Cooperative Research Centres through either the Australian Government Business website or Cooperative Research Australia.

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/cooperative-research-centres-crc-grants>

<https://www.cooperativeresearch.org.au/>

Industry, University and Government CRC partners are effectively invested partners whose individual vision and goals strongly align with the vision and goals of the CRC. Partner investments generally take the form of cash and in-kind contributions for the life of the CRC. The size and scale of partner contributions is an important factor in securing the additional cash contribution from the commonwealth government as it reflects the industry-led commitment to the CRC.

Partner contributions do vary however generally those that commit larger contributions are in a stronger position to influence the direction for the CRC, the focus of its projects and outcomes. They also may be offered additional benefits such as an option to take up a board position or occupy a key CRC role that influence the research direction of the CRC and its projects. These types of benefits are determined during the formation of the CRC by its partners. Beyond these benefits all partners of the proposed AI for LIFE CRC, can expect to enjoy the following benefits in return for their investment:

- Be at the forefront of developments in the Education and Training sector and have access to a pool of Australia's leading researchers focussing on the major challenges facing this industry.
- Have access to a network of the industry's leading organisations (providers and end-user clients) that are actively engaged in the sector.
- Have access to cost effective applied research, that is heavily subsidised by the Commonwealth and other participants. E.g., leverage investment dollar.
- Make a measurable impact on increasing the quality and capacity of Australia's future pipeline of workforce talent.
- Create IP that can be leveraged for the development of new products and services that can offer competitive advantage.
- Be at the forefront of future government policy development that will influence procurement decisions.
- Leverage postgraduate and PhD students to support your organisation through co-working and potential future talent acquisition.

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