



ACS Professional Year in IT

# Choosing your professional year provider

Selecting an education provider for your ACS Professional Year in IT is critical to accelerating your Australian tech career



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There are several ACS–accredited providers for your professional year (PY). The following information will help you choose a provider that aligns with your learning goals, provides strong internship support, and helps you build employable skills.

## About ACS

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ACS is the professional association for Australia’s tech community and is the only professional body endorsed by the Department of Home Affairs (DoHA) to provide the Professional Year in IT.

## What is a PY provider?

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A PY provider is an ACS–accredited education partner approved to deliver the PY program on behalf of ACS.

## Did you know?

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Over 60% of PY graduates secure IT roles within 3–6 months of completing their professional year.

## Four things to consider

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### 1. Program structure

While all PY courses cover the same curriculum, each provider delivers content differently.

#### Questions to ask:

- How is the course delivered (seminars, workshops, projects) and assessed?
- What’s the weekly schedule and class hours?
- When are the program intake dates?

### 2. Internship placement

Check the provider has strong connections with employers to help secure the right opportunities.

#### Questions to ask:

- What support finding and throughout an internship will I receive?
- What companies and roles are available, and how are they matched to my goals?
- How many internships lead to full-time jobs? Can you share examples?

### 3. Provider support

Choose a provider with a strong reputation, qualified trainers, and excellent career development and networking support.

#### Questions to ask:

- What career development support is available, such as learning resources, career advice, and well-being support?
- Will I receive support in job searching and networking after my internship?

### 4. Location and fees

Consider the journey to a provider’s campus. Compare fees, check for additional costs and look for benefits like English test prep and networking events.

#### Questions to ask:

- Is the provider local, how long will it take me to travel from home?
- What are the fees, what do they cover, and will I have to pay any additional costs?

For a list of providers and to apply for the ACS Professional Year in IT, visit the ACS website.

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