



AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF DEANS OF
INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

ALTA special series grant 2020 - Terms

The purpose of this ALTA special grant scheme is to aid the creation and dissemination of knowledge and evidence-based good practice in higher education for information and communications technologies. The aim is to build collaboration across universities to address a common challenge in academic integrity in the context of ICT higher education.

Area of interest:

This 2020-2021 multi-university grant is intended to support a project in the current challenging area of academic integrity and misconduct such as contract cheating, integrity of on-line exams and alternative assessments in ICT higher education. Projects should focus on addressing these current higher educational problems / issues with tangible/material outcomes and impact (e.g., validated approach and methods, tested tool, framework, etc.). The proposals must be relevant to, but not necessarily limited to, the online learning environment.

Selection criteria:

Selection will be made by an ALTA working party appointed by ALTA Chair and the ACDICT executive, according to the following selection criteria:

- Importance of the topic/problem of the proposed research
- How well the topic addresses current issues in academic integrity;
- Novelty of the approach;
- Feasibility and quality of methods;
- Quality of the proposed solution; and
- Value of expected tangible output to ACDICT community (a measure of impact).

Amount of money: grants of up to \$15,000

Forms of grant suggested (but not limited to):

- Impact study to explore areas of academic integrity, for example, contract cheating and cheating in on-line exams.
- Prototype of tool or framework designed to demonstrate capability or suitability of proposed approach/solution.

Grant applications are free form, however must address the following criteria:

- Problem statement.
- Project participants – Must be a multi-university submission from 2 or more institutions.
- Summary of proposed project work (goals, methods, activities), and relationship to key existing initiatives.
- Indicative costing and include a statement regarding how the proposed project will support a sustainable ongoing initiative.

Expected outputs:

Tangible forms of output or outreach activity, and dissemination to the wider community based on the tangible outcome of the grant. For example:

- Methods and frameworks, utilising existing tools
- Tools
- Best practice guidelines publication, such as TEQSA Guidelines collection.
- Apps, websites [without maintenance on-going funding or work].

Application timeline / period of work:

Applications to be submitted to the ACDICT Executive Officer (eo@acdikt.edu.au) by 5pm (AEST) Friday 30th October 2020.

Successful applicants will be notified by 5pm (AEST) on Monday 16th November.

Successful applicants are to present an overview of their project proposal to the ACDICT Learning and Teaching Academy, 2021 (Date TBA) as guests of ACDICT.

Project work to be completed between January 2021 to March 2022, with progress updates provided to the ACDICT Executive Officer upon request.

Grant recipients will be invited to present their work at the 2021 ALTA or 2021 ACDICT Annual Committee Meeting (venue/times: TBA).

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