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Iress launches scholarship to increase women in tech

Today Iress has announced a partnership with Academy XI to offer four full scholarships for women interested in building the skills required for a successful career in the technology industry.

Academy XI is a leading provider of workforce training programs in Technology, Data & AI, Design and Business capabilities.

The Iress Scholarship will cover the fee of an accredited technology, design and business course from Academy Xi, providing the successful candidates with the skills, confidence and connections to enter the technology industry. The courses are aimed at building capabilities across UX/UI, graphic design, data analytics, software engineering and cyber security. They are delivered in an online, self-paced format supported by one-on-one mentoring, group work and live video sessions.

Iress' Chief Corporate Affairs & Marketing Officer, Kelly Fisk, said: "We firmly believe that gender diversity is key to driving innovation in our industry. An equitable workplace enhances problem solving and smarter decision making, yet we know that today women make up less than 30% of the STEM workforce in Australia¹.

"Supporting women with upskilling in technology-related courses increases the talent pipeline; delivering real benefits for both the technology industry and the broader community as a whole."

Academy Xi's Chief Operating Officer, Cyril Gabriel, said: "Our digital skills programs are designed to empower students to succeed in an ever-growing digital world. We're proud to partner with Iress to help build and nurture women in technology and help create an equitable workforce in APAC."

Scholarship applications are now open and will close on 21 July 2024 with the first cohort to begin on 5 August 2024.

Applications are open for candidates in Australia and Singapore. One scholarship will be available in Singapore, and one of the three Australian scholarships will be awarded to a candidate who identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

More information, including the application form, can be found at <https://www.iress.com/join-us/scholarship/>

¹ STEM Equity Monitor Data Report 2022, Australian Government Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

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