

TechLauncher 2025 – Program Overview

Welcome to TechLauncher 2025. This year, TechLauncher will operate differently.

Stakeholders – who we will work with

Our projects involve a range of different partners, formats, and working relationships. Instead of clients, we will say ‘stakeholders’ to capture a diverse range of projects, people, and ways of working. You will likely have a primary stakeholder, as well as other stakeholders important to your project.

Hive – where we will work

The Hive is our co-working space on the first floor of the Skaidrite Darius building (formerly CSIT, 108 North Rd). We will be making use of the Hive space instead of tutorial rooms. Teams will be allocated a day each in the Hive. You will only have access to the Hive on your allocated day (8am-8pm) and you will be assigned a pod to work in for the day. Teams are expected to work a full 8 hours together for one day each week. Teams will have regular weekly meetings with their tutor and with their stakeholders on this day.

Agile – how we will work

Teams will follow a set Agile methodology and schedule for your projects. You will work in 3-week sprints, with sprint reviews at the end of each sprint forming 60% of assessment. Tutors will act as scrum masters, providing ongoing guidance and support in planning and meeting team project goals, schedule, and tasks.

Timeline – when we will work

The course schedule, assessment, and projects will now run over 2 semesters (rather than repeating in each semester). Teams will have a different schedule and activities in their first versus second semester. We will call these ‘start’ versus ‘end’ teams (so as not to confuse with S1 and S2). See Schedule overpage.

Team formation – how we will come together

We will take a slower approach to team formation. We will share the project descriptions with you and give you the opportunity to express preferences, along with other students you would like to work with, and your preferred days in the Hive. Considering all these elements, we will run a process to assign students to projects. As TechLauncher approaches 500 students per semester, this approach accommodates our scale, without applying too much pressure to students, stakeholders, or the ANU team. Our primary goal will be to ensure every student has a team and project. Allocations are final and last for 2 semesters.

Professional Conduct

We must adhere to ANU codes of conduct when interacting with staff, students, and stakeholders.

Contact details – how to get in touch with us

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The Clinic – what to do if you need help

The Clinic is there to help get troubled projects and teams back on track. Contact Shayne Flint (shayne.flint@anu.edu.au) if you need extra help with your project or stakeholders.