

2026 Australia-Vietnam Strategic Technologies Forum

Strategic Technologies for Resilient Futures



1-2 October 2026, PTIT campus
96A Đ. Trần Phú, P. Mộ Lao, Hà Nội, Vietnam

Introduction

The Australia-Vietnam Strategic Technologies Centre, supported by the Australian Government and Vietnam's Government, proudly presents the 2026 Australia-Vietnam Strategic Technologies Forum on Advancing Technologies for the Future of Connectivity. The forum (aka Research School 2026, RS2026) is organized by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Post and Telecommunications Institute of Technology (PTIT), Nokia, Joint Technology and Innovation Research Centre (JTIRC), and other Australian and Vietnamese partners.

This event brings together world-leading experts, researchers, and industry pioneers to explore cutting-edge advancements in technologies, e.g., 5G/6G, AI, cybersecurity, quantum technology, and other emerging technologies. Through insightful discussions and interactive sessions, participants will gain valuable hands-on experience and perspectives on how these transformative technologies can enhance global connectivity, foster cross-border innovation, and drive sustainable and secure digital transformation for Australia, Vietnam, and the world.

Taking place in Hanoi on 1-2 October 2026, the forum is also designed to provide a unique platform for participants to foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and innovation via social networking events. Participants will have opportunities to engage with industry partners, peers and distinguished professors from top universities in Australia, Vietnam, and the world.

- Hands-On Industry Training: Gain practical experience with cutting-edge technologies and equipment provided by industry partners.
- Connecting innovation and technology partners
- PhD Training & Networking: Discover research opportunities and engage in discussions with world-leading professors and experts in strategic technologies.
- GEDSI Awareness: Explore the crucial role of Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) in research and modern society.
- Scholarships and travel allowance for outstanding applicants
- Women in Technology & Innovation Awards
- Student Poster Competition: Showcase your research/work (1-page poster).

Registration



[Attendee Registration](#) and [Scholarship Application](#)

More information contact: JRCVN@uts.edu.au

DEADLINE: 15 September 2026

Scholarship Application

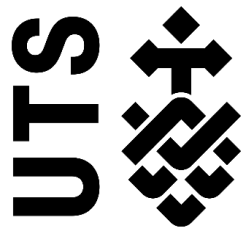


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Who should attend?

The target audience includes industry partners, instructors, researchers, engineers, government officers, business partners, undergraduate students, and graduate students (MSc and PhD students).

For students and engineers who are passionate about strategic technology research, upon successful completion of the forum, the most outstanding ones will be recommended for PhD research scholarships (up to an annual ~\$50,000 tuition/fee waiver, ~\$40,000 living stipend plus project-based top-up funding) at UTS and Research Centres in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

Register to attend the forum!

Attending the forum is free of charge, but places are limited.

Scholarships

- ✓ Certificate of Recognition
- ✓ **Prize of AUD \$500** to support academic pursuits
- ✓ Travel allowance of up to AUD \$250 (only for candidates residing outside of Hanoi)

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Must be Vietnamese nationals (age 18+)
- ✓ Potential or demonstrated contributions to the development and applications of emerging technologies
- ✓ Relevant emerging technologies, including but not limited to: 5G/6G, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotics, Cybersecurity, Quantum Technologies, and Semiconductors
- ✓ Must attend in-person

The application package include:

- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** highlighting academic and professional experience/achievements
- **Academic transcripts** and evidence of English proficiency
- **One-page motivation letter** detailing your plan and vision referring to the above criteria and others that may not be covered elsewhere (strongly encouraged for scholarship applications)
- **Title and abstract** of the poster for the Poster Competition (strongly encouraged for scholarship application)

We encourage additional supporting materials such as reference letters, certificates, awards, etc., to strengthen your application. All documents are in PDF format, and incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

Women in Technology & Innovation Awards (WITI)

WITI awards are to recognize and empower exceptional female scientists and students who have potential to make excellent contributions to strategic technologies, and STEM.

Additionally, the award winners will have opportunities to be mentored during their academic careers by world-leading experts. By championing **female talents**, we aim to **inspire the next generation of women leaders in innovation and technology for Vietnam, Australia, and the world.**

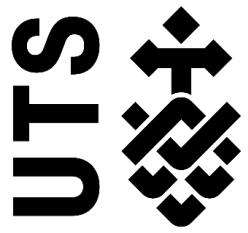
Don't miss this chance to be part of a **game-changing opportunity** that shapes the future technologies! 🚀

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Australia-Vietnam Strategic Technologies Centre CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Australia-Vietnam Strategic Technologies Centre (AVSTC) is thrilled to launch its Call for Proposals, offering a groundbreaking opportunity for talented Vietnamese academics and scientists to pioneer strategic technologies research and real-world applications in collaboration with Australian partners.

Seed Grants are available to support innovative research projects that will push the boundaries of next-generation connectivity empowered by 5G/6G, AI, cybersecurity, semiconductor and their transformative impact on industries and society. Each successful application will receive seed funding of AUD \$15,000. Candidates can work individually but are encouraged to work in a team and collaboration with Australian partners.

This is your chance to lead breakthrough discoveries, contribute to global innovation, and strengthen Vietnam-Australia research ties in strategic technologies. Apply now and be part of the movement shaping the digital future!

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be Vietnamese, at least 18 years old, and living in Vietnam.
- Excellent contributions and achievements for the development of Enabling Technologies for Digital Transformation.
- Grants are awarded for research in strategic technologies and related fields, such as AI, 5G/6G, IoT, Semi-conductor, Cyber Security and Privacy, Quantum, and Satellite.

We will prioritize applications with potential impacts, especially in collaboration with industry partners. The candidates must submit the proposal based on the **template** (next page). Any questions should be sent to jrcvn@uts.edu.au. All documents must be submitted in **PDF format** (incomplete or late submissions will not be considered). The successful candidate will be informed via email by **20 September 2026** and invited to participate in 2026 Australia-Vietnam Strategic Technologies Forum on 1-2 Oct 2026.

Submit proposal via email: jrcvn@uts.edu.au with subject: **"AVSTC_grant"**

For more information email: jrcvn@uts.edu.au

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Australia-Vietnam Strategic Technologies Centre PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

Proposal Application Guidelines

1. Applicant's Details

Title: []
Full Name: []
Citizenship of: []
Email Address: []

2. Collaborators in Vietnam's Details

Australian Academic Institution/Organization: []
Collaborator Name: []
Collaborator Position: []
Collaborator Email: []

3. Collaborator's Details in Australia

Australian Academic Institution/Organization: []
Collaborator Name: []
Collaborator Position: []
Collaborator Email: []

4. Academic and Research Background

The R&D contributions of your Master's Degree by Research or PhD Degree or industry's work? (max 200 words)

List evidence of a high-level of industry or academic achievement and your experience? (max 200 words)

5. Project Proposal

Project Title: []

Please provide a well-defined research program, activities, with anticipated outcomes and potential impact (max 1000 words)

Preferred start and end dates (6 months): []

6. Impact and Collaboration

Please detail how this seed grant will benefit Australia-Vietnam Strategic Technologies Collaboration and your potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation between Australia and Vietnam? (max 300 words)

Please detail how the international research would further your academic and/or professional career (max 200 words)

7. Referee Details (optional)

Referee 1 Title: []
Referee 1 Full Name: []
Referee 1 Relationship with applicant: []
Referee 1 Email: []
Referee 1 Position: []
Referee 1 Organization: []

8. Budgeting (for 6 months)

Provide budget and justification for each activity and item (limit to one page).

The grant (up to AU\$15,000) must be used ONLY for R&D purposes directly related to the project activities set out in the approved proposal.

Two thirds of the approved grant will be distributed after signing the contract agreement. The rest will be distributed upon submitting the final report of all deliverables that satisfies the grant committee.

9. Supporting Documents

- CV (up to 5 pages)
- Support Letter from Australia's collaborators
- Support Letters from others (optional), e.g., industry partners, etc.

All applications must include all required supporting documentation (to be combined in a single pdf file in the above order) to be assessed. The application is submitted via email: jrcvn@uts.edu.au with subject: "AVSTC_grant".

10. Privacy and Agreement Statements

Privacy Notice: This application is bound by the provisions of the Privacy Act. Your personal information will only be used for the purposes stated herein.

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