



Australian Government
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Supporting Australia's International Education Sector

Innovation Fund

On 30 April 2021 the Australian Government announced a package of measures to support the Australian international education and training providers most affected by COVID-19 and border closures. This package includes establishing an **Innovation Fund** of \$9.4 million to help eligible providers develop new education products and expand delivery to new markets online and offshore.

Eligible providers will be able to apply for funding of up to \$150,000 to support product innovation and invest in infrastructure, curriculum design, digital teaching solutions and staff expertise. To be successful, applicants will need to demonstrate the effect of border closures on business turnover, outline their efforts to adapt and succeed in the current operating environment, and demonstrate how they would benefit from grant funding.

Who is eligible?

The Innovation Fund will be targeted at the private higher education and English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) providers most affected by Australia's border closures. The sustainability of these providers will help ensure the international education sector can rebound when borders reopen. Guidelines for the fund are under development. These will set out further details on eligibility criteria for providers.

Start Date

Funding will be available from 1 July 2021.