AI, EMERGING TECH & POLICY

Where strategy meets technology: empowering the next generation of policy leaders

"Brilliantly curated course. Delivered by expert speakers. Fast-paced, no fluff." **Participant testimonial**

About TPDi

The Tech Policy Design Institute (TPDi) is a nonpartisan, independent think tank dedicated to tech policy. **Our mission is to shape technology for benefit of humanity.** We work to mature the tech-governance ecosystem in collaboration with industry, government, and civil society.

The Course

This immersive program equips professionals with the knowledge to navigate and help shape the fast-changing world of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies.

This intensive program upskills you to keep engaging long after the program ends. Grounded in best-practice technology policy design, it equips you with the frameworks, tools, and confidence to navigate and help shape the impact of technology on our world.

CO-DESIGNED AND CO-DELIVERED

Built for tech policy practitioners by tech policy practitioners, this course comprises policy labs, interactive exercises and guided tech deep dives - all co-designed and co-delivered by TPDi in partnership with industry, government, and civil society.
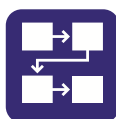
"One of the best development programs I have come across in many years. A fantastic balance of theory and practice to make it easy to learn and navigate such deep and complex subjects. I highly recommend this program."
Participant testimonial

Course Content

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

apply **best-practice tech policy design** skills, harnessing the TPDi Tech Policy Design Process and Principles

understand key policy issues and core technologies influencing contemporary tech policy and their implications for society

identify and engage with diverse stakeholders across Australia's tech ecosystem to foster co-designed and collaborative tech policy

Who Is It For?

This course is tailored for:
- **policymakers** navigating tech's growing influence
- **tech professionals** eager to inform policy
- **advocates** passionate about how tech impacts society
- people **interested** in the role of technology in shaping our society and the new world order.

No prior policy or technological experience is necessary.

Scholarships

TPDi is proud to offer scholarships in each professional development course to support equity in tech policy. We welcome expressions of interest that promote gender, cultural, First Nations, linguistic, economic, and neurodivergent inclusion - and invite organisations to sponsor additional scholarships. Learn more on our website.
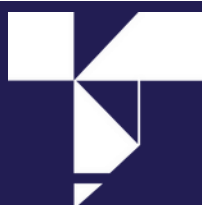
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"This is the best learning program I have attended in the last 20 years. The quality of the presenters, combined with the conversations and highly interactive practical sessions, made it so easy to understand and learn the deep subject matter."
Participant testimonial

Course Outline

Over four days this immersive provides participants with a foundational skill set and knowledge base for tech policy, including a methodological framework and guiding principles for best-practice policy design and deep dives into contemporary technologies and tech policy issues.

1 **Day One** introduces participants to the course, the cohort, and **Tech Policy 101**. Uncover your **Tech Policy Philosoph**y, and be introduced the **Online Avatar** you will inhibit for the 4-days of the course in the interactive **Spectrum of Online Experiences** exercise. The course then takes its first **Guided Tech Lab** revealing **how the Internet actually works**, and wraps up with a policy deep dive on **Digital Rights.**

2 **Day Two** focuses on tech policy from an economic and industry perspective. Our **second Guided Tech Lab** demystifies the **Tech Stack, Artificial Intelligence, and the Cloud.** Next we take a policy deep-dive into the **Innovation Cycle and Tech Business Models**. The day concludes with a fireside chat with **Frances Haugen**, and a pitch panel on the **Opportunties of Tech**: prepare to be inspired by incredible stories of Australian innovation.

3 **Day Three** starts with **Geopolitics & Tech Polic**y, the course then zooms in for sessions on **Mis and Dis-information**, followed by the **State of Play of Tech and Democracy**. We then deep dive into **Quantum Technologie**s and **Wargaming Quantum Policy Futures**. Before wrapping up the day examining **National Security Tech Threat**s and a Fireside Chat with **Marcus Thompson**, delving into the **shadows of cyber operations.**

4 **Day Four** begins by unpacking the policy tensions driving today's **Online Safety** debates. We **say goodbye to our online avatar**, reflecting on what the exercise has taught us about the **Spectrum of Online Experiences**. We revisit the **Tech Policy Process** as participants face the ultimate challenge and apply their newly learned knowledge and skills in a culminating **Tech Futures Scenario Exercise**, demonstrating the power of tech policy to shape a positive future.

Enrolments now open
4-7 November 2025 in person in Canberra
$6250 per person | Places limited
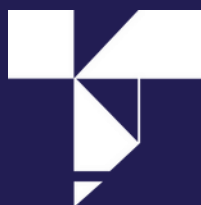**Learn more and register: techpolicy.au/education**

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