



Your success is our mission

CIPS is the only chartered awarding organisation for the procurement and supply profession. We've been defining industry-wide standards for almost a century. Now we're building a community of education partners who share our commitment to excellence.



The power of CIPS accreditation

Future-proof
your students.

Strengthen your
programme.

Elevate
your brand.

CIPS accreditation connects your university to the world's largest professional body for procurement and supply. With members in more than 180 countries, CIPS sets the global benchmark for professional excellence. By integrating CIPS accreditation into your degree programme you're not simply enhancing academic credibility, you're giving students a direct pathway into a high-demand, high-growth profession.





Stand out in a competitive higher education landscape

Universities across the world are searching for clear value signals to help them attract the right students. CIPS accreditation shows potential students you have that value through CIPS accreditation. It demonstrates to prospective learners, and their future employers, that your programme meets globally recognised standards and prepares graduates for real-world success.



Why procurement & supply chain? Why now?

The global skills shortage in procurement and supply means employers are actively competing for talent. Salaries are rising. Opportunities are broadening. MCIPS remains the gold standard, an accolade that employers recognise, trust and request.

52% of employers globally look for MCIPS candidates when recruiting.*

Employers also demonstrate a willingness to pay more for accredited talent.

MCIPS earn **59%** more than their peers who do not hold MCIPS.*



A partnership built for student success

Accredited institutions gain access to world-class standards, a dedicated support team, marketing visibility and global networking opportunities. CIPS accreditation is your strategic advantage.

Value proposition for universities



Give your programmes global credibility

CIPS already accredits over 100 programmes worldwide. Partnering with CIPS gives your institution the recognition of a world-class programme and a clear quality mark to strengthen academic reputation and reassure prospective students that they are investing in a programme underpinned by global professional benchmarks.



Strengthen your brand with MCIPS recognition

The MCIPS designation is respected worldwide, and offering a route towards it reinforces your credibility as a provider of professionally relevant education. This association will help you stand out in a competitive market while demonstrating your commitment to student employability and industry-wide excellence.

A direct pathway to career defining professional status

Accreditation allows your students to follow a clear, recognised route towards achieving MCIPS, a status that opens doors to strong salaries*, fast progression and global employment opportunities. By embedding this pathway into your programme, you equip learners with a powerful career asset from day one, helping them transition confidently from university into a profession experiencing high demand for skilled talent.





Marketing and recruitment support

As an accredited university, you benefit from a ready-made suite of marketing assets designed to help you promote your programmes with clarity and impact. This includes approved accreditation logos and presentation materials for open days and induction sessions. These resources make it easy to support your recruitment team with consistent, high-quality collateral that speaks directly to student needs and motivations.



PowerPoint Template

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CIPS Accredited Logos

Artwork provided when Accreditation awarded.



A5 Handout Flyer

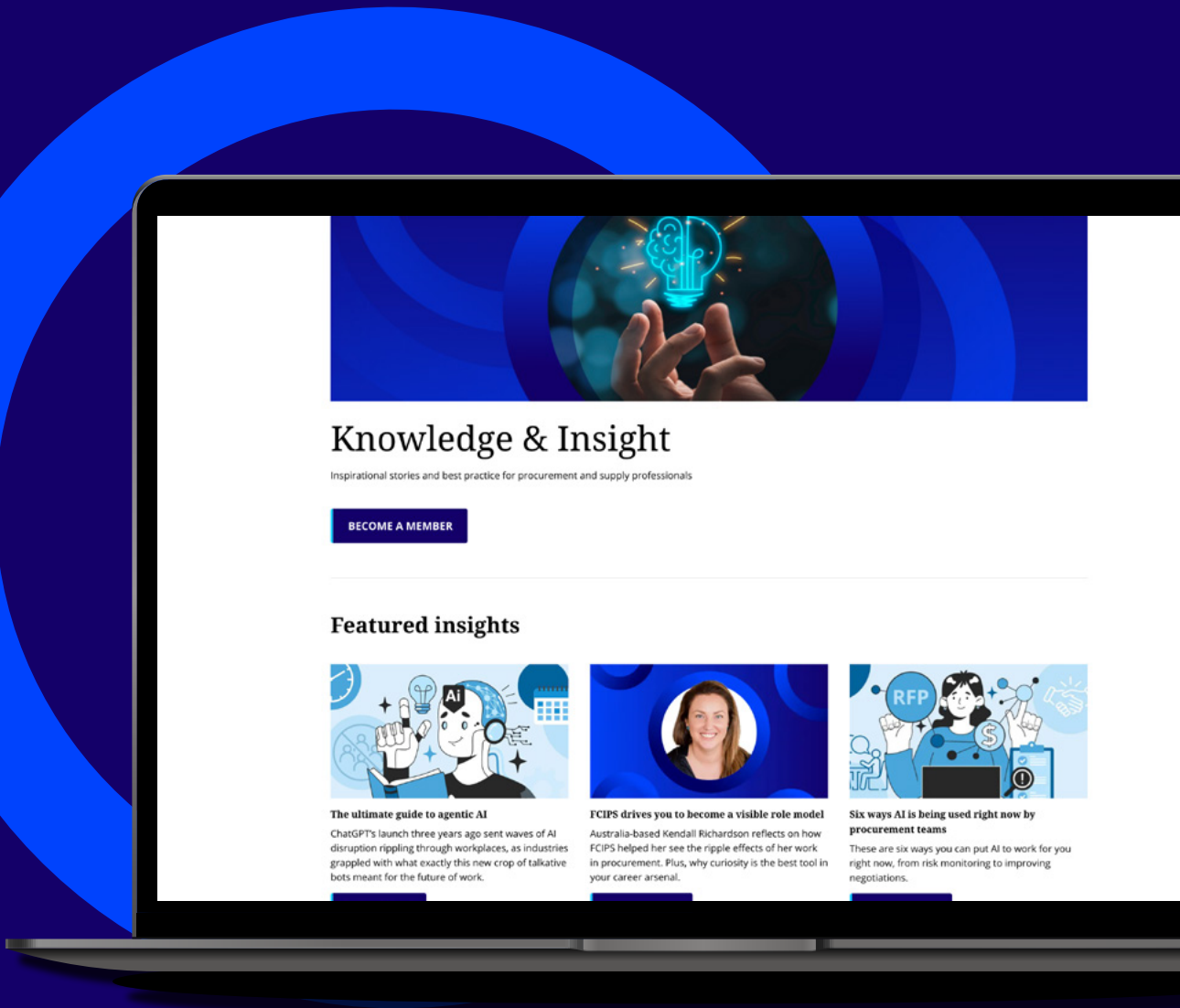
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A complete ecosystem of support for your team

As an accredited university, your tutors, programme leaders and students gain access to the [CIPS Knowledge & Insight Hub](#), an exclusive online library used by procurement professionals worldwide. This industry-wide resource provides research, insights and best-practice guidance and keeps your teaching current and professionally aligned. As a CIPS Affiliate Member, your students will have full access for the duration of their university programme.



Knowledge & Insight

Inspirational stories and best practice for procurement and supply professionals

[BECOME A MEMBER](#)

Featured insights



The ultimate guide to agentic AI

ChatGPT's launch three years ago sent waves of AI disruption rippling through workplaces, as industries grappled with what exactly this new crop of talkative bots meant for the future of work.



FCIPS drives you to become a visible role model

Australia-based Kendall Richardson reflects on how FCIPS helped her see the ripple effects of her work in procurement. Plus, why curiosity is the best tool in your career arsenal.



Six ways AI is being used right now by procurement teams

These are six ways you can put AI to work for you right now, from risk monitoring to improving negotiations.

Value proposition for students

MCIPS: Your passport to global opportunities

When students study, they're choosing a pathway to MCIPS Chartered professional status. That means recognition that matters to employers in 180+ countries.

High demand, strong salaries, global careers

The procurement and supply profession is growing fast, and employers worldwide are actively competing for skilled graduates. MCIPS gives students a clear advantage: higher starting salaries, quicker progression into strategic roles and the freedom to move across industries such as tech, finance, government, retail and international development.


Exclusive learning, insight and industry connection

Students on an accredited programme receive complimentary Affiliate membership of CIPS, giving them immediate access to a wealth of practical learning tools. This includes the Knowledge Hub, The Global Standard competency framework, CPD resources, and regular webinars featuring experienced industry experts.

They can also join live or watch on-demand sessions to build confidence and deepen their understanding of current industry practices. It's a connected, real-world learning environment designed to keep students motivated, informed and engaged throughout their studies.

A professional identity from day one

From the moment your students join, they're part of a global professional community. They receive a welcome pack outlining everything they need to get started, along with access to CIPS Connect, a dedicated space to ask questions, join their branch and connect with peers. Free webinars, recorded sessions and events led by experienced practitioners help students see how their learning applies in the real world and give them the support they need to excel in their accredited programme.



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Partner with CIPS and elevate what your university can offer

CIPS accreditation isn't just an endorsement. It's a strategic advantage for your institution and a transformational opportunity for your students. When you become an accredited partner, you join a global network of universities committed to delivering worldclass procurement and supply education. You gain a powerful quality mark and the support of the world's largest professional body in the procurement and supply industry.

What accreditation unlocks for your university

Independent professional validation

Your programme is recognised as meeting internationally benchmarked standards set by the industry and recognised by employers in every area of procurement and supply.

A stronger, more competitive brand

CIPS accreditation signals credibility, excellence and employability, attributes that attract students and reassure stakeholders.

A route to MCIPS for your students

Graduates gain a professional edge with access to higher salaries, stronger career mobility and roles with real strategic influence.

Marketing visibility and recruitment support

From accreditation logos to presentation decks and co-branded assets, you receive everything you need to promote your programmes confidently and consistently.



Support for your academic team

Your dedicated CIPS team will guide you through the accreditation process and provide access to all the membership information that your students and your team might need.

Shape the future of a profession that shapes the world

Procurement and supply professionals influence everything from food supply and healthcare to sustainability, technology and global trade. CIPS-accredited universities play a key role in developing the next generation of leaders who will navigate these global challenges.

This is your opportunity to align your institution with the highest standards, strengthen your employability outcomes and offer students something genuinely career-defining.

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Ready to elevate your programme? Let's talk.

Our Partnership Development Team is here to guide you through the process. The team are on hand to answer your questions and help you understand how accreditation can enhance your university's offer.

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