

Global Higher Education LLM Landscape – Claude

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This report outlines the global adoption of Anthropic’s generative AI products – specifically the **Claude for Education** enterprise tier – across higher education institutions.

The sweep focuses on institutional deployments, tracking the progress of Anthropic’s push into the academic sector since the launch of its dedicated education product.

The Claude for Education Landscape

Anthropic launched **Claude for Education** in April 2025, positioning it as a direct competitor to OpenAI’s **ChatGPT Edu** and Microsoft’s **Copilot** offerings. The product was designed to provide academic institutions with secure, reliable AI access for their entire community, with a strong emphasis on Anthropic’s core brand pillars of AI safety, steerability, and responsible use.¹

The initial launch was supported by three high-profile pilot partners: Northeastern University, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and Champlain College. These early adopters served as proof-of-concept sites for campus-wide integration.

Since then, Anthropic has expanded its footprint through strategic partnerships, notably leveraging Amazon Web Services (AWS) to deliver integrated enterprise solutions to large research universities.

Anthropic has also pursued **national-level agreements** to embed its technology in developing tech ecosystems. In November 2025, Anthropic partnered with the Government of Rwanda and the ALX education network to provide 2,000 Claude Pro licences to educators and offer a year of Claude access to pilot graduates. This was announced by the Ministry of Education (MINEDUC) on 17 November 2025.²

The arrangement was formalised into a broader Memorandum of Understanding in February 2026.³ However, evidence of progress on the ground since then within Rwanda is minimal.

¹ Anthropic. (2025). Introducing Claude for education. Checked 14 May 2026. <https://www.anthropic.com/news/introducing-claude-for-education>

² MINEDUC. (2025). ALX, Anthropic, and the Government of Rwanda launch landmark AI learning initiative. Accessed 14 May 2026. <https://www.mineduc.gov.rw/news-detail/alx-anthropic-and-the-government-of-rwanda-launch-landmark-ai-learning-initiative>

³ Anthropic. (2026). Anthropic and the Government of Rwanda sign MOU for AI in health and education. Checked 14 May 2026. <https://www.anthropic.com/news/anthropic-rwanda-mou>

In addition to Rwanda, Anthropic has announced new partnerships across India.⁴ Although they are mostly to do with technical aspects, there is some focus on education, with the Pratham project targeting schools and second-chance learners in rural communities.⁵ However, there seems to be no focus on university-level teaching.

North American Deployments

Northeastern University was the flagship launch partner for Claude for Education in April 2025. The university deployed the platform to 50,000 students, faculty, and staff across its 13 global campuses. The deployment was framed around developing responsible AI use cases and enhancing critical thinking skills.⁶

The **University of Pittsburgh** (Pitt) followed with a landmark deployment in late 2025. Pitt partnered with both Anthropic and AWS to become the first university to secure an institution-wide agreement for Claude for Education integrated with AWS infrastructure. The rollout began with faculty and staff in December 2025, followed by student access in early 2026.⁷

Syracuse University announced its campus-wide partnership with Anthropic in September 2025, providing Claude access to over 30,000 students, faculty, and staff to support academic research and administrative tasks.⁸

Champlain College, another launch partner, provided all its on-campus and online students with free access to Claude Pro for a two-year period running through June 2027.⁹

Some institutions have opted for multi-vendor strategies rather than exclusive campus-wide deals. For example, **Lehigh University** announced in December 2025 that it was

⁴ Anthropic. (2026). Anthropic opens Bengaluru office and announces new partnerships across India. Accessed 14 May 2026. <https://www.anthropic.com/news/bengaluru-office-partnerships-across-india>

⁵ Anthropic. (2026). How Pratham delivers personalized assessment feedback to thousands of students across India with Claude. Accessed 14 May 2026. <https://claude.com/customers/pratham-international> [Added by a human]

⁶ Northeastern University IT Services. (2025). Introducing Claude: Northeastern’s new AI tool. Checked 14 May 2026. <https://its.northeastern.edu/2025/04/03/introducing-claude-northeasterns-new-ai-tool/>

⁷ University of Pittsburgh Office of the Provost. (2025). Update on Claude for Education Rollout. Checked 14 May 2026. <https://www.provost.pitt.edu/news/update-claude-education-rollout>

⁸ Syracuse University News. (2025). Syracuse University Among First Universities to Provide Campuswide AI Access to Anthropic’s Claude for Education. Checked 14 May 2026. <https://news.syr.edu/2025/09/22/syracuse-university-among-first-universities-to-provide-campuswide-ai-access-to-anthropics-claude-for-education/>

⁹ Champlain College. (2025). Meet Claude: Your New AI Assistant at Champlain College Online. Checked 14 May 2026. <https://online.champlain.edu/blog/meet-claude-your-new-ai-assistant>

providing free access to a suite of enhanced AI tools – including Claude Pro, Copilot Pro, and Gemini Pro – specifically targeted at faculty and graduate students.¹⁰

United Kingdom Deployments

The **London School of Economics and Political Science** (LSE) was the sole UK launch partner for Claude for Education in May 2025. The university initiated a one-year pilot scheme, providing free access to Anthropic’s AI assistant to all students, academic staff, and policy researchers.¹¹ Notably, LSE’s Eden Centre claimed to have used the platform to build CARA, “an internal AI tool written in Claude designed to assist staff in designing academic assessments”, but the URL given by Google Search only substantiates that in the search summary, not the text of the document.^{12 13}

LSE was joined by Northumbria University in July 2025.¹⁴

Asia-Pacific Deployments

Anthropic’s expansion into the Asia-Pacific region accelerated in early 2026, coinciding with the opening of a new office in Sydney and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian government in March 2026.

As part of this expansion, the **Australian National University** (ANU) partnered with Anthropic to embed Claude into new courses within its School of Computing, aiming to train the next generation of Australian developers and AI scientists.¹⁵

¹⁰ Lehigh University Library and Technology Services. (2025). Free access to enhanced AI tools for Lehigh faculty and graduate students. Checked 14 May 2026.

<https://lts.lehigh.edu/news/free-access-enhanced-ai-tools-lehigh-faculty-and-graduate-students>

¹¹ London School of Economics and Political Science. (2025). LSE partners with Anthropic to shape the future of AI in education. Checked 14 May 2026. <https://www.lse.ac.uk/news/latest-news-from-lse/d-april/lse-partners-with-anthropic-to-shape-the-future-of-ai-in-education>

¹² London School of Economics and Political Science. (2026). Results of search for [“CARA” “Eden Centre” Claude site:lse.ac.uk]. Checked 14 May 2026. <https://www.google.com/search?q=%22CARA%22+%22Eden+Centre%22+Claude+site:lse.ac.uk> [Added by a human]

¹³ London School of Economics and Political Science. (2026). Staff FAQs on the use of GenAI in teaching, learning and assessment. Accessed 14 May 2026. <https://info.lse.ac.uk/staff/divisions/Eden-Centre/Artificial-Intelligence-Education-and-Assessment/Staff-FAQs-on-the-use-of-GenAI-in-teaching-learning-and-assessment>. [Added by a human]

¹⁴ Northumbria University. (2025). Northumbria to roll out new AI platform for staff and students. Accessed 14 May 2026. <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/about-us/news-events/news/northumbria-launches-new-ai-platform-for-staff-and-students/>

¹⁵ Australian National University. (2026). ANU partners with AI safety company Anthropic to strengthen its AI research and teaching. Checked 14 May 2026. <https://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/anu-partners-with-ai-safety-company-anthropic-to-strengthen-its-ai-research-and-teaching>

Developments in Other Regions

The search parameters for this global study were done within the “academic” domains. Thus, it is possible that there are other deployments in regions, such as Europe, most of whose countries do not use that approach to university domains.

In particular the human proof-reading scan picked up that Breda University of Applied Sciences (BUAs) in the Netherlands is the “First European Educational Institution with Claude for Education”.¹⁶ (Interesting to note that the United Kingdom, with LSE, is not in Europe.)

This is exactly the kind of information that the country-specific studies are designed to pick up.

Summary of Confirmed Deployments

The table below summarises confirmed institutional deployments of Claude for Education. Entries are sorted alphabetically by short name.

Evidence at grade A1 means that a document on the university’s own domain describes the roll-out. For the *Primary* and *Other* AI URLs see the footnotes.

<i>Short name</i>	<i>Domain</i>	<i>Evidence</i>	<i>Primary AI URL</i>	<i>Other AI URLs</i>
Australian National University	anu.edu.au	A1	Y	
Breda	buas.nl	A1	Y	
Champlain	champlain.edu	A1	Y	
Lehigh	lehigh.edu	A1	Y	
London School of Economics	lse.ac.uk	A1	Y	Y
Northeastern	northeastern.edu	A1	Y	
Northumbria	northumbria.ac.uk			
Pittsburgh	pitt.edu	A1	Y	
Rwanda (ALX Pilot)	N/A	A1	Y	Y
Syracuse	syr.edu	A1	Y	

References

See the footnotes.

¹⁶ Breda University of Applied Sciences. (2026). BUAs becomes the First European Educational Institution with Claude for Education: AI for Everyone. Accessed 14 May 2026. <https://www.buas.nl/en/news/buas-becomes-the-first-european-educational-institution-with-claude-for-education-ai-for> [Added by a human]