

10am - 3pm, Monday 18 November

# Promoting inclusion and accessibility through course design and delivery

Hosted by UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture

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**On campus:** UNSW Teaching Commons

**Online:** MS Webinar ([join here](#))

Time	Topic/Session	Presentation title
10am - 10.15am	Opening	<b>Opening and Welcome</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Associate Professor William Clapton
10.15am - 10.30am	Session 1	<b>Digital Inaccessibility in E-Learning and the Emergence of the Third-Level Digital Divide</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Md Badiuzzaman
10.30am - 10.45am	Session 1	<b>Building Neuro-Inclusive Education with Diversified: A Roadmap for Educators</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Aaron Saint-James   Associate Professor Ian McArthur
<b>5 Minute Break</b>		
10.50am - 11.05am	Session 2	<b>Diversified: Wellbeing for All - Creating Inclusive Educational Spaces that Foster Belonging</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Aaron Saint-James   Associate Professor Ian McArthur
11.05am - 11.20am	Session 2	<b>Teaching for Personal Growth</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Victor Jauregui
11.20am - 11.35am	Session 2	<b>Introducing Open-note Sheets for High Stakes Assessments in Chemistry</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Sara Kyne
<b>5 Minute Break</b>		
11.40am - 11.55am	Session 3	<b>Fixing the Engagement and Accessibility Problems of Online Lectures</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Associate Professor Terry Ord
11.55am - 12.10pm	Session 3	<b>Studycore: A Strategy to Make Lectures More Engaging and Accessible</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Lana Ly
12.10pm - 12.25pm	Session 3	<b>Gamifying Abstract Concepts</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr Paul Hunter   Amirtha Varshni Pappiah Thulasiraman
12.25pm - 1.00pm	<b>Afternoon tea break</b>	
1.00pm - 1.15pm	Session 4	<b>Course Convenor Exchange: A Peer-review and Teaching Support Strategy</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr Sharon Oberstein   Dr Ingrid Jimenez Barbosa
1.15pm - 1.30pm	Session 4	<b>Peer Review Evaluation, Within and Across Groups</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr Ingrid Jimenez Barbosa   Dr Revathy Mani
1.30pm - 1.45pm	Session 4	<b>Can Mock OSCEs help Optometry Students build Confidence and Overcome Anxiety?</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr Revathy Mani   Dr Ingrid Jimenez Barbosa
<b>5 Minute Break</b>		
1.50pm - 2.05pm	Session 5	<b>Enhancing Professional Skills by Collaboration, Role-playing and Solving Real-world Problems</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Sonit Singh
2.05pm - 2.20pm	Session 5	<b>Aligning Case Studies and Assessments to Improve Learning Experience - Redesigning a Course during Course Design Institute</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Abrar Chughtai
2.20pm - 2.35pm	Session 5	<b>Mind the Gap. Bringing Student Reflective Practice in line with Academic Expectations</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr Helen Parker   Jenni Graves
2.35pm - 2.50pm	Closing	<b>Closing and Thanks</b>

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9am - 3pm, Tuesday 19 November

# Creating the world that never was

Hosted by UNSW Engineering

On campus only: UNSW Roundhouse

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## Opening Sessions (8.30am – 10.15am)

8.30am	<b>Registration</b>
9.00am	<b>Engineering's education festival event "Creating the world that never was"</b>  <b>Opening address by A/Prof. Maurice Pagnucco</b>
9.10am	<b>Keynote</b> <b>A create-first pedagogy for Engineering – What happens when we design our programmes like Engineers?</b>  <b>Opening Keynote by Prof. Claire Lucas, Deputy Head of Department (Education), Department of Engineering, Kings College London</b>  This keynote challenges traditional engineering education by advocating a create-first pedagogy, driven by practical, hands-on learning. It proposes that we move beyond rigid modular taxonomies and the water-fall style 'Blooms' based curricula, which often arise from departmental structural silos, towards an agile/iterative and multi-disciplinary learning environment. New academic team topologies are proposed inspired by design cultures found in industry. Laboratories are re-imagined as a key component of a design, make, test workflows rather than being built around demonstration of physical-phenomena. Learning outcomes are reimagined as non-functional 'how' journeys of becoming rather than 'what' possession of knowledge and understanding.
10.00am	Morning tea and Challeng Student Project stalls

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## Mid-morning Sessions (10.15am – 11.00am)

Session 1 - Responsible use of Generative AI	
10.15am	<b>Leveraging Large Language Models in Education – AI Chatbot</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Inma Tomeo-Reyes
10.30am	<b>Make AI your Trusted Industry Partner</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr George Joukhadar
10.45am	<b>WhiteHat Hacking Assessments with AI</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Swapneel Thite, Giordana Orsini Florez
Session 2 - Career ready knowledge and skills	
10.15am	<b>Assessing the Efficacy of Virtual Reality-Based Laboratories Versus Real-Life</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Ali Darejeh
10.30am	<b>Nurturing Tomorrow's Engineers through Advanced Antenna Technologies for 6G Communication.</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Wendy Lee
10.45am	<b>Communications Technologies: Redesigning for Future-Ready Learning</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Mohammad Rowshan
Session 3 - Effective and Engaging Learning	
10.15am	<b>Promoting collaborative learning and student engagement through studio classes in Engineering</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Peter Neal, Dr Sarah Grundy, Dr Emma Lovell, Dr Yasemin Fadil
10.30am	<b>Reviewing Reviews: Using multistage peer reviews to provide feedback and improve student learning</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Ruth Fisher, Dr Divya Jayakumar Nair, Dr Shamim Aryampa, Dr Richard Stuetz
10.45am	<b>Interactive site visit to a pharmaceutical plant: connecting students with industry</b> <b>Presenter:</b> A/Prof. Sophia Gu

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# Mid-morning Sessions (11.00am-12.00pm)

## World café

Three rounds of 20-minute conversations on ENG Education projects

## Interactive labs for developing career skills

“Nurturing Tomorrow's Engineers through Advanced Antenna Technologies for 6G Communication.” - EFFECT Project

**Facilitators:** Dr Wendy Lee

## Visualising students' skills in curriculums

“Curriculum Spine Project” - Nexus Project

**Facilitators:** Dr Fiacre Rougieux

## Supporting teaching development

“Faculty Induction for Teaching Staff” - Nexus Project

**Facilitators:** Nasrin Danish and Ellie McDougall

## Feedback driven course improvements

“Students' Feedback to Improve Teaching and Learning” - Nexus Project

**Facilitators:** Dr Rita Prestigiacomio, Giordana Orsini Florez

## Automating plagiarism detection of non-text drawing outputs

“Enhancing Academic Integrity: Developing an Innovative Plagiarism Detection System for 3D CAD Models in Engineering and Industrial Design Courses” - EFFECT project

**Facilitators:** Dr Darson Li, Dr Irene Renaud-Assemat

## AI Assessment vulnerability and redesign

“White Hat AI Hacking of Assessments For Targeted AI Literacy Enhancement” - Nexus Project

**Facilitators:** Dr Swapneel Thite, Morgan Harris, Dr Ruth Fisher

## AI for automated marking, feedback and student support

“Developing Automated Assessment Marking Tools” + “Leveraging Large Language Models in Education - AI Chatbot” EFFECT projects

**Facilitators:** Dr Inma Tomeo-Reyes and Dr Beena Ahmed

## Oral assessment redesign

“Interactive Oral assessment” - Nexus project

**Facilitators:** Dr May Lim

## Best practices to design for Generative AI

“UNSW Generative Artificial Intelligence research platform development” - EFFECT project

**Facilitators:** Dr Sarah Grundy and Dr Peter Neal

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## Lunch-time Sessions (12.00pm–12.30pm)

### Lunch

A light lunch will be provided on level 1 for educators attending the Education Festival event.

### Poster session (Level 1)

A showcase of the engineering education research in the faculty of Engineering in a poster session highlighting Engineering Honours students work.

### Professional Identity Construction of BME Students

**Presenter:** Shashank Gowda, A/Prof. Lauren Kark

**Current perceptions of education-focused academics within Australian higher education institutions and how these perceptions influence their recruitment, retention, organisational support and professional development**

**Presenter:** Nathan Thamrongpraditt, Dr Sarah Grundy

### Belonging in BME

**Presenter:** Naba-Allah Haider, Dr Ulises Aregueta Robles

### Role of Clinical Immersion in Professional Identity Formation in BME

**Presenter:** Kelly Harris, Dr Rita Prestigiacomo

### ChallENG Student Project stalls (Ground floor)

Visit the ChallENG student project stalls on the ground floor to see and discuss their exciting innovations.

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## Afternoon Sessions 1 (12.30pm – 2.00pm)

Session 4 - Responsible use of Generative AI	
12.30pm	<p><b>Navigating the Wild West of AI: A Journey for Academics and Students</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Dr Nirmani Wijenayake Gamachchige</p>
12.45pm	<p><b>Program Navigator: A Course Recommendation System based on Career Interests</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Dr Sonit Singh</p>
1.00pm	<p><b>Group Dynamics to Facilitate Teaching Responsible AI</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Dr Chedia Dhaoui</p>
1.15pm	<p><b>The Use of Chatbots as an Assistive Support Method for Women in STEM</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Quynh Doan, Dr James Steven</p>
Session 5 - Career ready knowledge and skills	
12.30pm	<p><b>Excelerate: Modular Excel Mastery Program for All</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> A/Prof. Kevin Liu</p>
12.45pm	<p><b>Powering the future of work through compassion and creativity</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Dr Pranit Anand</p>
1.00pm	<p><b>Sustainability education; equipping students for unknown futures</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Dr Jinki Trevillian, Dr Louise Fitzgerald</p>
1.15pm	<p><b>Enhancing Nuclear Engineering Education through Experiential Learning and Training Reactors</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Tina Baradaran, Dr Peter Neal, Dr Jennifer Stansby, A/Prof. Edward Obbard</p>
1.30pm	<p><b>Enhancing Authenticity in Engineering Education: Aligning Assessment with Modern Engineering Tools</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> A/Prof. Garth Pearce</p>

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## Afternoon Sessions 2 (12.30pm – 3.00pm)

### Afternoon Workshop (12.30pm–1.30pm)

#### Roadmaps to impact: Mapping SDGs through our curricula

**Facilitators:** Dr Ruth Fisher, Dr Helen Rutledge, Dr Javier Videla Mario, Dr Bojan Tamburic, Prof Richard Stuetz

This workshop builds on active projects in the schools of Civil and Environmental, and Chemical Engineering. The session will provide an understanding of how our courses address sustainability and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be discussed-drawing on examples from different activities being undertaken in the University. There will be a focus on student understanding and alignment in both the undergraduate and HDR cohorts. A keyword matching tool will be used by participants in the session to enable them to conduct their own mapping with course materials (or any text!).

Participants will engage in discussions about how links between SDGs and course material can be made clearer or introduced. With a focus on the constructive alignment of course learning outcomes to assessments and activities.

Come along if you are currently involved in mapping, interested and/or want to ensure our graduates make an impact.

### Conclusion (2.00pm–3.00pm)

#### Vertically Integrated Projects Pitch Competition

Final round VIP teams pitch their projects and the impact they have to an audience of industry partners.

The winning team will win a cash prize and be entered into the VIP International Consortium Competition 2025.

**Presenter:** Prof. Sami Kara

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1 - 3pm, Tuesday 19 November

# Fostering Wellbeing and Togetherness

Hosted by UNSW Law & Justice

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**On campus only:** Teaching commons

Join us for an engaging session showcasing Law and Justice initiatives designed to foster success for first-year students and promote staff wellbeing and professional development opportunities among Teaching Fellows.

Time	Session	Presentation title
1.00 - 1.50pm	Students panel & showcase	<b>Fostering Wellbeing and Togetherness: First Year and International Students</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Dr Svetlana Tyulkina, Director of Learning and Teaching
1.50 - 2.10pm	<b>Coffee break</b>	
2.10 - 3.00pm	Teaching Fellows panel & showcase	<b>Fostering Wellbeing and Togetherness: Teaching Fellows</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Simon Kozlina, Nexus Fellow

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9.30am - 1pm, Wednesday 20 November

# Future-proofing higher education: Innovation, partnerships and building resilience for uncharted times ahead

Hosted by UNSW Business

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On campus: UNSW Teaching Commons

Online: MS Webinar ([join here](#))

Time	Session	Presentation title
9:30 - 9:40	Opening	Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country
9:40 - 9:50	Short presentation	<b>Harnessing Professional Diversity: Post-Experience Social Impact Education &amp; the UNSW Sandbox Program</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Tasnia Alam Hannan   UNSW Business
9:50 - 10:00	Short presentation	<b>A meaningful partnership with students is not exactly 1+1=2, finding ways to build sustainable partnerships</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Gee Chong Ling   UNSW Science
10:00 - 10:10		Short Break
10:10 - 10:20	Short presentation	<b>Fostering Belonging in Short Courses: Interactive Strategies for Professional Development</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Matt Okane   UNSW Business, UNSW ADFA, UNSW School of Professional Studies
10:20 - 10:30	Short presentation	<b>Teaching Social Research - how I learned to stop worrying and trust the data</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Sharon Aris   UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture
10:30 - 11:00	Student panel and Q&A	<b>Student panel and Q&amp;A - Partnerships</b>
11:00 - 11:10		Short Break
11:10 - 11:20	Short presentation	<b>Scaling Exams Authentically in an Integrated First Year course</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Margaret Connor   UNSW Business
11:20 - 11:30	Short presentation	<b>Virtualising Non-scalable Hardware-based Coursework</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Adrienne James Stevens   UNSW Engineering
11:30 - 11:40	Short presentation	<b>Fostering an Entrepreneurial Mindset</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Rushi Vyas   UNSW Engineering
11:40 - 11:50	Short presentation	<b>Innovate, Collaborate, Thrive: Education Forward for a Resilient Future</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Rachida Ouyse   UNSW Business
11:50 - 12:20	Student panel and Q&A	<b>Student panel and Q&amp;A - Future skills</b>
12:20 - 12:30	Closing	Closing remarks
12:30 - 1:00		Lunch & Networking

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1.30 - 4.30pm, Wednesday 20 November

# Cutting through the AI noise

Hosted by UNSW Artificial Intelligence EF CoP

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**On campus:** UNSW Teaching Commons

**Online:** MS Webinar ([join here](#))

Time	Presentation title
13:30 - 14:15	<b>AI, Art and Agency</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Jess Priebe
14:15 - 14:30	<b>AI and UNSW Updates</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Prof. Alex Steel
14:30 - 14:40	<b>AI as Teaching Assistant</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Heather Crawford
14:40 - 14:50	<b>Context-Aware Personalised Feedback Generator</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Fiacre Rougieux
14:50 - 15:00	<b>Revolutionising Student Success: Building a Custom AI Companion for an Enhanced University Experience</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Prof. Simon McIntyre
15:00 - 15:10	<b>Stretch and Refresh</b>
15:10 - 15:20	<b>Bring the AI to you side in class</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr George Joukhadar
15:20 - 15:30	<b>How to facilitate teaching Generative AI (GenAI) through case studies to solve real-life business problems</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Chedia Dhaoui
15:30 - 16:00	<b>In Conversation</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Jess Priebe, Prof Alex Steel, Prof Simon McIntyre, Prof Carol Oliver and A/Prof. Lynn Gribble
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Student Panel</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Eunice Cheng, Timothy To and Irina Wong

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9.15am - 12.30pm, Thursday 21 November

# Supporting students: From first year to beyond

Hosted by UNSW Science

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On campus: UNSW Teaching Commons

Online: MS Webinar ([join here](#))

Time	Topic	Presentation title
9.00 - 9.15		Tea & Coffee
9.15 - 9.20	Welcome	<b>Welcome</b> Presenter: Associate Professor Rebecca LeBard
9.20 - 9.30	Transition	<b>Empowering Equity: The Start@Uni Project and its impact on first-year learning and teaching</b> Presenter: Dr Harriet Ridolfo & Dr Mick Warren
9.30 - 9.40	Transition	<b>Student teacher partnership - empowering students for personal development, community building, and social impact</b> Presenter: Melody Li
9.40 - 9.50	Transition	<b>Bridging Theory and Practice: AI-Enhanced Case Studies for Developing Abstract Thinking in Business Students</b> Presenter: Dr Ha Ngo
9.50 - 9.55	Transition	<b>Questions</b>
9.55 - 10.05	Student support	<b>Building students' core digital literacy and library skills</b> Presenter: Louisa Cardinale & Mervyn Lim
10.05 - 10.15	Student support	<b>Universal Chatbot - Streamlining student support</b> Presenter: Pradhiban Duraisamy
10.15 - 10.20	Student support	<b>Questions</b>
10.20 - 10.30		Break
10.30 - 10.40	Student learning	<b>Impact of embedded self-regulated learning activities on student experience and learning outcomes</b> Presenter: Dr Helena Pacitti
10.40 - 10.50	Student learning	<b>Empowering students through self-directed learning: A programmatic approach</b> Presenter: A/Prof. Priya Khanna Pathak, Dr Hora Hedayati, Dr Shannan Maisey & Diana Saragi Turnip
10.50 - 11.00	Student learning	<b>Creating Medical Education Enhancement Training (MEET) for Medical Students.</b> Presenter: Associate Professor Betty Chan, Dr Marian Lee & Professor Adrienne Torda
11.00 - 11.10	Student learning	<b>Student experiences of delayed summative assessment</b> Presenter: Dr Raveen De Silva
11.10 - 11.15	Student learning	<b>Questions</b>
11.15 - 11.25	Holistic support	<b>Diversified Toolkit: Inclusive Support Systems for Neurodivergent Student Success from First Year and Beyond</b> Presenter: Aaron Saint-James & Dr Ian McArthur
11.25 - 11.35	Holistic support	<b>Creating a Supportive Campus: Mental Health Training for Staff and Students</b> Presenter: Karen Yuen & Teresa Sheng
11.35 - 11.40	Holistic support	<b>Questions</b>
11.40 - 12.00	Student panel	<b>Student panel</b>
12.00 - 12.10	Support to employability	<b>Enhancing Belonging, Employability, and Student Success: The Power of SciConnect</b> Presenter: Tom Rowlands & Shay Hirani
12.10 - 12.20	Support to employability	<b>Discover, Launch, Grow: A strategy transforming the UNSW Employability journey</b> Presenter: Vanessa Bakhos, Shaminie Chetty & Kimberley Symons
12.20 - 12.25	Support to employability	<b>Questions</b>
12.25 - 12.30	Event close	<b>Closing</b> Presenter: Associate Professor Rebecca LeBard

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2 - 4pm, Thursday 21 November

# Pedagogy of kindness: Strategies for engagement, transformation and wellbeing

Hosted by the UNSW Pedagogy of Kindness Network

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**On campus:** UNSW Teaching Commons

**Online:** MS Webinar ([join here](#))

Join us for this practical, 2-hour workshop, in which we'll explore the Pedagogy of Kindness and work together to develop real strategies we can implement to promote kindness in our teaching and learning practice.

Time	Presentation title
2.00 - 2.15	Session introduction and welcome
2.15 - 2.45	Exploring the Pedagogy of Kindness
2.45 - 3.45	Kind strategies for the classroom and beyond
3.45 - 4.00	Wrap-up and reflection

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9.30am - 1pm, Monday 25 November

# Fostering wellbeing and belonging

Hosted by UNSW Canberra

On campus: UNSW Canberra, [Lecture Theatre 7](#)

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Online: MS Webinar ([join here](#)) & Livestreaming at Teaching Commons

Time	Session	Presentation title
9:15 - 9:30	Arrival, registration, tea/coffee and networking	
9:30 - 9:40	Welcome	<b>Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Marty Jones
9:40 - 10:25	Keynote and Questions	<b>Unlocking student potential: strategies to boost their success and wellbeing</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Leesa Sidhu
10:25 - 11:00	Short Presentations	<b>Innovations in online postgraduate teaching to enhance engagement, learning outcomes, and course scores</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Shabnam Kasra
		<b>Increasing belonging in our unique undergraduate student cohort</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Chris Campbell and Emily Rutherford
11:00 - 11:10		<b>Investigating post graduate students' sense of belonging</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Janene Harman and Dr Chris Campbell
11:00 - 11:10	<b>Questions for presenters</b>	
11:10 - 11:30	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11:30 - 12:10	Short Presentations	<b>Curriculum approaches to cultivate students' sense of belonging</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Pranit Anand
		<b>Enhancing wellbeing and community through academic engagement activities</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Avi Shalav and Chris Nelson
		<b>A semi-automated system for early detection and resolution of team conflicts</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Armin Chitizadeh
12:10 - 12:20	<b>Questions for presenters</b>	
12:20 - 12:45	Short Presentations	<b>Computational thinking with Jupyter-based learning activities</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr David Petty
		<b>Aeronautical science and technology e-sports for student wellbeing and community building</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Graham Wild
12:45 - 12:55	<b>Questions for presenters</b>	
12:55 - 1:00	Closing	<b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Chris Campbell

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1.30 – 4:15pm, Monday 25 November

# Why is fostering belonging crucial and how can it benefit you and your students?

Hosted by PVC Student Success Portfolio

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On campus: UNSW Teaching Commons

Online: MS Webinar ([join here](#))

## OVERVIEW:

We are excited to invite you to a thought-provoking workshop titled:

### “Why is fostering belonging crucial and how can it benefit both you and your students?”

This session aims to spark a dynamic debate and garner academic input into a belonging framework for UNSW, ensuring academics at UNSW are at the forefront of one of the most pressing issues in student experience and retention today.

## DESIRED OUTCOMES:

### Explore the Concept of Belonging:

Delve into the multifaceted nature of belonging and its critical role in student success.

### Collaborate and Innovate:

Engage with fellow educators to share insights, strategies, and best practices for fostering a sense of belonging in diverse learning environments.

### Impact Student Lives:

Actively contribute to shaping the University’s future Belonging Framework, influencing how belonging is integrated into curricular and co-curricular environments.

Time	Focus	Facilitator
1:30 – 1:40pm	Session Welcome and Context	Natalie Nickson
1:40 – 2:30pm	Facilitated Panel Debate and Discussion (academic staff & students)	Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student Success Leah Hill
2:30 – 2:50pm	Audience Q&A and contribution	Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student Success Leah Hill
2:50 – 3:10pm	Short Break	
3:10 – 3:40pm	Facilitated workshop   Small group breakout	Co-facilitation by staff and students
3:40 – 4:00pm	Small Group presentations back to the wider audience	Co-facilitation by staff and students
4:00 – 4:15pm	Thank you and close	Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student Success Leah Hill

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9am - 2pm, Tuesday 26 November

# Empowering minds: 21st century teaching and communication

Hosted by UNSW Medicine & Health

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On campus: UNSW Teaching Commons

Online: MS Webinar ([join here](#))

Time	Session	Presentation title
9.00 - 10.00	Keynote	<b>Why Don't They Get the Message?</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Grace Xia (optometry student), Eunice Cheng (medical student), Dr Thomas Ruf, Dr Lana Ly, and Joyce El Haddad
10.00 - 10.20	Short presentation	<b>Social Media and Medical Education</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Joyce El Haddad
10.20 - 10.40	Short presentation	<b>Leveraging short-form video and Technology-Enhanced Peer Assessment: Boosting Engagement and Self-Directed Learning</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Stephan Tseng
10.40 - 11.00	Short presentation	<b>MAVI Concepts: Experiential Learning and Training with Technology</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Aryeh Sternberg
11.00 - 11.30		<b>Brunch</b>
11.30 - 11.50	Short presentation	<b>Transforming Courses with VR</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Graham Hannah
11.50 - 12.10	Short presentation	<b>Automata Tutor: Visual learning tool for abstract concepts</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr Paul Hunter and Xavier Cooney
12.10 - 12.30	Short presentation	<b>Do not improvise your improvisation!</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Daniela Castro de Jong
12.30 - 12.50	Short presentation	<b>Powering up class participation</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Brenda Tronson, Dr Chantal Bostock, Dr Anna Rowe, Dr Chien Gooi, Casey-Lee Hirst, and Nicola Kozlina
12.50 - 13.10	Short presentation	<b>Teaching Toolkit: Creating the Convenor Timeline</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Margaret Connor and Steve Yannoulatos
13.10 - 13.30	Short presentation	<b>Seeing the Difference: A Collaborative Peer Review of Teaching Communication Skills Across Medicine and Optometry</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr Kalli Spencer and Kathleen Watt
13.30 - 13.50	Short presentation	<b>Transdisciplinary collaboration in higher education: Unpacking innovative initiatives</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr Cherie Lucas, Dr Daniela Castro de Jong, Diana Saragi Turnip, Jon Cai, Prof. Patsie Polly, A/Prof. Priya Khanna Pathak, Dr Sharon Oberstein, A/Prof. Sieu Khuu, A/Prof. Silas Taylor, and Zara Khan
9.00 - 14.00	Poster	<b>Taking Integration to Next Level</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Thulaisiharan Sivapalan, Carrol Besseling and Sarah Watts
9.00 - 14.00	Poster	<b>Promoting attendance at lecture using authentic assessment</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Graeme Taylor
9.00 - 14.00	Poster	<b>Reimagining Business Education: Inside UNSW's Pioneering Integrated First Year</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Thomas Ruf
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Time	Session	Presentation title
2:30 - 2:35pm	Opening	<b>Acknowledgement of Country &amp; SEA Initiatives Overview</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Prof. Patsie Polly
2:35 - 4:00pm	International Guest Speaker Presentation	<b>Inclusive learning and teaching for neurodivergent students</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr Elliott Spaeth, Advance HE UK (introduced by A/Prof. Karin Watson)
4:00 - 4:30pm	Group Presentation	<b>Healthy Universities Initiative</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr Leesa Sidhu, A/Prof. Jenny Richmond, Ben Kelly and Prof. Gary Velan
4:30 - 5:00pm	Group Presentation	<b>SX/Nexus Provocation</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Dr May Lim, Dr Peter Neal, A/Prof. Helen Gibbon, and Prof. Elizabeth (Liz) Angstmann
5:00 - 5:10pm	Group Presentation	<b>AcademiUS</b> <b>Presenters:</b> Prof. Alberto Motta and Prof. Isabella Dobrescu
5:10 - 5:40pm	Awards Presentation	<b>Exemplary Teaching Practice Awards</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Prof. Peter Heslin
5:40 - 5:45pm	Closing	<b>Thank you and closing remarks</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Prof. Patsie Polly
6pm onwards	Networking	<b>Social Networking &amp; Celebrations</b> UNSW Roundhouse

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