

Education & Student Experience

March 2026



[News](#) →

[Stories](#) →

[Opportunities](#) →

[Events](#) →

Welcome to your March 2026 edition of UNSW Education & Student Experience News!

This is the first edition of our refreshed monthly [UNSW Education News](#), which has moved platforms. Please make sure you're [subscribed to the newsletter](#) so you don't miss future updates, and forward it to any colleagues who may be interested.

Keep reading for community news, stories, upcoming education events, teaching resources, learning opportunities, and more offered at UNSW and beyond.

Education news



Three UNSW educators awarded national teaching citations

Associate Professors Nicholas Apoifis (ADA), Terry Ord (Science), and Yenni Tim (Business) were awarded citations at the [2025 Australian Awards for University Teaching](#) (AAUT) in recognition of their contributions to enhance the quality of student learning in higher education.

[Learn more.](#)



UNSW Curriculum Transformation support for staff

The change of academic calendar and our new strategic priorities require UNSW's courses and programs to be reimagined. Specific support and resources are being made available to UNSW colleagues to facilitate redesign and delivery.

[View support.](#)

Student Experience news



UNSW unveils new university-wide Food Security Strategy

UNSW's new [Food Security Strategy](#) aims to help students access affordable, nutritious food, setting out a plan for new support programs including food lockers, cooking classes, and an expanded free meals program and Food Hub offering. [Learn more](#).



Centralising UNSW's peer mentoring programs

The Belonging & Onboarding team, together with Nura Gili, have partnered with Vygo to deliver a single, integrated peer mentoring solution that brings together student mentoring programs from across the university. [View Peer Mentoring Hub](#).

Stories from our community



Teaching is relational – but now there are three of us in the relationship

By A/Prof. Lynn Gribble & Dr Kamilya Suleymenova (University of Birmingham)

GenAI has transformed teaching from a traditional student–academic relationship into a complex triadic dynamic, challenging trust, assessment, and the very nature of thinking and learning in higher education.

[Read now](#).



Teaching in the age of AI: Why immersive learning matters

By Dr Fida Hasan & Dr Chris Campbell

As generative AI reshapes assessment, immersive learning can offer a path to authentic engagement that can't be outsourced. [Read now](#).



Blogging as scholarship: Turning ideas into impact

By UNSW Nexus Team Members

Blogging is the doable, 'low-hanging fruit' of scholarly communication: it's quick to do, easy to share, and surprisingly nourishing for your research profile. [Read now.](#)

Feel-good news story

Equipping international students with beach safety

During O-Week, a group of commencing international students joined the UNSW beach safety & Coogee walk. Students learned about important safety information and the risks of Australian beaches, and met new friends and mentors from the [Cultural Mentor program](#).



More UNSW education blogs & news

View all UNSW teaching and learning blogs and news. Share your news or story about supporting and enhancing education and the student experience at UNSW.

[View now and submit your story.](#)

Opportunities and resources



Submit a proposal to present at ISSOTL26

The International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL) is now inviting submissions on this year's conference theme. [Abstract information support sessions](#) are available to UNSW colleagues; submissions are due by 30 March. [Learn more.](#)



Submit an abstract for e-Learning Excellence Awards & conference

Enter the Academic Conference & Publishing International (ACPI) competition to showcase an initiative using an innovative e-learning application. Top-rated entries will be invited to the [European Conference on e-Learning](#). Submissions are due by 14 May. [Learn more.](#)



Join AdvanceHE's Enhancing Program Leadership cohort

This program supports academic leaders in navigating a dynamic leadership environment by strengthening their understanding and practice in their own context, while also connecting with peers and guest speakers to explore shared challenges. The new cohort starts on 5 June 2026. [Learn more.](#)



Apply for an innovation in student equity award

Nominations are open for the 2026 Australian Centre for Student Equity and Success (ACSES) awards, recognising significant contributions to shaping policy and transforming practices that improve student equity in higher education. Applications are due on 30 June. [Apply now.](#)



Build confidence with UNSW Educational Technologies

UNSW colleagues can strengthen their digital teaching toolkit through the Foundation level EdTech @ UNSW trial program, ideal for those looking to build confidence and impact in their teaching. Staff who complete the Foundation level before 20 March will be eligible to join the Practitioner level during T1 Flex week. [Learn more.](#)

What's on?



Curriculum Transformation sessions @ Teaching Commons

Tuesdays-Thursdays

UNSW colleagues can join dedicated sessions at the Teaching Commons to support Curriculum Transformation redesign of courses and programs. Regular session series relate to Pedagogical Principles, assessment and feedback and program authorities. [View sessions and register.](#)



PVCE Media and Immersive drop-ins & workshops

Tue 10-Thu 12 March | 9am-4pm | F2F

UNSW colleagues are invited to explore how to incorporate educational media and immersive technologies within their pedagogical practices to enhance student learning. [Register now.](#)



SoTL Series: Research Dissemination

Tue 7 April | 2-3pm | Hybrid

Learn how a first-year design course's shift to Competency-Based Assessment grew into an international SoTL project, offering practical strategies for turning everyday teaching curiosity into impactful, shareable scholarship. [Register now.](#)



View more upcoming sessions on the [Education events page.](#)

View more news

- [Celebrate International Women's Day with UNSW, running 5-18 March](#)
- [Join on-campus events during Climate Action Week, running 9-15 March](#)
- [Share feedback on UNSW's gender-based violence policy by Tue 10 March](#)
- [Review recently updated staff and student Gender Affirmation Guidelines](#)
- [Conflict in the Middle East: Staff support is available through the Employee Assistance Program](#)

 **Keep on top of the latest Education & Student Experience news**

 [Subscribe to this newsletter](#)

 [Follow us on LinkedIn](#)

 [Join our Viva Engage community \(UNSW Staff\)](#)

[Back to top^](#)

UNSW Division of Education & Student Experience



We respectfully acknowledge the Bidjigal, Biripi, Dharug, Gadigal, Gumbaynggirr, Ngunnawal and Wiradjuri peoples, whose unceded lands we are privileged to learn, teach and work on our UNSW campuses. We honour the Elders of these Nations, as well as broader Nations that we walk together with, past and present, and acknowledge their ongoing connection to culture, community and Country.

Copyright ©2026 UNSW Sydney. All rights reserved.

CRICOS Provider Code 00098G | TEQSA Provider ID: PRV12055 (Australian University)

This is a Student Services & Systems communication, [click here to unsubscribe](#)