

# Education & Student Experience

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

This month, explore stories and updates from across our community, along with education events, teaching resources and learning opportunities.

Enjoy the read and please help us spread the word by sharing this newsletter with colleagues who may be interested in [subscribing](#).

## Education news



### UNSW academics recognised at national design awards!

UNSW's Academic Success Monitor (ASM) has been recognised with a 2026 Australian Good Design Gold Award. The ASM is a monitoring tool powered by AI and machine learning, designed to identify students who may need support early in the term. UNSW College and blueegg also received a Good Design Award for education services, designing the student experience for the College's new Applied Programs. [Learn more.](#)



### Nexus 2025 Annual Report released

The report showcases initiatives that support UNSW's learning and teaching ambitions and enhance the student experience. It highlights the Nexus community's expertise and commitment to responding to an increasingly complex learning environment, while preparing for the new academic calendar in 2028. [Learn more.](#)

# Curriculum Transformation

## New resources and upcoming workshops for Course Authorities

UNSW Course Authorities can now access a dedicated SharePoint page featuring practical resources to support course design and planning, including a Designing Your Course Guidebook, Course Design Workbook, Program/Course Authority 'handshake' spreadsheet template, Pedagogical Principles Workbook and a curated list of resources to support assessment design. [View resources](#).



Join the tailored workshops for Course Authorities running from 20-29 October. These interactive sessions provide practical strategies, opportunities to connect with colleagues, and insights from experts across the UNSW community to support Curriculum Transformation planning and implementation for your course. [View program and register](#).

Further information will be emailed directly to Course Authorities later this week.

## Have a question, want to collaborate or share some feedback?

Reach out to the team at [curriculum.pvce@unsw.edu.au](mailto:curriculum.pvce@unsw.edu.au).

## Stories from our community



### What craft materials teach students about data

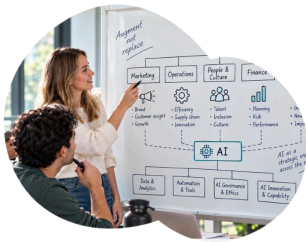
by Charu Maithani

Sometimes the quickest route to understanding data is not another chart, but a hands-on experiment that exposes the choices behind every story. [Read blog](#).

### Beyond accessibility: Universal Design for Learning in practice

The latest [From Idea to Impact: Nexus Conversations](#) episode explores how Universal Design for Learning can move beyond accessibility checklists to become an everyday practice that creates more inclusive and sustainable learning experiences. [Listen here](#).





## AI Insider: Rethinking learning and work with AI

by A/Prof. Lynn Gribble

As generative AI changes how people learn and work, a UNSW Business School educator is exploring what it means for education, assessment and students' workplace skills. [Read article.](#)

### Feel-good news story! 🌟

#### UNSW Virtual AI Oral Assessment recognised by 2026 QS Reimagine Education Awards

Selected from 2226 submissions, the Virtual AI Oral Assessment, developed by Stephan Tseng of the UNSW School of Marketing, is a finalist in the Learning Assessment category of the international education awards. The AI avatar, developed with the support of PVCE's Immersive Team, combines authentic role-play, AI-supported grading and immediate, personalised feedback, while keeping academic judgement central.

"This recognition reflects the supportive environment that brought the project to life and UNSW's commitment to educational innovation and excellence," Mr Tseng said.



### More UNSW education blogs & news

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

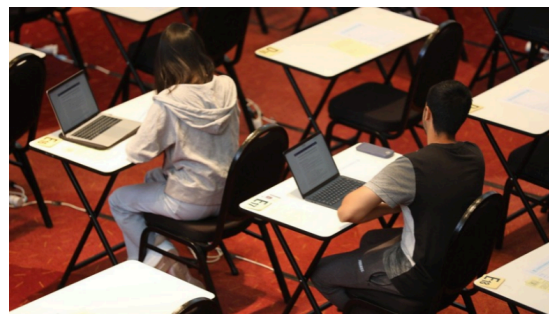
[View now and submit your story.](#)

## Opportunities and resources



## Explore the new UNSW UDL Guild SharePoint site

The Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Guild has launched a new SharePoint site with practical tools and resources, including the UDL 3.0 Action Atlas, to help UNSW staff put UDL into practice. Explore the site to find guidance for creating inclusive learning experiences that support students. [Learn more.](#)



## New Inspera Safe Exam Browser upgrade released for Mac users

The latest Inspera Safe Exam Browser (SEB) for Mac, version 3.7, is now available to students. Review the Current Students Inspera page for installation guidance and further details so you can support students consistently during assessments. [Learn more.](#)



## Looking to hire a student?

The Jobs on Campus talent pool connects students with casual roles across the University. Students in the pool have completed Employability modules to build confidence, strengthen job application skills, and enhance career readiness. To learn more about hiring a student through the talent pool, contact UNSW Employability at [employability@unsw.edu.au](mailto:employability@unsw.edu.au).



## Need EdTech support?

Check out UNSW's EdTech Hub for support with educational technology queries and to book an expert consultation. View the [Reported Issues and Outages app](#) to stay up to date on current system issues and outages. [Get support.](#)

**What's on?**



## Inclusive Teaching training workshops

*October - November | Dates, times & formats vary*

Join practical Inclusive Teaching workshops this term, led by PVCE's Curriculum and Educational Design team in partnership with the Division of Societal Impact, Equity and Engagement and Inclusive Teaching Champions from across UNSW. You will leave with evidence-informed strategies to reduce barriers and support diverse learners in your teaching context. [View the schedule](#) and [register now](#).

## 2027 AAUT Information Session

*1pm | Wed 28 Oct | Online*

Join Dr Anna Rowe, Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, and Professor Chris Tisdell for an informative session on applying for the 2027 Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT). Find out what makes a strong application and the type of evidence you need to make your case stand out.

[Register now](#).



## Contextualising UDL: Inclusive Course Design in Law and Criminology

*2pm | Tue 10 Nov | In person & online*

Discover how Law and Criminology academics are embedding Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles into their courses, and learn practical strategies and real lessons to make your teaching more inclusive and engaging across any discipline.

[Register now](#).

## Beyond Closing the Feedback Loop: From Student Feedback to Curriculum Design

*2pm | Thu 12 Nov | In person*

Learn how to translate student feedback into meaningful curriculum enhancement in this hands-on workshop, and come away with a practical, evidence-informed process you can apply to feedback from your own course. [Register now](#).



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

## View more news

- [Join UNSW's Mental Health Month this October for workshops, training, talks and community activities](#)
- [Celebrate creativity at UNSW's Sydney Craft Week running now through October 18](#)
- [Update to the UNSW Handbook is live: grading basis now displayed for courses](#)
- [Reimagine your course with the UNSW Media and Immersive team](#)
- [News Corp Australia campus subscription now available to all UNSW students and staff](#)

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