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As a leading global university, UNSW is committed to building strong and lasting alliances locally and across the globe.

By facilitating innovative partnerships and initiatives, the strategic alliances and initiatives team enhances UNSW's expertise, reach and impact, locally and globally

Our work enables staff, students, alumni and others in the community to collaborate and engage with partners to create positive change for our environmental, social, cultural and economic future.

Our purpose

To provide opportunities for our staff and students, as well as our external stakeholders, through strategic partnerships.

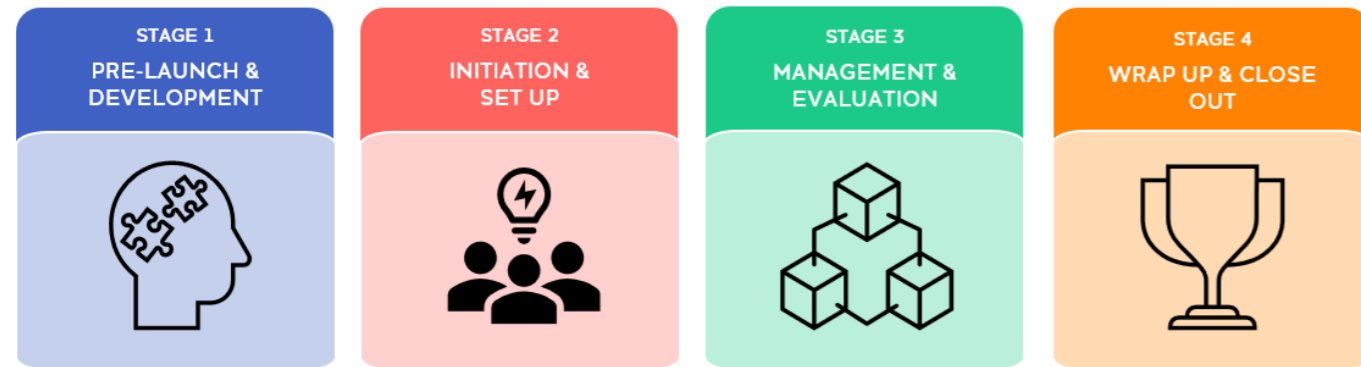
Our role

To develop and guide the establishment of new alliances through strategic advice and support, and leverage the connections and benefits across all UNSW Alliance partners.

In the spirit of reconciliation, UNSW Alliances acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their enduring connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



Alliances framework



The Alliances portfolio



PLuS Alliance is a transformational global partnership combining the strengths of three leading research universities on three continents – Arizona State University, King’s College London and UNSW Sydney. Launched in February 2016, with a vision to empower global communities through innovative and accessible education and research, the PLuS Alliance strives to build partnerships to foster global innovations; launch education programs nuanced to the needs of global learners and develop solutions to global challenges through collaborative research.



Maridulu Budyari Gugal, also known as the Sydney Partnership for Health, Education, Research and Enterprise (SPHERE), is a collaboration between leading experts in health, research and education sectors. It aims to develop new and innovative ways to deliver better healthcare for communities in NSW. The partnership enables translation of medical and health research and science into real world solutions for patients and communities - addressing health priorities in the state. SPHERE's eight strategic platforms work with clinical academic groups to help translate research into better healthcare delivery. They are also developing essential, research-enabling infrastructure and systems that will support the long-term future growth of the partnership.



UNSW and ACOSS (the Australian Council of Social Service) have partnered to undertake a research and impact collaboration to sharpen the national focus on poverty and inequality in Australia. This collaboration monitors trends in poverty and inequality over time, explores drivers, and develops solutions to sharpen the focus and stimulate action to tackle these policy challenges. The Partnership has had a major impact by leading research and policy debates and influencing action to tackle poverty and disadvantage.



The International Universities Climate Alliance (Climate Alliance) is a global collaboration of universities to accelerate climate action through knowledge sharing. The Climate Alliance is a global platform for communicating evidence-based research on climate change science, impacts, adaptation and mitigation. The initiative was established in April 2020 by UNSW Sydney, which manages the Climate Alliance Secretariat.



The Sydney Quantum Academy is a collaboration between four NSW universities - UNSW, The University of Sydney, Macquarie University and University of Technology Sydney, in partnership with the NSW Government. As leaders in quantum computing, the Academy aims to develop a quantum ecosystem through education, industry and community engagement, and entrepreneurship. By training the next generation of innovators, it will establish NSW as a global leader and incubator in this rapidly evolving field.



TEDI-London is an innovative, new higher education institution in London wholly focussed on engineering. Co-founded by the PLuS Alliance partners, TEDI's vision is to transform engineering education to change lives – both for students and for users of the products they design and make.



The mission of the NUW Alliance is to seek out the big collaborations that make a difference and unlock new value, impact and benefit for our communities across NSW. NUW Alliance partners include University of Newcastle (UON), UNSW Sydney (UNSW), the University of Wollongong (UOW) and Western Sydney University (WSU).



UNSW is a founding member of the Universities Social Responsibility Network (USRN). The USRN was established in 2015, bringing together universities from around the globe interested in embedding social impact into their activities.



UNSW-WSU Partnership

UNSW's partnership with WSU was formalised in 2020. The partnership aims to deepen engagement between the universities, with a focus on high value projects.

Our impact

TEDI-London Residentials

In 2019, the Engineering & Design Institute London (TEDI-London), a startup engineering institute founded by the PLuS Alliance, offered undergraduate students an opportunity to participate in a summer residential program and gain experience working on projects with real-world impact that align with the United Nations Sustainability Development Goal (SDG) 4 to ensure quality education for all, as well as SDG 10 reducing inequality and SDG 17 to revitalise partnerships.

Since 2021 the TEDI-London program has quintupled its intake of UNSW students to 134. These participants in the program have worked with other students from more than 60 countries



Poverty and Inequality Partnership

The Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) in partnership with UNSW release a series of reports looking at poverty in Australia. The Poverty and Inequality Partnership monitors trends over time, explores drivers, and develops solutions to tackle these policy challenges. It is intended to sharpen the national focus on poverty and inequality in Australia and aligns with the UN SDG 1 to end poverty in all its forms, SDG 10 to reduce inequality, and SDG 17 to revitalise partnerships.



UNSW-WSU Partnership

Western Sydney University and UNSW Sydney have opened a new shared state-of-the-art innovation hub in Parramatta. UNSW's dedicated space on Level 5 supports a variety of university activities in Western Sydney, including the Cities Institute, and Future Leader Lab.

The work was undertaken as part of UNSW's partnership with WSU, which was established to find ways to deepen existing collaborations between these universities UNSW and WSU. This initiative supports SDG 17, partnerships, as well as SDG 3, good health and well-being, SDG 4, quality education, and SDG 11, sustainable cities and communities.



International Universities Climate Alliance

The International Universities Climate Alliance, a UNSW-led membership across global universities, hosted a panel event as part of the Times Higher Education World Academic Summit in New York where it presented the student statement of 800 students and changemakers to share their ideas about what they would like to see from universities to accelerate climate action. The International Universities Climate Alliance supports the UN SDG 13 climate action, SDG 14 life below water and SDG 15 life on land, as well as SDG 17 revitalising partnerships.



Engage with us

Strategic alliances offer organisations the opportunity to extend themselves through their partners into new or emerging areas, with an efficient use of resources, knowledge and experience, while managing risk and financial investment. We are incredibly proud of the partnerships we have developed with world-leading organisations and higher education institutions. No matter what your field of interest, we have several collaborative partnerships that may further your career, let you build important networks and help make a difference, not just in your community but on a global scale.

Get in touch with UNSW Alliances today to discover what's available to you.

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