



Cities

Institute

UNSW Cities Institute Associates Program

2024



Join the UNSW Cities Institute Associates Program!

1. Objectives

The UNSW Cities Institute is establishing an Associate's Program across the network of UNSW academics, leaders, managers, and professional staff, who support city-related research and projects in Australia and across the Asia Pacific.

The Associate Program objectives are to:

- create collaborative and secure environments for ideation amongst community, researchers, policy makers and practitioners.
- uplift research underpinned by the following values:
 - emphasis on transdisciplinary research.
 - relevance to urban policy.
 - propensity for societal impact.
 - amplification of unheard voices.
- strengthen partnerships between UNSW researchers, policy makers and practitioners.
- support more researchers to engage in transdisciplinary research projects.
- provide opportunity for policy makers and practitioners to reflect on incorporating research insights into their decision making.
- demonstrate UNSW Cities Institutes' support for research.

We encourage UNSW staff involved in transdisciplinary research and projects related to urban settings to apply to join the Cities Associates program in 2024!

2. Why should you become a Cities Associate?

With leadership grounded in practice and highly respected among urban policy makers, the UNSW Cities Institute can offer unique resources and connections into industry as well as local, state and federal government.

The UNSW Cities Institute Associates Program will launch in 2024. This year will be our pilot year, and we will experiment with convening opportunities. In the years to come, we will explore the following offerings:

1. **Funding opportunities:** Big transitions seed funding and rolling grants.
2. **Sabbatical exchanges** between UNSW and local councils: Early-stage conversations on embedding researchers in local government and vice versa.
3. **Government networking:** Events with featured content to spur interesting conversation between government and academia.
4. **Preferential registration** for Cities events:
5. **Communications support:** Reach out to be featured in our marketing materials.
6. **Research dissemination:** Discuss opportunities to share your research with policy and practitioners. Discuss opportunities to involve policymakers and practitioners in the front-end of your research.

3. UNSW Cities Institute

The University of NSW Cities Institute has been established to bring a new way of working with academic research to respond to the wicked issues facing our cities. It is a collaboration between practitioners, academics, futurists, policy makers, analysts and experts who take a holistic view of the world and our urban landscapes. UNSW has a long-held tradition of sustained innovation focusing on areas of critical significance, including sustainability, climate change, global population trends, emerging technologies, health and social justice.

The UNSW Cities Institute draws on this disciplinary exceptionalism spanning all faculties, research centres and labs. It has a leadership team grounded in practice and connects researchers with policy makers and practitioners that shape and deliver city outcomes to ensure that insight has a practical application for policy, change and societal impact.

The Cities Institute takes a boundary-spanning approach to partnerships and engagement and applies a lens of “what matters and for whom” to ensure that cities of the future are both sustainable and equitable, understanding that how we make that happen is one of the most fundamental and urgent policy challenges of our time.

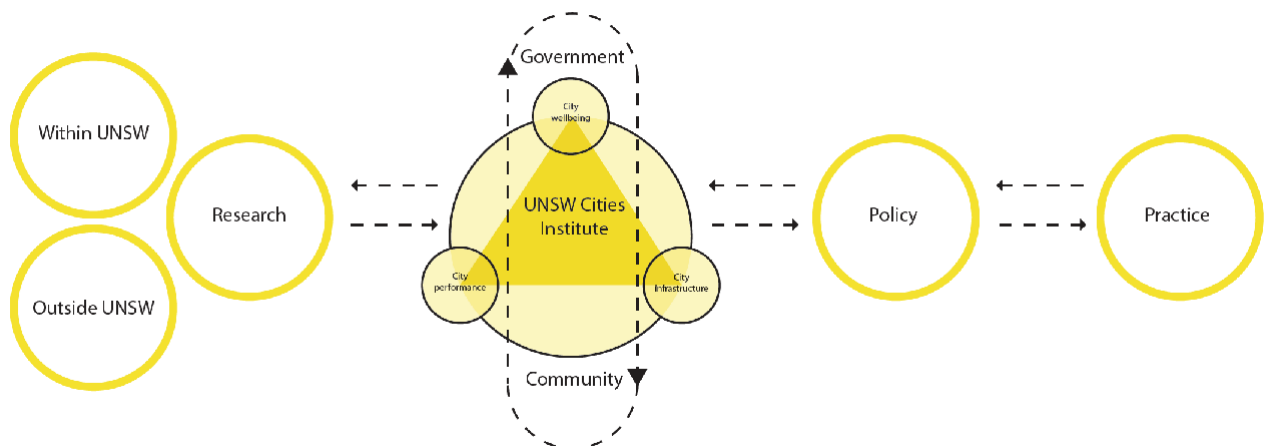


Figure 1: UNSW Cities Logical Framework to Transform Research into Societal Impact via Policy and Practitioner Networks

4. Eligibility and how to apply

Admission to the Program is by successful application, or via direct invitation.

To apply, you fill in [an application form](#) and upload your current resume. You may also upload supporting research or practice papers.

Associates must be current UNSW staff, PhD or Masters students.

5. What Happens Next

A review committee will review and assess all applications with reference to the Associates Program objectives and the applicant’s commitment to the principles. Applications are reviewed on a monthly basis.

Upon review of your application, the UNSW Cities Institute will inform you of the outcome of your application within 6 weeks.

6. Principles

Upon joining the program, UNSW Cities Institute requests Associates commit to the following principles:

- 1. Association acknowledgement:** Associates are encouraged to list their associationship on their university profile, supported events and published work (Note: According to the [University's Centres and Institutes Procedure](#), doing so will not prevent the Associate's Faculty or School from claiming 100 percent of the published work).
 - Associates should note in their University research profiles they are an Associate of the Institute (e.g. Research Gateway). Associates must have the UNSW Cities Institute tagged in their UNSW research profile (ROS).
 - Where an Associate's contribution to a successful funding application has resulted from research or another activity carried out within or supported by the Institute, Associates are asked to link the project account to the Institute. Support to facilitate this will also be provided.
 - Associates should acknowledge the Institute in any events or activities that the Institute has supported.
- 2. Communications feature:** Associates will be listed on the UNSW Cities Institute website and featured in communications materials.
- 3. Event attendance:** Associates are invited to participate in, and support Institute events where possible.
- 4. Academic review of policy papers:** From time to time, policymakers request academic review of policy papers via UNSW Cities Institute. We would endeavour to link academics via the Associates Programs to these opportunities.

7. Term

Associates are admitted to the program for a term of two years. In the final six months of their term, an Associate may request in writing that their term be extended for a further two years, to be approved by the Institute's Director.

8. Disciplinary Action

Associates are expected to comply with all UNSW policies, including UNSW's Code of Conduct. Acting inconsistently with this code could lead to membership being reviewed.

9. Contact

For further information, please email citiesinstitute@unsw.edu.au.