

Forging
connections
between
visionary
organisations
and brilliant
young minds.



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

—
Faculty of
Arts and
Social Sciences





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Stronger, more inspiring, more productive partnerships

Collaborative partnerships are reshaping the worlds of work and education.

In industry, education and research, the transfer of knowledge between sectors, disciplines and generations is the subject of much discussion.

At the University of Sydney, however, we're taking the concept of collaboration to a whole new level.

In our Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, we're forging a new kind of partnership between corporate, government and not-for-profit organisations, students and academics.

The aim?

To give talented students a greater arena for engagement.

To ensure their mentors are rewarded and inspired.

And to ensure that partner organisations benefit in myriad ways, both practical and cultural.

Strategic partnerships at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: designed to yield results beyond those of traditional connections.

We've set our sights high

In the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, we've developed an advanced program of strategic industry partnerships to promote:

- student placements;
- industry projects;
- research projects; and
- professional development.

And while it may be called a 'program', there's nothing formulaic about it.

Every partnership, every interaction, is created from the ground up; custom-designed and carefully personalised to accurately reflect the needs and wishes of each partner organisation.

We seek to understand your mission and your goals, establish clear measures of success, and map out a pathway for the partnership to develop, so that it maximises the benefits for our students and your organisation.

Whether you're looking to:

- gain early access to all-round high-performing students;
- evaluate potential employees in a real-world setting, and assess organisational fit;
- expose your company to a greater diversity of potential employees so you're better equipped to tap into global markets and meet targets;
- energise your business by gaining fresh perspectives and ideas via students and academics;
- strengthen connections with researchers so you're more readily able to initiate research projects which benefit your organisation;
- enhance your corporate reputation by investing in something as valuable as education; or
- align your brand with a highly respected and influential faculty within a leading university

... there are few limits to what can be achieved here.

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“Over five rounds of placements, our experience with the interns from the University of Sydney has been extremely positive. The students add incredible value to our small team - particularly in Fundraising and Marketing. Their ability to work flexibly within a small International NGO and their absolute dedication to their roles are admirable. We gain great value from this partnership, and genuinely see the interns as an extension of our team.”

– Karen Locke, Head of Fundraising and Communications, Australian Himalayan Foundation.



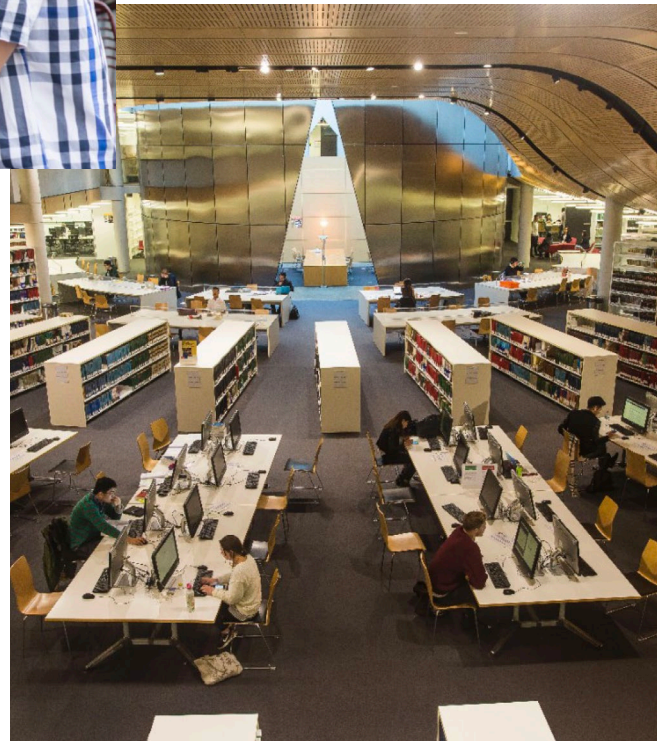


“Our university interns were cooperative, mature, responsible and intelligent in their approach to the internship. We found their ability to research was outstanding. A great opportunity for us to support tertiary education in the areas of government, international relations, law, social enquiry and public policy. Given the excellent outcomes, we’d be very happy to continue to support the internship program.”

**– Jeannie Douglass, Manager
Parliamentary Education, Department
of Parliamentary Services, Parliament
of NSW**



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Student placements designed to deliver superior outcomes

Humanities and social science students at the University of Sydney are adaptable and resilient. They think laterally. They bring unique perspectives to difficult challenges. They communicate with empathy and persuasiveness. They thrive in markets which are in constant change. And with the university's dramatically increased focus on interdisciplinary and work-integrated learning and boosting students' professional and vocational skills, they're now extraordinarily well-equipped to deliver value to companies.

Industry Projects for solutions you can use

The new Bachelor of Advanced Studies will unite high-achieving students with organisations, who'll present a challenging real-world project or problem for the students to tackle.

In a professional setting, the project methodology, resourcing, support teams and make-up of student project groups will all be tailored to the challenge at hand. You'll have a hand in the design, the content and the desired outcomes.

Students will present their solutions with the intention that part or all of their recommendations could, potentially, be put into practice or used for further research.

- This is an outstanding way to connect organisations with academics and contribute to the evolution of the curriculum.
- It establishes the in-class delivery and engagement opportunities organisations demand.

- It fosters a collaborative learning environment which sees practical, real world application of classroom knowledge.
- It establishes an excellent pipeline to a young talent pool.
- The level of your involvement can match your requirements.
- A higher level of participation could see you delivering guest lectures, judging student pitches or providing mentors or hosting events for students.
- You can choose to take ownership of students' project recommendations.

Research projects that seek solutions to significant challenges

Corporate and community partnerships unlock the ability for you to collaborate with our researchers on projects of significance to your organisation, your industry, your region, or the world.

You can draw on the cross-disciplinary power of our highly respected humanities and social science research teams to explore complex problems and gain insights to help shape your vision – and your mission.



Our research and how it could benefit you

Research across the faculty's more than 40 research centres, institutes and groups is characterised by a genuine focus on addressing many of the social, political and economic issues of our time.

We've established six key themes to guide our research through 2025.

Asset ownership and the new economy explores the logics of asset-based capitalism and new forms of inequality and employment uncertainty that accompany its rise. *Biohumanity* explores questions such as the place of the 'person' in personalised medicine and how the 'post-human'

translates into biomedicine. *Community-led research* welcomes academics and researchers from all disciplines. In *Global perspectives on economic policy*, we investigate how macroeconomic and trade policies impact open economies. *Multispecies justice* investigates the harms inflicted on animals and the environment. And in the *Socio-Tech Futures Lab*, we examine ways in which social, cultural and political dynamics are shaping our futures.

We're exploring challenges as diverse as:

- addressing inadequate social infrastructure;
- enhancing governance and public knowledge;

- understanding the real world impacts of intense heatwaves brought about by climate change;
- managing the transformations in law and society arising from new biosciences and biotechnologies; and
- finding ways to end racism.

Imagine being able to tap into this exciting environment. By partnering with us, we will share our knowledge and resources and you will be able to access the people who lead our humanities and social sciences research. Build collaborations that lead to reciprocal outcomes, and be closely involved with innovative research developments which create cultural, economic and social benefits for the wider community.





“The opportunity to engage with such amazing young minds has been a joy for my team. We’re looking forward to an ongoing relationship with the University.”

**- Mark Webb, Chief Executive,
NSW Department of Parliamentary Services**

Current research highlights include:

The Sydney Open Economy Modelling Hub: developing models for understanding economic policy from a global perspective.

Our machines our selves: addressing the grand challenge of the social, ethical, and inclusive challenges and opportunities of technology.

Asset ownership and the new inequality: exploring the logics of asset-based capitalism and investigating the new forms of inequality which accompany its rise.

Open Adoption Studies with Barnardos Australia: actively researching the factors influencing adoptions in Australia to bring about positive change.

A photograph of a modern building with a large glass facade and a brick building, with a courtyard in the foreground. The glass facade is on the left, reflecting the sky and the brick building. The brick building is on the right, featuring multiple windows and a classic architectural style. In the foreground, there is a paved courtyard with some greenery and a concrete wall with a staircase on the right side.

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“My time with the Global Trade and Commodities team was an amazing opportunity for me to understand the economic application of my degree in ways I hadn’t been able to appreciate previously. In such a fast-paced environment, you find yourself on a steep but rewarding learning curve. Yet I can’t think of a better way to learn exactly how trade and financial institutions work, beyond what can be taught in a university classroom.”

**- Caitlin Scott, History major,
Commonwealth Bank Winter
Placement 2020**

Be an employer of choice for talented and motivated students



Professional development to raise the bar for industry

For intensive engagement with larger groups of students, industry workshops or presentations provide an outstanding opportunity to help deliver up-to-the-minute practical knowledge to those hungry to know how to kickstart and advance their careers.

Each semester, the Faculty hosts a series of events which focus on enhancing students' professional skills and establishing the foundations of a professional network.

It's a chance to:

- showcase the opportunities available at your organisation;
- profile your organisation's brand, values, and employment philosophies;

- set up your organisation as an employer of choice for the best students;
- initiate productive mentoring and professional relationships with high achievers;
- position yourself as an industry thought-leader; and
- pass on experience invaluable to career-minded students.

These sessions are of benefit to your organisation, but they also contribute significantly to the raising of industry standards overall. By introducing relevant contemporary insights on industry practice to students before they graduate and while their vision is still being formed, you'll better prepare them to become effective, productive employees.

A wide-angle photograph of a modern university building. The building features a prominent, dark, angular tower structure on the left side, which is part of a larger complex with a facade of copper-colored panels and glass windows. The foreground is dominated by a paved walkway made of dark grey tiles, interspersed with rectangular green lawns. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

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An extraordinary history. A significant influence on what's next

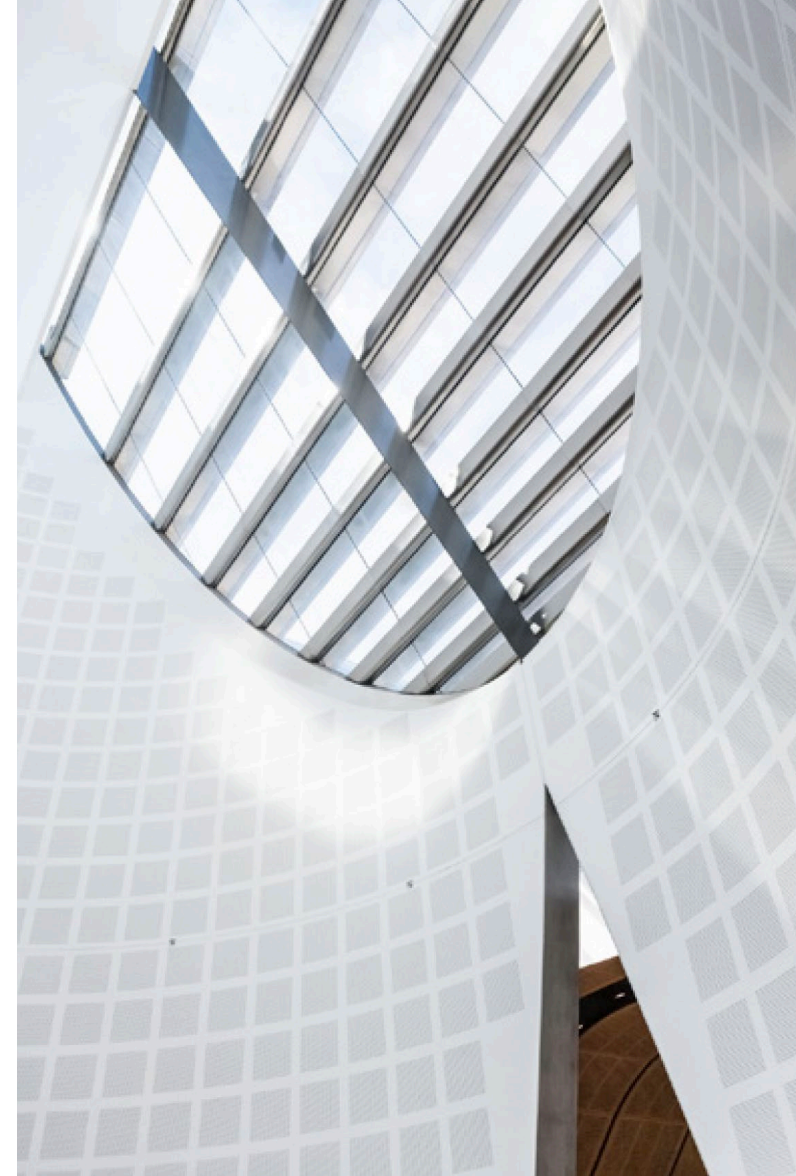
For more than 165 years, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has been a stronghold of progressive and influential thought, inspiring thousands of scholars, students and alumni to explore new ideas, and different ways of thinking and problem solving.

We're consistently ranked among the world's most outstanding academies for research in the humanities and social sciences.

Each of our six schools is a rich environment for the pursuit of new knowledge that can enhance our understanding of the world and its grand challenges.

- School of Economics
- Sydney School of Education and Social Work
- School of Languages and Cultures

- School of Literature, Art and Media
- School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry
- School of Social and Political Sciences
- University of Sydney: established 1850
- Top 1% in the world for research and teaching
- Ranked 2nd in Australia for graduate employability (QS Top Universities)
- Home to 40 specialist research centres, institutes and groups
- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Australia's oldest and most comprehensive faculty of its kind
- More than 15,000 students from 91 countries, studying at undergraduate and postgraduate level
- Ranked 40th in the world in the QS World University Rankings.





**The expectations
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What great things might we achieve together?

Even when you are a leader in the field, sometimes it is worth doing things differently.

In my faculty, we have earned a strong reputation for attracting highly able students domestically and internationally and delivering them as qualified graduates to the workforce. We are the first preference for students in New South Wales who want to study arts and social sciences. Around a quarter of our 15,000 students are talented students from overseas, who seek the international validation that our degrees confer.

But I believe the best can still be better.

What if we enabled our students to engage with a range of work contexts while they were still studying? What if our academics partnered with employers of comparable vision to foster relationships between the next wave of brilliant students and industry and community organisations? What if we worked together across a range of customised projects that benefited your organisation while providing students with real-world contexts in which to exercise and

develop their critical skills?

An expanded understanding of tertiary education that provides students with opportunities for work-integrated learning is currently transforming some of the world's leading 21st century universities. At the University of Sydney, we are at the forefront of this revolutionary curve. We have spent the last four years designing and implementing the biggest curriculum transformation our institution has ever seen. We have invested significantly in what our students learn and, more importantly, in how they learn. We have developed environments for engaged, participatory learning that push the classroom into the real world where students exercise their skills and build their knowledge in partnership with external organisations and guided by academic researchers.

Designed to facilitate mutually beneficial engagements with industry and community organisations, our faculty's Partnerships Program can be tailored to specific needs. Feedback from our pilot testing phase of this program indicates that students experience high levels of satisfaction and that the expectations of partner organisations are frequently exceeded.



If you are in an organisation that also sees the benefit of thinking ahead of the curve, I encourage you to be in touch. Your own teams might be valuably stimulated by the fresh outlooks our students bring to critical thinking, problem-solving, social media savvy and crosscultural communication. Explore the possibilities with us. Perhaps even challenge us to create a partnership plan that helps deliver on your vision and strategy.

Having worked in universities for 25 years now, I can confidently speak both to the satisfaction gained through assisting motivated and smart students to activate their potential and to the refreshed perspectives we ourselves gain through working with such students. What great things might we achieve together?

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Summary of Opportunities

1. For-credit Student Placements: Students work part-time on a project within your organisation that directly relates to their studies.

Advantages: Creates a talent pipeline to a diverse range of talented students. Provides you with a highly motivated additional part-time resource and improves your brand profile on campus.

Key activities: Provide a position description to the university and provide feedback and support for the student during the placement.

When: Typically offered part-time during each semester: March to May, or August to October. Dates may be flexible according to placement program.

2. Paid Internships to support Diverse Students: Students from diverse backgrounds work on a project or join a team within your organisation.

Advantages: Creates a talent pipeline to high-achieving students from diverse backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, LGBTQI+ students or those living with a disability.

Key activities: Complete student selection and offer of employment. Appoint a dedicated mentor to help the student assimilate into the organisation (a mentor with a similar background is preferred).

When: Four weeks minimum in winter vacation (June to August). Six to ten weeks in summer vacation (December to February). Option to extend for up to 10 weeks part-time during semester.

3. Industry & Advanced Research Projects Small groups of students from across the Faculty work on a case study or research project as part of their course and deliver their recommended solution or findings as part of their assessment.

Advantages: Generates new ideas and approaches to topics directly applicable to your industry. Offers the opportunity to further develop solutions proposed by students. Provides a pipeline to talent.

Key activities: Minimum requirement is to set the project or case study with the lead academic. A fully flexible program with the opportunity to participate in areas including mentoring, guest lecturing, hosting events and reviewing final pitches.

When: Available each semester, March to May and August to October.

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4. Workshops, Panels & Networking Events Take part in an on-campus event or host an event at your organisation.

Provide students with the opportunity to meet your staff, discover career possibilities and build professional skills.

Advantages: Profiles your brand on campus and provides an opportunity for you to find out what students are interested in.

Opportunity to identify and engage with highly motivated students. In-house events showcase your organisation's culture and workplace.

Key activities: On-campus events are organised by Faculty – you provide staff to present and network with students.

For in-house events, you organise the logistics and provide staff, venue and catering.

When: Multiple events are held each semester. Each event runs from one to three hours.

5. Scholarships: Partner with us to create a scholarship program which addresses issues that concern you, such as women in politics and leadership, equal access to opportunity, or supporting international or indigenous students in the Australian workforce.

Advantages: Raise the profile of your organisation, and help communicate principles you care passionately about.

We promote your scholarship in all of our domestic and international platforms, and use this to attract the very best students into our programs and your placements.

Key activities: Contribute a scholarship amount from \$2000 upwards, to whatever amount best allows the recipient to achieve the scholarship aims.

When: Set a term of 3–5 years before reviewing, or continue scholarships in perpetuity.

6. Research Partnerships: We provide a one-stop shop for industry, government and community groups wishing to collaborate with us and connect with our researchers.

Advantages: Access world leading research capabilities, and state of the art facilities and equipment. Gain expert advice and assistance to solve your problems.

Gain the chance to become eligible for R&D Tax incentives. Harness opportunities for your staff to gain expertise to support their career development.

Key Activities: Be involved in collaborative research projects funded by the Australian Government, consultancy services, or contract research to solve your organisation's challenges.

When: Opportunities are available any time.



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