UNSW Educational Outreach
Access and Equity (Students)
2022
Our main focus is to improve educational outcomes for students who are underrepresented in higher education.
An introduction to UNSW educational outreach

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Our educational enrichment program is aimed at students in Years 7 to 12 at our partner Gateway schools. Our objectives are to: enhance students’ school-based learning; support their development of self-efficacy and understanding of their learning strengths; and increase their access to, preparedness for, and success in tertiary education.

To do this, we have brought together a unique set of curriculum-linked learning experiences along with an early conditional offer pathway to UNSW. Our program is tailored to students’ individual interests and points of inquiry, it encourages self-directed learning and provides scaffolded educational experiences that maximise students’ success in accessing university and other tertiary studies. This program provides a snapshot of what we’re offering in 2022. We look forward to connecting with you and your students.
Improving access and support across the student life cycle

Our targeted program takes a holistic approach to supporting under-represented students not only to access university but to succeed at university and beyond.
Our Initiatives

Year 9
Imagined Futures
The NSW Equity Consortium

UNSW delivers the Year 9 component of the NSW Equity Consortium Imagined Futures program to select schools. The research-informed equity and literacy outreach program is curriculum-linked and designed in partnership with teachers to encourage students to conceptualise their futures and positively impact their learning trajectory.

Year 10
Summer Program
The Gateway Admission Pathway and Program

Students build upon the experiences of Gateway Summer, access unique UNSW faculty experiences, learn key HSC curriculum content in preparation for Year 12, and hear from current UNSW students about what university life is really like.

Year 11
Spring Program
The Gateway Admission Pathway and Program

Students identify their career goals, write persuasive personal pitches, and practise dramatic techniques for communicating with influence. They also have an opportunity to practise their enhanced skills live, as part of an industry mentor networking experience.

Year 12
Winter Program
The Gateway Admission Pathway and Program

Students prepare for their HSC exams by participating in subject-specific workshops, completing online practice exams and receiving individualised feedback from HSC teachers and markers. They also explore a wide range of UNSW degree options and are supported to apply for an early conditional offer through the Gateway Admission Pathway.

Beyond
By partaking in the Gateway Admission Pathway and Program, students are prioritised for UNSW Equity Scholarships and receive support when transitioning to university.
Year 9 Imagined Futures

The NSW Equity Consortium

Who:
6 Consortium partner schools
When:
Term 1, Weeks 4–9
(14 February – 25 March)
Where:
In-school

The NSW Equity Consortium is a partnership led by UNSW with UTS, Macquarie University and six metro high schools for whole cohorts in Years 7, 8 and 9. UNSW will be engaging students in a Year 9 curriculum-linked program which seeks to build student and school capacity for accessing tertiary education and improving learning outcomes post-school.

The unit innovatively explores ways in which we can foster students’ development of reflexive practice and metacognitive strategies to navigate perceptions of themselves as learners for their future study.

The program supports teachers and schools to identify and pilot a range of different approaches to teaching and learning. It includes a professional learning component for teachers as co-researchers and content co-creators.

Possibilities
Students will:
- develop their understanding of the value and purpose of education
- develop their understanding of the importance of academic attainment in opening a breadth of future possibilities
- articulate possibilities for future study and post-school options.

Navigational Capacity
Students will:
- develop their identity as a learner (including their understanding of current strengths and weaknesses)
- develop their ability to draw links between their strengths and weaknesses and their projected future selves
- develop their ability to apply metacognitive skills in wider contexts.

Academic Attainment
Students will:
- develop micro-literacy skills in identified focus areas and develop their confidence in demonstrating these skills
- develop their ability to recognise their own level of understanding and where it requires greater depth
- develop their appreciation of literacy and their understanding of the importance of literacy across their school subjects and to a range of future study options
- enhance their desire to learn.
The UNSW Gateway Admission Pathway and Program (GAPP) is an educational outreach program for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who attend one of our Gateway schools and/or are from low-SES backgrounds.

The GAPP brings together a unique set of learning experiences and a new early offer pathway to UNSW. Our scaffolded educational experiences maximise student success in accessing university by encouraging students to explore their individual interests and fostering self-directed learning.

There are four components to the GAPP:
- The Gateway Summer Program for Year 10
- The Gateway Spring Program for Year 11
- The Gateway Winter Program for Year 12
- The Gateway Admission Pathway early conditional offer for Year 12

During the Gateway Spring and Winter Programs, students are supported to write a personal statement to submit as part of their Gateway Admission Pathway application for an early conditional offer to UNSW.

What is an early conditional offer?

At UNSW we recognise that the ATAR is not an equitable measure for students who are underrepresented at university. Our Gateway Admission Pathway is an early conditional offer to UNSW made to Year 12 students before they sit their HSC exams. Find out more on page 24.
Year 10 Gateway Summer Program

Learn to communicate with influence and map future goals

In this on-campus experience students explore their strengths, passions and goals and develop their presentation skills in workshops run by NIDA. These presentation skills can be applied in any interview, public speaking or professional setting.

What
Students will:
- hear different perspectives, career trajectories and experiences from University Ambassadors and UNSW Alumni
- map their interests and aptitudes for degrees and careers and reflect on their learning strengths
- participate in small group self-reflective writing workshops that draw on digital tools for students to craft their personal pitch
- apply context-specific persuasive language strategies to bring their texts to life
- utilise and practise dramatic techniques to enhance their communication skills
- adopt simple presentation and preparation routines that can be adapted for future presentations and public speaking.

Possibilities
Students will:
- develop their knowledge of the nature and focus of key UNSW faculties
- expand their understanding of higher education options
- develop their understanding of what studying at university is like and the expectations of university study.

Navigational Capacity
Students will:
- develop a sense of their personal identity and make meaningful links between personal interests, values and higher education degree options
- develop strategies to articulate and develop persuasive written text as a personal narrative
- develop a sense of belonging at university and at UNSW and begin to identify as a future university student.

Academic Attainment
Students will:
- develop their motivation for senior study.

Who:
50 Year 10 students per school who are on an ATAR pathway and have an interest in attending UNSW. Places are limited.

When:
Week 5, Term 4 (Monday – Thursday)

Where:
on-campus

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Year 11 Gateway Spring Program

Discover university and explore faculties and degrees

During Gateway Spring, students discover the different degrees available at UNSW and receive academic support in preparation for the HSC. Students are also guided in planning their written personal statement as part of their application for an early conditional offer to UNSW in 2024.

Spring Into

Who:
Year 11 students who are on an ATAR pathway

When:
Spring Into in-school: Term 3, Weeks 4-6 (8-25 August)
Spring Into online: Term 3, Week 5 (17 August)

Where:
in-school and online

What

Students will:
- reflect on their post-school goals, current learning strengths and interests and understand how these link to UNSW faculties, degrees, future careers
- understand the UNSW Gateway early conditional offer, identify Gateway Spring Program opportunities that are most relevant to them and how to access these
- hear from current university students about how they navigated their transition to University.
Gateway Spring Program

Who: Year 11 students who are on an ATAR pathway
When: Term 3, Weeks 9-10 (Monday 12 – Thursday 22 September)
Where: Online

What
Students will:
- engage in interactive faculty experiences that showcase the range of degree options at UNSW and what it’s like to be a UNSW student
- participate in study booster workshops and HSC subject-specific masterclasses in English and Maths, run by expert HSC markers
- receive key information and support to write a compelling personal statement and apply for the UNSW Gateway early conditional offer
- have their questions about uni answered by current students
- gain access to the InspirationED HSC4ME app to further support their HSC preparation
- have the opportunity to apply for 10 hours of free online tutoring in English, Maths or Chemistry through Cluey Learning.

Possibilities
Students will:
- develop an understanding of how to apply for an early conditional offer through the Gateway Admission Pathway
- develop an understanding of how to access further support for their Gateway Admission Pathway application
- develop their understanding of what studying at university is like and the expectations of university study
- develop their knowledge of how degree choices link to individual interests and capabilities
- develop their knowledge of the nature and focus of each UNSW faculty
- understand the opportunities and benefits of higher education.

Navigational Capacity
Students will:
- develop an understanding of their learning strengths, interests and values and how these link to higher education and career options
- begin to map out their path from school to higher education to career
- develop a sense of belonging at university and identify as a future university student
- feel more confident about their transition to university.

Academic Attainment
Students will:
- deepen their understanding of HSC subject-specific content
- develop their understanding of how to perform well in HSC exams
- develop strategies to manage the challenges of the HSC (stress, motivation, study)
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- gain access to the InspirationED HSC4ME app to further support their HSC preparation
- have the opportunity to apply for 10 hours of free online tutoring in English, Maths or Chemistry through Cluey Learning.

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Year 12 Gateway Winter Program

Succeed in the HSC and apply for the Gateway Admission Pathway

During Gateway Winter, students will prepare for the HSC through subject-specific exam practice and workshops led by experienced HSC teachers and markers. Students will also be supported to write their personal statement, a requirement for their Gateway Admission Pathway application.

Kick Winter

Who:
Year 12 students who are on an ATAR pathway

When:
Kick Winter in-school:
Term 2, Weeks 4-6
(16 May – 2 June)
Kick Winter online:
Term 2, Week 5
(25 May)

Where:
in-school and online

What

Students will:
- make informed decisions about degree choices available at UNSW and map and identify their learning strengths
- understand how to navigate the Gateway Winter Program using new digital tools, mirroring the technology they are likely to be using at uni
- find ways to fast-track their preparation for writing a strong early conditional offer application.
Gateway Winter Program

Who:
Year 12 Gateway students who are on an ATAR pathway

When:
Term 2, Weeks 9 and 10 and first week of Winter holidays
(Monday 20 June – Thursday 7 July)

Where:
online

What
Students will:
- access subject-specific HSC experts, to refine their study and exam skills, sit practice exams and receive individualised feedback
- have the opportunity to apply for 10 hours of free online tutoring in English, Maths or Chemistry through Cluey Learning
- get access to UNSW faculty sessions with a live Q&A element, to support making informed decisions about future degree choices
- talk to current UNSW students about what the experience is really like
- receive 1:1 guidance to apply for an early conditional offer to a degree at UNSW
- receive individualised exam feedback to support their HSC preparation.

Possibilities
Students will:
- understand the opportunities and benefits of higher education
- develop an understanding of what studying at university is like and the expectations of university
- develop their knowledge of the nature and focus of each UNSW faculty
- develop an understanding of how to apply for the Gateway Admission Pathway
- develop an understanding of what makes a good personal statement
- know how to access further support for their Gateway Admission Pathway application.

Navigational Capacity
Students will:
- feel more confident about their transition to university
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The Gateway Admission Pathway early conditional offer

Students at your school are eligible for an early conditional offer to attend UNSW.

The Gateway Admission Pathway is an early conditional offer pathway to UNSW for students in Year 12 which considers more than just their ATAR. Students attending the Gateway Spring or Winter Programs receive information, guidance and tools to write a stellar personal statement to apply for an early conditional offer. They will receive individualised support from staff and current university students and can ask questions about their application.

Who is eligible?

Students who attend one of our Gateway schools and/or are identified by UAC as eligible for the Educational Access Scheme based on SEIFA criteria.

How does an early conditional offer work?

Students who apply for an early conditional offer are assessed based on their personal statement, their Year 11 results and their schools’ ratings of their aptitudes and performance in relevant areas of study.

Successful applicants will receive an early conditional offer to their preferred UNSW degree with an ATAR entry requirement significantly lower than the Lowest Selection rank. Then, if the student’s ATAR result is the same or higher than the requirement set in their early conditional offer, they will receive a firm offer to that UNSW degree, if it is their highest eligible preference.

Ongoing support

Students who come to UNSW through the Gateway Admission Pathway and are identified as low-SES (identified by UAC as eligible for the Educational Access Scheme based on SEIFA criteria) are prioritised for UNSW Equity scholarships. This may include awards of $5,000 or $10,000 per year for the duration of the degree, or accommodation scholarships valued at $24,000 per year (subject to availability).

All Gateway students are given priority access to additional resources that are provided as part of the accompanying program to support them in their HSC years prior to commencing uni and as part of their early orientation and transition to uni.
# Gateway Admission Pathway and Program Timeline

## YEAR 12 Gateway Winter

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<td>16 MAY</td>
<td>T1 W10 Kick Winter (face-to-face)</td>
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<td>25 MAY</td>
<td>T2 W5 Kick Winter (online)</td>
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<td>12 JUNE</td>
<td>Gateway Winter Program registrations close</td>
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<td>20 JUNE</td>
<td>Gateway Winter Program commences</td>
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<td>7 JULY</td>
<td>Winter school holidays</td>
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<td>SEPTEMBER</td>
<td>Deadline for Year 12 students to submit a Gateway Admission Pathway application</td>
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<td>NOVEMBER</td>
<td>Successful early conditional offer applicants notified</td>
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<td>DECEMBER</td>
<td>Firm offers to UNSW are released</td>
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## YEAR 10 Gateway Summer

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<td>19 SEPTEMBER</td>
<td>Confirmation of school registrations for Gateway Summer Program</td>
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<td>7 – 10 NOVEMBER</td>
<td>T4 W5 Gateway Summer Program</td>
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FAQs

What is the Gateway Admission Pathway and Program?
UNSW Gateway is a series of programs for high school students in Years 10-12 and an admissions pathway to UNSW. The program models academic success by connecting students to current uni student Ambassadors and staff, and providing information about subject selection, degrees, careers and what the UNSW uni experience is like. Students also access HSC subject-specific exam practice workshops to prepare for and succeed in senior study. Find out more on page 8.

What is a Gateway school?
Gateway schools are identified by taking the three-year average of Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) score for schools across NSW. The ICSEA score of a school can be found on the My School website.

What is the cost of the educational programs?
There are no costs related to our programs.

How can my school get involved in the Year 7-9 Imagined Futures program?
The Year 7-9 project is only available to select schools. If your school would like to participate, please email unswgateway@unsw.edu.au to register your interest in being considered for potential future opportunities.

How can I contact Access and Equity (Students)?
Visit our website for more information at access.unsw.edu.au or email us at unswgateway@unsw.edu.au.

When do applications close?
Closing dates vary depending on the year group, so check the timeline on page 18.

How will your programs be safely delivered during the COVID-19 pandemic?
Our programs are administered in a COVID-safe way. Many have an online component and can be delivered remotely when required.

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For schools

For Students

Year 11
Register for Gateway Spring by Sunday 4 September

Year 12
Register for Gateway Winter by Sunday 12 June

Applications for the Gateway Admission Pathway close in September
Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Bedegal (Kensington campus), Gadigal (City and Art & Design Campuses) and Ngunnawal people (Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra) who are the traditional custodians of the lands where each campus of UNSW is located.