Student feedback

“I would like to thank you for organising such a valuable program. I have gained many vital insights into university and have definitely been inspired to aim high”

Carol
Canterbury Girls High School

“I think the program gives great opportunities and I am grateful to have been part of it. My parents are also appreciative of this opportunity and I hope to see you next year”

Emily
Randwick Girls High School

“I loved it! I gained insight into uni life. I know what it’s like to be in a lecture and tutorial”

Faten
Moorefields Girls High School

“It made me feel welcomed and it has educated me in a more sophisticated way, it’s different to high school life and I really like it”

Daniel
Blakehurst High School

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About the program

The U@UNSW program focuses on improving access to UNSW for LSES background students through:

- the consideration of multiple indicators of ability, motivation and potential for success in higher education.
- developing students’ overall preparedness for university, and successful completion of secondary study.
- incorporating a range of services to ensure a smooth transition to university study.

U@UNSW aims to improve the equity of participation and the equality of educational opportunity for a group that would not traditionally receive an offer based on HSC performance alone.

Students selected for the program will:

- participate in 2 conferences at UNSW comprising of academic skills workshops and master classes. Assessment tasks completed as part of the conference program provide students with additional entry points to UNSW and demonstrate students’ motivation and ability to study at a tertiary level.
- sit the Australian Council of Educational Research uniTEST to demonstrate their ability for tertiary study.
- be given assistance to build their academic capabilities to enhance their HSC performance and offered guidance regarding course choices and applying for university as required.
- if successful in gaining an offer to UNSW, be supported in their transition to university.
- be considered for an offer to study at UNSW based on their performance in all components of this program in conjunction with their ATAR results.
- will be eligible for consideration for an Academic Excellence Award on gaining an offer to UNSW.

Student selection criteria

Essential criteria

Students from U@UNSW partner schools should fulfill all 4 of the following criteria:

1. be considered LSES and as a consequence considered to have experienced disadvantage that may limit their attainment in HSC/ATAR; AND
2. be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia (including a holder of a permanent humanitarian visa); AND
3. be anticipating a median band ATAR in HSC between 70–80 minimum; AND
4. have a desire to attend University post school – including UNSW as an option.

N.B. Students’ should be considered to have the potential to undertake study at a tertiary level that has been demonstrated in other ways but will not necessarily be reflected in HSC attainment.

Students’ potential ATAR limitations should be deemed to be as a result of circumstances beyond their control.