Volunteering and getting involved on campus

Success at university is all about balancing your studies with pursuing your interests, developing skills, and growing a social and support network.

You can meet like-minded people and develop personal skills, such as communication, leadership and team work by joining a club or society, leadership program or volunteering. There are plenty of opportunities out there so you can find the one that’s right for you.

Volunteer on campus

Listed on the following pages are opportunities to volunteer with UNSW. Most opportunities are recognised by UNSW Advantage as eligible for inclusion on your AHEGS. Take the UNSW Advantage Quiz to find out which opportunities are right for you!

Peer Mentoring
Sometimes settling in at uni is easier with someone who has travelled the road before. Peer mentoring is a great way to get an insider’s guide to UNSW and there are a number of programs available to get involved with!

Find out more information on peer mentoring.

**What previous mentees have said about about ‘Peer Mentoring @ UNSW’:**

“Talking to other engineering students, both the mentors and fellow students, was helpful in a lot of ways: Meeting new people. Having your questions about anything answered, where do I find this, what is your degree like etc.”

*Mentee, Faculty of Engineering Peer Mentor Program*

“It helped me gain better understanding of what uni life is like when progressing on to the higher years.”

*Mentee, Medicine Society Peer Mentor Program*

“Knowing people in other grades, asking what the next couple of years would be like, having someone to empathise with your situation so you knew that what you were going through was common.”

*Mentee, School of Optometry Peer Mentor Program*

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**Your classmates**

Forming friendships with your classmates not only makes uni life more fulfilling - it also comes in handy around assessment time when you need to share notes and prepare for exams.

- The first few weeks are the best time to meet other people in your courses. Exchange phone numbers or email addresses with at least one student in each of your tutorials.
- You’ll meet lots of other students in your seminars. Small groups like this give you a chance to get to know other students.
- Say hi and introduce yourself to the person sitting next to you in your lectures and tutorials.
- Greet people that you recognise from your classes when you see them around campus.

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**Clubs and societies**

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Meet and have fun with people who have the same interests as you.

**Committees and councils**

Represent your fellow students.

**Religious groups**

The Religious Centre is provided for all UNSW students and staff and is located on the Kensington campus on the third floor of the Squarehouse.

Religious group include: Anglican, Buddhist, Catholic, Coptic Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Islamic, Jewish, Pentecostal, Presbyterian and Uniting Church.

**Student equity groups**

The ALLY program at UNSW is a network of trained staff and students, helping to ensure that UNSW is a safe, welcoming place for all staff and students who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer or Intersex.

Any staff member or student leader is welcome to apply to be an ALLY. The more the merrier! Building the network across UNSW will help raise awareness about issues, stamp out LGBTQ homophobia and help make UNSW a more inclusive place for all.