We unite world class research with a real world approach, engaging with academia, industry, government and community groups to shape policy and pioneer meaningful change in our cities.
Cities have been the epicentre of civilisation for millenia. Crowded, complex and rich in humanity, they have driven prosperity, inspired innovation and embodied our diversity.

A century ago, just 10 percent of the global population lived in cities. By 2050, around two thirds of the world will seek to build their lives in urban centres.

The Cities Institute proposes a better future for people by bringing together innovative thinking around people, place and culture.

Our real world approach gives us capacity for enquiry, passion for engagement and the technical skills to anticipate and prepare for change.

— UNSW Cities Institute
Global Alliances

We’ve formed strategic partnerships with major universities across the globe to amplify our expertise and help to solve pressing issues.

**APRU**
APRU is a network of 45 premier research universities from 16 economies around the Pacific Rim.

**Group of Eight (Go8)**
The Group of Eight (Go8) is a coalition of leading Australian universities, intensive in research and comprehensive in general and professional education.

**PLuS ALLIANCE**
The PLuS (Phoenix London Sydney) Alliance combines the strengths of three leading research universities in addressing challenges in global health, social justice and sustainability while progressing the responsible innovation of advanced technologies.

**U21**
Universitas 21 is the leading global network of research intensive universities.

**International University for the Climate Alliance**
A global network of universities promoting evidence-led solutions to tackling climate change.

**Sydney Quantum Academy**
The Sydney Quantum Academy aims to develop a quantum ecosystem through education, industry, community engagement and entrepreneurship.

**TEDI**
TEDI seeks to transform engineering education to change lives — both for higher education students and for users of the products they design and make.

**MBG**
A collaboration between experts in health, research and education, MBG develops innovative ways to deliver better healthcare to NSW communities.

**Project Mezze**
Project Mezze develops ways to deepen existing collaborations between UNSW Sydney and Western Sydney University.

**NUW Alliance**
The NUW Alliance seeks out big collaborations that make a difference, unlocking new value, impact and benefit for our communities.

**USR Network**
The USRN brings together universities from around the globe interested in embedding social impact into their activities.

**Poverty & Inequality**
This collaboration monitors trends in poverty and inequality over time, explores drivers, and develops solutions to sharpen the focus and stimulate action to tackle these policy challenges.

**Multidisciplinary knowledge**

By harnessing UNSW’s trademark disciplinary excellence across the built environment, design, economics, climate science, engineering, energy, health and social sciences, we offer holistic, commercially viable solutions that embrace a comprehensive and long term perspective.

**FACULTIES**
- Arts, Architecture & Design
- Business
- Engineering & Technology
- Law & Justice
- Medicine & Health
- Science & Environment
- UNSW Canberra at ADFA*

**SCHOOLS**
45

**CENTRES & INSTITUTES**
125

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In the spirit of reconciliation, the UNSW Cities Institute acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, waters and community. This publication was prepared by the UNSW Cities Institute. August 2023

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