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Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering

partnering with industry
innovating in education

Welcome from the Head of School

Welcome to the School of Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering. The School has been a provider of innovative world class engineering education and research in both petroleum and mining for more than 70 years. Our school continues to thrive with highly sought-after undergraduate and postgraduate programs, along with an increase in our internationally acclaimed research output.

Our vision for the School is one of global leadership in teaching and research excellence in the minerals and energy



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sector of the economy. We will drive the national agenda across the breadth of Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering, and in doing so will enhance the quality of life for humanity in a sustainable way.

I encourage you to find out more about our diverse and extensive teaching programs, our advanced research and our strong links with industry and alumni. If you have any further enquiries, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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What we do

The School of Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering is a leading provider of world class education and research; specialising in education for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. The School also continues to produce internationally acclaimed research, working closely with industry to provide innovative solutions to the minerals and energy resources industry.



Our researchers are working with industry partners and government organisations to help solve the most complex problems facing the sector.



Our academics are world experts in their fields and internationally respected and recognised.

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BILLION | **52%**

Gas, petroleum, mining and minerals industries represent 52% of Australia's export income, equating to approximately \$246 billion a year.



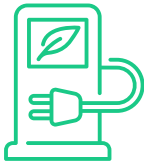
We offer the largest range of teaching programs for our industries.



Our mission is to provide high quality education and research to support future cleaner energy and sustainable supply of mineral resources.

A Research Powerhouse

Research Strengths



GEOENERGY

Geoenergy focuses on fundamental and applied research related to minerals, energy extraction and storage. Of particular interest are technologies that improve recovery and provide new insights into the production of transition fuels and critical minerals.

Traditional knowledge and expertise in petroleum and mining engineering will drive new technologies related to the geological storage of CO2 and hydrogen, recovery of critical minerals, production of transition fuels, and extraction of geothermal energy.

- > Multiscale Reservoir Engineering
- > Integrated Storage and Recovery Systems
- > Critical Minerals for Future Energy Systems

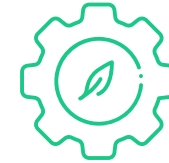


GEOMECHANICS

This research area focuses on fundamental and applied geomechanics related to mining and geotechnics including well integrity. Our interests are oriented towards improving safety performance related to current and emerging technologies.

Our experts closely collaborate with industry partners to find innovative ways to ensure environmentally safe and sustainable practices are incorporated in all aspects of design and operation.

- > Underground Mining and Safety
- > Coupled Geotechnical Systems
- > Exploration and Production Systems



TRANSFORMATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Our Transformative Technologies work focuses on innovating new technologies and operational excellence to accelerate the transformation of the minerals and energy resources sectors. Of particular interest is to adopt scientific knowledge and emerging technologies from other disciplines tailored for the minerals and energy resources sectors.

This includes monitoring and communication technologies to improve operational safety, evaluate environmental impact and expand efficiencies, and artificial intelligence for automation and data analytics.

- > Data Analytics and Digital Integration for Resources Engineering
- > Low Emission Technologies
- > Exploring and Engineering Extreme Environments

Research Highlights

Each year our academics and research centres work with businesses, government and community organisations on specific projects, transferring our research into practice. We are making an impact that matters with the following research:

Future “Smart” Mining Integration of advanced technology

To assist in sustaining the Australian mining industry's comparative advantage of cost-competitive, safe and environmentally responsible operations. Our research aims to be a catalyst for transforming mining systems through integration of advanced technology and mining operational excellence. Our objective is to create smart mining outcomes which generate expanded research capability and knowledge, to improve productivity with greater safety while creating new jobs and to reduce mining's environmental footprint. This will help sustain and grow the mining industry in Australia in response to global megatrends.

We are focused on four key technical themes supported by our industry partners:

- > Technology Integration
- > Machine Learning & Robotics
- > Mine Internet of Things (MIoT)
- > Automation



Clean Energy Technology Research Laboratory

Our facility is unique as it enables researchers and industry to measure and characterise complex material structure and properties in 3D at high resolution under reservoir pressure conditions.

Understanding heterogeneity is important, as it can lead to uncertainties in reservoir performance parameters. This is imperative to understand as a single well can cost up to \$270 million.

The technique has other significant advantages, including:

- > it is faster, reducing analysis to weeks instead of months
- > it enables researchers to carry out numerical experiments where standard laboratory experiments are impossible



State of the Art Facilities

The Virtual Reality Simulator

Developed for student use and industry training it consists of floor-to-ceiling screens and casts 360 degree, 3D images with cinematic clarity. Staggeringly realistic underground mines and scenarios are available for exploration that steps beyond the boundaries of traditional education into experiential learning.

The VR simulator offers a range of modules from open-cut to underground, and across all mining sectors.

Within the safe confines of a simulator, potential hazards can be safely experienced, evacuation procedures tested, and feasibility studies consolidated, resulting in a cost-effective, low risk, high impact learning experience.



Tyree Micro-CT Facility

Our lab offers bespoke X-ray and neutron beam transparent flow and deformation cells with 4D-Material Characterisation down to the molecular level. What makes us unique is the range of reservoir conditions and time lapse imaging capability. Various materials such as rocks, cement, sand, composite, coal, steel, coral, battery and biological samples (insect, animal tissues and bones) can be imaged.



Geomechanics Laboratory

An advanced experimental geomechanical laboratory integrates field data, laboratory testing, advanced imaging technologies and numerical modelling techniques that allow to test rock, soil and ground support tools for coupled physical properties under extreme environments including high stress and temperatures.

Creating Leaders & Innovators

Programs Undergraduate

- > Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mining Engineering
- > Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Petroleum Engineering
- > Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Bachelor of Engineering Science – with Mining and/or Petroleum and other Engineering disciplines

Plus a range of other dual degrees in Arts, Science, Commerce and Law.

Post Graduate

- > Master of Mining Engineering
- > Graduate Diploma of Mining Engineering
- > Graduate Certificate of Mining Engineering
- > Master of Mine Geotechnical Engineering
- > Graduate Diploma of Mine Ventilation
- > Statutory Coal Mine Ventilation Officers Course
- > Master of Engineering Science (Petroleum Engineering)
- > Master of Engineering Science (Petroleum Engineering Open Learning)
- > Master of Engineering Science (Geothermal Engineering)
- > Graduate Diploma of Engineering Science (Petroleum Engineering)
- > Graduate Diploma of Engineering Science (Petroleum Engineering Open Learning)
- > Graduate Certificate of Petroleum Engineering



Customised Professional Development Programs

We are able to bring together the brightest minds in research and industry to create bespoke development programs to suit you.

Our Alumni



"UNSW Engineering is really big, so there's a corresponding amount of opportunities – societies, projects, volunteering, travel; there really is something for everyone. We get a lot of industry exposure from quite early in the degree; working on projects from real mines, guest lecturers, vacation work and countless networking opportunities so it gives us a great head start in our careers."

Lucy
Bachelor of Engineering
(Mining Engineering)

Graduate Mining Engineer,
Glencore Copper



"If you've ever been interested in what makes things tick, I would highly recommend engineering at UNSW. The teaching allows you to get both a practical and theoretical knowledge on your chosen field of study. Beyond that, UNSW is one of the best universities for engineering so there is endless help from lecturers, tutors and your peers."

Kosta
Bachelor Commerce / Bachelor of
Engineering (Petroleum Engineering)

Graduate Drilling and Completions
Engineer, Woodside Energy

Current Major Industry Partners

- > Anglo American
- > BHP
- > BP
- > Centennial
- > CCTEG
- > DSI Underground
- > Glencore
- > Jennmar Australia
- > Maptek
- > Mitsubishi Development Corporation
- > New Hope Group
- > Newcrest
- > Peabody Energy
- > Roobuck
- > Santos
- > Saudi Aramco
- > Schlumberger
- > Shell
- > Sino Pec
- > South 32
- > Total Energies
- > Wintershall Dea
- > Woodside

Industry Sponsored Chairs

These senior positions are held by our academics who have a strong research reputation in their area of expertise:

Kenneth Finlay Chair in Rock Mechanics
Professor Ismet Canbulat

Chair in Mining Engineering
Professor Serkan Saydam

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