

# AI Institute Membership Guide

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## 1. Introduction

- Our vision is to position UNSW as a national and global leader in responsible, impactful artificial intelligence, driving innovation for societal benefit.
- Our mission is to bring together diverse expertise in AI and related disciplines to address real-world challenges, foster collaboration across academia, industry, and government, and shape the ethical development and deployment of AI technologies.
- The AI Institute connects researchers and academics across faculties who are working with or applying AI. This includes those developing core AI methods and those using AI to solve challenges in health, sustainability, business, law, design, and more. The Institute provides a visible platform for AI expertise at UNSW, supporting partnerships, funding opportunities, and public engagement.

## 2. Membership Overview

The AI Institute welcomes UNSW academic staff (Levels A–E), HDR candidates, and external collaborators who have an interest in AI research or application, from any faculty or UNSW-affiliated institute.

### Membership Categories

- 2.1 Full Member
- 2.2 Associate Member
- 2.3 Friend

To become a Full or Associate Member, complete the [Membership Application Form](#) for review and approval.

Membership is ongoing, and members may withdraw at any time. The AI Institute may contact members annually to confirm continued participation and/or member details.

### 2.1. Full Members

Full Members are academic staff who are actively engaged in research related to artificial intelligence, forming the Institute's core research community and supporting visibility of AI expertise and outputs across UNSW. This can include, but is not limited to:

- developing AI methods, models, or systems
- applying AI as a core methodology in their research
- studying the implications, governance, behaviour, or impact of AI systems.

AI should be a central component of the research, not just used as a general-purpose tool.

### Benefits

- Access to support for partnership and funding development.
- Opportunities for visibility through AI Institute communications
- Visibility on the UNSW.ai website
- Priority invitations to interdisciplinary initiatives and events.
- Training and capacity building (AI, media, responsible AI) Access to collaboration networks across UNSW faculties.

### Contributions

- Acknowledge the AI Institute in publications, grants, and presentations where relevant.
- Participate in Institute events and initiatives.
- Contribute to cross-disciplinary collaborations.
- Provide updates for reporting and communications.

## 2.2. Associate Members

Associate Members are UNSW staff, students, and affiliates who have an interest in or connection to artificial intelligence but are not primarily focused on AI as a central component of their work.

This can include students, professional and operational staff, collaborators, and others who are engaging with AI in their work, studies, or through Institute activities.

Associate Members are part of the UNSW.ai community and can participate in events, networks, and activities.

### Benefits

- Access to AI Institute events and networking opportunities.
- Inclusion in communications and updates.
- Eligibility for interdisciplinary collaborations
- Training and capacity building (HDRs only)

### Contributions

- Stay engaged through events, communications, and collaboration opportunities.
- Acknowledge affiliation with the Institute where appropriate.

## 2.3. Friends

Friends are collaborators from industry, government, or other research institutions who contribute to AI Institute initiatives, or members of the general public with an interest in AI.

### Benefits

- Access to events, workshops, and networking opportunities.
- Pathways for collaborative research and funding partnerships.

### Contributions

- Engage with AI Institute events, talks, and public activities where relevant.
- Share AI Institute initiatives and opportunities within your networks.
- Stay connected through Institute communications and updates.

## 3. Membership Benefits Matrix

Benefit	Full	Associate	Friend
Access to AI Institute events, workshops, and seminars	X	X	X
Visibility through AI Institute communications	X	X	
Visibility on the UNSW.ai website	X		
Support for grant and partnership development	X		
Access to interdisciplinary collaboration opportunities	X	X	X
Training and capacity building (AI, media, responsible AI)	X	X (HDRs only)	
Regular communications, funding updates, and member news	X	X	X