AI Institute Membership Guide

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1. Introduction

As per the UNSW AI Institute's Strategic Vision:

- 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

- Full Members

- Associate Members

- Friends

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.

2.1. Full Members

Full Members are actively engaged researchers whose work aligns with the AI Institute's themes.

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.

- Access to collaboration networks across UNSW faculties.

Expectations

- 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 members of the UNSW community with a UNSW email address. This may include HDR students conducting AI-related research or those with an interest in AI.

Benefits

- Access to AI Institute events and networking opportunities.

- Inclusion in communications and updates.

- Eligibility for interdisciplinary collaborations.

Expectations

- 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.

Expectations

- Maintain active engagement with Institute activities.

- Advocate for the Institute and support collaboration opportunities.

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 (FOR HDRs only)	
Regular communications, funding updates, and member news	X	X	X