

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

1. Am I eligible to apply for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) at the UNSW Faculty of Engineering?

You are eligible if you are:

- An Australian citizen, permanent resident of Australia or a New Zealand citizen who is attempting a 2017 Australian Year 12, International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia, or the New Zealand NCEA Level 3 qualification.
- An Australian citizen, permanent resident of Australia or a New Zealand citizen who is NOT currently undertaking an Australian Year 12, IB in Australia or NZ NCEA Level 3 whose highest qualification is a **Secondary qualification** (eg. HSC, International Baccalaureate, GCE A Levels, etc); or
- An international fee-paying student attempting a 2017 Australian Year 12, International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia, or New Zealand NCEA Level 3 qualification.

Domestic applicants who have undertaken **post-secondary or tertiary studies** (eg. TAFE, University) may submit an FEAS application but will not be allocated an interview, as they will be considered on the basis of data received from the UAC. Information on the UAC application process is available at www.uac.edu.au.

International applicants who are NOT currently completing a 2017 Australian Year 12, International Baccalaureate in Australia, or New Zealand NCEA Level 3 qualification, apply for admission direct to UNSW and are not eligible for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS). Further information is available on the UNSW website at <http://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/how-to-apply>

2. If I have undertaken (but not completed) post-secondary or tertiary studies (e.g TAFE, University) should I apply for FEAS?

Applicants who have undertaken post-secondary or tertiary studies (eg. TAFE, University), whether completed or not, may submit an FEAS application with an optional video submission. Applicants who do not submit a video will be considered on the basis of data received from the UAC only**. By completing an FEAS application these students will be given an opportunity to provide a personal statement to the UNSW Faculty of Engineering. Information on the UAC application process is available at www.uac.edu.au.

- ** Domestic applicants who have undertaken more than one year (two semesters) of tertiary study should note that their tertiary performance will be given more weight than their secondary results (eg. ATAR [previously known as UAI]). If you have performed poorly at the tertiary level you should submit an FEAS application and consider submitting an application under the Special Consideration for Applicants with Tertiary Study (SCATS) scheme. Detailed information (including closing dates) is available on the UNSW website at <http://www.unsw.edu.au/future-students/domestic-undergraduate/getting-you-into-unsw/transferring-students>

3. Should I apply if I believe that I will achieve an ATAR (or equivalent) greater than 92?

No. If you are confident of achieving an ATAR greater than 92.00 you need not apply for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS). FEAS applies only to those with an ATAR between 82.00 and 91.95. All offers are made by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) in the normal way, ie we make offers to students who satisfy the Guaranteed Entry selection rank of 92.00. Following the FEAS process, certain students with an ATAR in the range 82.00-91.95 may receive an offer in UNSW Engineering programs via UAC through the FEAS.

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4. Will the bonus points I am allocated under the UNSW HSC Plus program have any impact on my eligibility for FEAS?

No. The UNSW HSC Plus program will not have any impact on your eligibility for FEAS which is determined solely on your ATAR being in the range 82.00 to 91.95. However, as explained on the FEAS website, performance in relevant HSC subjects/Australian Year 12 subjects is taken into account as part of the FEAS scheme.

Additional information on HSC Plus is available on the UNSW website at <http://www.unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/ced/HSCPlus.html>.

5. What if my ATAR (or equivalent) is less than 82.00?

If you have achieved an ATAR (or equivalent) less than 82.00 you are not eligible for admission via the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS).

Visit the UNSW 'Alternative Entry' website at <http://www.unsw.edu.au/future-students/domestic-undergraduate/getting-you-into-unsw/admission-unsw> for information on some of the alternative avenues through which you may seek admission to an undergraduate program at UNSW.

If you enrol in a program at UNSW or another university, you may apply in future years to transfer to Engineering@UNSW. Your eligibility to transfer will depend on the program and subjects you enrol in, and your performance in the subjects undertaken. An application to the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) is required for most transfers. If seeking to transfer between programs within UNSW (eg. Science to Engineering) you may not need to submit a UAC application - check with the UNSW Admissions Office.

6. Do I need to lodge an application with the UAC if I have applied under the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS)?

Yes. An application for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) is not an application for admission to Engineering at UNSW. You must complete a UAC application by the due date for admission in 2018. For information on applying for admission to UNSW visit the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website at www.uac.edu.au.

7. Do I need to indicate my actual program choice when making a FEAS application?

We are interested in your reasons for applying for Engineering. If you indicate a particular choice of Engineering, then this should be reflected in your FEAS application and your UAC preferences.

However, you can indicate a generic interest in Engineering. The Faculty has a flexible first year program (UAC Code: 425000), following which you can elect to study the engineering program of your choice* from Year 2 onwards. If you are undecided, then let us know and discuss your choices and interests.

*Subject to academic performance and available places in preferred program.

8. Does the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) apply to combined degree programs?

The Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) applies to all undergraduate engineering programs within the Faculty of Engineering at UNSW, including the BSc Computer Science programs (UAC Codes 425800 and 425850), BSc Food Science & Technology (425600).

FEAS is available for combined degree programs which may admit students with an ATAR between 82 and 91.95, but will not affect admission to programs for which the ATAR cut-off is above 92.00.

FEAS is NOT available for engineering programs offered in the Faculty of Science at UNSW: 429600 BE Materials Science and Engineering; 429630 BE Materials Science and Engineering/Master of Biomedical Engineering.

9. What is the deadline for applying for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) using the online application service?

'Online' FEAS applications for 2018 admissions close **15 November 2017**.

10. How long will it take to complete the online application form?

It will take approximately 1-hour to complete the application form online, as you will be required to provide up to four responses in the "Personal Statement" section of the application. You are advised to think about these answers in your own time before starting the online application process. In addition to the application form, applicants are required to submit a video (no longer than 5 minutes) expressing their motivation for wanting to have a career in engineering.

11. Do I have to complete the online application form in one session?

No. The system automatically saves your data after each section as you work through the application. Until you 'Submit Application' you can change all entries in saved sections. Changes can still be made after you have submitted up until the closing date 15 November 2017.

It is recommended that you write or type your four responses for the "Personal Statement" offline and then copy them into your online application. This will ensure that any work you have completed will not be lost in the event of power, connection, or network failure.

12. Can I authorise another person to complete the online application form?

No. You must personally complete the application, and you are personally responsible for the security of your User Name and Password. Submission of your application requires formal acceptance of these conditions.

13. Which browsers are supported by the online application service?

The Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) website is best viewed using:

- Microsoft IE8 or higher for Windows

14. What if I don't have internet access?

Please contact the Applications Administrator (Tel: +61 2 9385 5201/5131/5128
E: feas@unsw.edu.au) and request that a hard-copy of the application form be mailed to you.

15. How many applications can I submit?

Only one application will be allowed for the 2018 admission round. If more than one application is submitted, only the first will be processed and subsequent applications will be disregarded. If you need to change your application after you have submitted, please contact the Applications Administrator (Tel: +61 2 9385 5201/5131/5128
E: feas@unsw.edu.au)

16. Should I keep a copy of my completed/submitted application?

Yes. Print/Make a copy of your submitted application and keep it for your records. It is recommended that you re-read your "Personal Statement" prior to attending the interview.

17. Do I need to submit any documentation with my application?

Yes. Current Year 12 students are asked to attach a copy of their most recent Year 12 School Report (half-yearly or final year) in the Personal Statement section of the online application form.

18. Can I change my application once submitted to UNSW?

Changes can be made right up to the closing date 15 November 2017.

19. Will I receive an acknowledgment of application receipt?

Online Applicants ~ Yes. When you 'Submit Application' you will receive a formal Acknowledgment of Receipt by email and on your FEAS Application Home Page. Your application is not complete until you receive this notification and incomplete applications cannot be processed by the Faculty of Engineering.

20. Can I track the progress of my application online?

Yes. When you 'Submit Application', Acknowledgment of Receipt of your online application will be posted to your FEAS Application Home Page. **Your application is not complete until you receive this notification and incomplete applications cannot be processed by the Faculty of Engineering.**

21. Is Help available?

If you have any questions or experience any difficulties whilst completing your application for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS), please do not hesitate to contact the Applications Administrator:

T: +61 2 9385 5131/5201/5128

E: feas@unsw.edu.au

Video Submission

22. Do I need to submit a video for my application?

If you are submitting a FEAS application for admission into a UNSW Engineering program in 2018, and you are an applicant who falls under one of the categories below, you must also submit a personalised video (no more than 5 minutes) by Wednesday 15th November:

- An Australian citizen, permanent resident of Australia or a New Zealand citizen who is attempting a 2017 Australian Year 12, International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia, or the New Zealand NCEA Level 3 qualification.
- An Australian citizen, permanent resident of Australia or a New Zealand citizen who is NOT currently undertaking an Australian Year 12, IB in Australia or NZ NCEA Level 3 whose highest qualification is a Secondary qualification (eg. HSC, International Baccalaureate, GCE A Levels, etc).(Video not compulsory for this category, but applicants can submit a FEAS application)
- An international fee-paying student attempting a 2017 Australian Year 12, International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia, or New Zealand NCEA Level 3 qualification

23. What do I include in the video submission?

The video submission provides you an opportunity to express your motivation for an engineering career. The only requirements are that you:

- Identify yourself at the start of the video, stating your full name and UAC application number, and clearly show some form of photo identification, and
- Use the remaining video time to express your motivation and passion for engineering.

You may like to elaborate on:

- how you became interested in engineering,
- why you are keen to undertake an engineering degree at UNSW,
- why you think you will make a good engineer, and
- what you have done to explore your interest in engineering.

Other than this, how you do the video is up to you. Be as creative as you wish.

24. How long should the video be?

The video can be any length up to a maximum of 5 minutes. You should not feel like you need to fill the entire 5 minutes. The purpose of the video is to allow you to express your motivation and passion for engineering – if this can be done in less than 5 minutes, then this is perfectly acceptable.

25. What format should the video be in?

There are no requirements for the formatting of the video, except that it should be no more than 5 minutes in duration, and that it should be of a sufficient quality that we can adequately view and hear the presentation. It does not need to be high production quality!

26. How do I submit my video?

Once you have recorded your video, you will need to save it to a file name that includes UAC application number and full name. Please use the following format:

UACnumber_LastName_FirstName.xxx

The .xxx refers to the video file extension. So for an applicant, Joseph Blogs, with UAC application number 987654321, and who submits a .mov video file, the naming format should be:

987654321_Blogs_Joseph.mov

At the end of your online FEAS application you'll be provided with a link to the Dropbox used to upload your personalised video. On the Dropbox page, you will be prompted to choose your file for uploading. If you do not have a Dropbox account or are not logged in to an existing Dropbox account, you will be asked to enter your name and an email address.

27. How will I know that my video has been submitted successfully?

Upon uploading your video, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address you provided upon uploading the video, or the email address associated with your Dropbox account if you have one and you are logged in.

28. Do I need to have a Dropbox account to upload a video?

No. At the end of your online FEAS application you'll be provided with a link to the Dropbox used to upload your personalised video. On the Dropbox page, you will be prompted to choose your file for uploading. If you do not have a Dropbox account or are not logged in to an existing Dropbox account, you will be asked to enter your name and an email address.

29. Can I change my video after I have submitted it to Dropbox?

It is preferable to ensure you are satisfied with your video before uploading it to complete your FEAS application. However if you do need to upload a second video, the latest video will be used in your application and the original video will be discarded.

30. What happens if I do not submit a video?

If you are in one of the categories (listed here) of applicants for whom a video submission is compulsory, then the video submission is necessary for your application to be assessed.

31. What happens if I am experiencing difficulty in creating or uploading my video?

Please email FEAS if you require help with the video submission or other areas of the FEAS process.