



# AUTO POST

News for UNSW India Alumni  
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## LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS

### UNSW Global Scholarships

In recognition of the increasing importance of the Australia-India relationship and in order to reward academic achievement in the International Assessment of Indian Schools we have recently announced the UNSW Global High Achiever Scholarship.

The Scholarship is established to provide assistance to Indian high achievers in the IAIS to undertake an undergraduate qualification of the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. The total value of the scholarship program is a maximum of A\$75,000 over a maximum of four years. Two applicants from over 100000 have been short listed for the first scholarship under this scheme will be awarded in 2007 for second semester or for first semester 2008. The winner will be announced in the next edition of this newsletter.

## UNSW India – Leading The Way

In an attempt to increase awareness of quality education in Australia, UNSW India in collaboration with IDP in Mumbai has designed a series of career specific seminars. Topics revolve around the faculties at UNSW namely, Arts, Built Environment Business, Engineering, Fine Arts, Law, Medicine, Science. These seminars are designed to provide prospective students with the opportunity to learn more about the University, courses and international career outcomes. If you know people who are interested in attending these presentations, please ask them to register with Scherezade Bharucha at [s.bharucha@unsw.edu.au](mailto:s.bharucha@unsw.edu.au)

## Message from the UNSW In-Country Manager, India

Welcome to the second edition of 'Auto Post'. Quite a lot has happened since the first issue with extensive marketing activities across India by UNSW and we even had our first informal alumni dinner in Mumbai!

This edition covers local news relevant to India, campus news from Sydney and the announcement of the closure of our Asia campus in Singapore. The year ahead looks exciting with several activities planned for the coming months which we will keep you updated with through future editions of this newsletter.

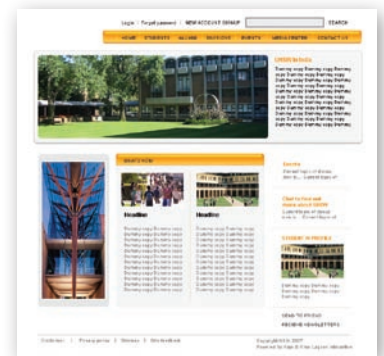
I would also like to acknowledge our alumnus, Ms. Jui Tawade from Pune who has been so proactive in helping us find lost alumni and organizing student seminars in Pune - Thank you, Jui!

Your feedback is always welcome, so do not hesitate to get in touch with us.  
*Shireen Ardeshir*

## A New Look – UNSW India To Launch A New Website

The new UNSW India website will go live on 15th July 2007. The new and improved website is designed to provide:

- Indian students a chance to find out more about UNSW
- A community portal for alumni, current and prospective students a chance to interact with each other
- An opportunity for corporates and government to find out more about our commercial and consulting activities in India
- Provide an update on events scheduled in India
- An easier way for alumni to register and update their information



## The First Of Many – An Informal Dinner With Alumni

UNSW International hosted the first informal dinner with alumni in Mumbai. The group was small but enthusiastic with alumni from Mumbai and Pune attending. We had alumni from AGSM as well as the faculties of Built Environment and Sciences.

The ambiance was set for new friendships but it seemed more like old friends were being reunited. Stories were shared and

ideas were exchanged over cool drinks and excellent food. The evening ended with a promise of more to come!



l-r: Jui - Faculty of Built Environment alumni, Rashmi - Faculty of Built Environment alumni, Aziz - AGSM alumni, Shireen - NSGI, Scherezade - NSGI, Meherlyn - UNSW International Office, Sailesh - Faculty of Science alumni



## ON-CAMPUS NEWS

### Australian School Of Business At UNSW

The Faculty of Business will be re-named the Australian School of Business at UNSW. The newly named business school is a result of the integration of the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) and Faculty of Commerce and Economics.

The Australian School of Business at UNSW will offer a full range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research programs. The AGSM brand will be retained and AGSM MBA and Executive Programs will continue to be offered.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Fred Hilmer says the name reflects the strength of the integrated business school.

“The decision to name the School follows months of stakeholder consultations. The name is strongly supported by key stakeholder groups, particularly the business community and alumni” says Professor Hilmer.

Professor Alec Cameron, Dean of the Australian School of Business at UNSW, said he is delighted with the choice of name. “Both the UNSW and AGSM brands are well-known and highly respected. In selecting a name we were conscious of the unique opportunity to incorporate the UNSW and AGSM brands into our overall branding.

“The name, ‘Australian School of Business at UNSW’, reflects both the significance of our vision for the School as an Australian and regional leader in business education, and the unique brand equity UNSW and AGSM bring to the School.

“We will officially launch our brand and open our new building at the Kensington Campus in September. We look forward to announcing a number of strategic initiatives at that time,” says Professor Cameron.

### \$30 Million For Neuroscience Research

The Federal Government has announced a \$30 million commitment to establish a Neuroscience Research Precinct, of which UNSW is a part.

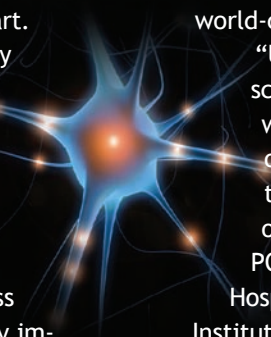
The precinct is being led by the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute (POWMRI). UNSW is one of three partners.

“We welcome the government’s significant investment in what will be a world-class centre for research in this very important field,” said Vice-Chancellor Professor Fred Hilmer.

The Executive Director of POWMRI,

Professor Peter Schofield said, “Our future plans require a significant new investment into a purpose-built, world-class research facility”

“UNSW is a leader in brain sciences. The new Precinct will significantly enhance our research efforts through the combined activities of our Faculty of Medicine, POWMRI, the Prince of Wales Hospital and the Black Dog Institute. I believe it will provide opportunities for major steps forward in the area of neuroscience,” he said.



### Towards UNSW Global

NewSouth Global Pty Limited (NSG) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The University of New South Wales with a current annual turnover in excess of A\$60 million. The company is also responsible for UNSW overseas offices in Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Hanoi and India which is registered as NewSouth Global India Pvt Ltd (NSGI).

The company is undergoing some changes around our two key business areas of Education and Consulting to ensure a better leverage of current and new global opportunities. To reflect the true essence of our global business activities and relationships, the organization is moving towards a new brand - UNSW Global. As we move towards this change, we will keep you updated.

### UNSW Asia Closure

UNSW announced the closure of our campus in Singapore on 23rd May, 2007. Vice-Chancellor Professor Fred Hilmer said, “this difficult decision has been reached after an intensive review, sparked by lower-than-expected initial enrolments and disappointing demand for the August semester, showed the operation is not financially viable. Our review indicated that the financial and other risks entailed would have made the project unsustainable. In these circumstances, it would have been irresponsible to continue.

As staff and students at UNSW Asia need certainty, we have decided to close at the end of the current semester. A close down at this time will have no impact on our plans at Kensington.

I can assure you that we are speaking to every staff member and student at UNSW Asia to ensure the best possible outcome for each individual.”

Updated information and FAQs for students transferring from UNSW Asia to UNSW in Sydney or other universities is available at [www.unswasia.edu.sg](http://www.unswasia.edu.sg)

The UNSW Asia School Foundation Year Program will continue to operate normally in Singapore into 2008. Students previously had a choice to continue their undergraduate study at either the UNSW Sydney campus or the UNSW Asia campus. The choice for successful students now is to continue their undergraduate study at the UNSW Sydney campus or at another Australian or Singapore university.

### Your feedback:

What did you think about the newsletter? Would you like to comment on or contribute to any of our articles? Would you like to know more on any particular issue? Don’t hesitate, let us know your feedback by writing to us at [infoindia@unsw.edu.au](mailto:infoindia@unsw.edu.au)

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