



The UNIVERSITY
of NEWCASTLE

GRADUATION 2023

Our values

The University of Newcastle's values set the standards that we expect, encourage and nurture in our staff and students. They guide our decision making and position us to achieve our purpose.

EXCELLENCE

We pursue the exceptional and strive for innovation in our teaching, research and operating environment.

ENGAGEMENT

We are deeply connected to the challenges and opportunities in our regions and beyond.

EQUITY

We are committed to widening participation, promoting diversity and fairness, overcoming injustice and increasing success for all.

SUSTAINABILITY

We are ethically minded and prioritise responsible management of our environment and financial resources.

Order of proceedings

The Master of Ceremonies will announce the commencement of the ceremony

The University Fanfare will herald the entry of the Dais Party

The assembly will rise and remain standing until the conclusion of the National Anthems

The Chancellor, Mr Paul Jeans, will open the proceedings

The Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Alex Zelinsky AO, will address the assembly and introduce the Occasional Speaker

The Occasional Address will be delivered

The Chancellor will invite a College representative to present the graduates

The Chancellor will invite the Graduate Speaker to address the assembly

The Chancellor will declare the proceedings concluded

The University Fanfare will herald the departure of the Dais Party

Guests will be invited to depart the auditorium while graduates remain for photos



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A Message of Congratulations!

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on reaching one of life's major milestones. On behalf of the University of Newcastle we wish you our heartfelt congratulations.

As you consider the next steps in your career, you can be confident that your time at the University of Newcastle has prepared you to make an impact in whatever you choose to do next.

Graduates from the University of Newcastle carry with them the University's reputation as a world leader. In the QS World University Rankings, we rank in the top 175 universities in the world, a testament to the University's ongoing commitment to excellence.

At the University, we endeavour to create life-ready graduates who are equipped with the skills that enable them to adapt to a rapidly changing work environment and with a strong focus on contributing back to communities all over the world.

Our university has a history of industry collaboration with strong partnerships across the Asia-Pacific region. We are proud of the connections and the impact we continue to have in the region. Today we welcome you into our talented and highly successful alumni community that includes more than 171,000 professionals who are making an impact across 153 countries.

We would like to thank you for your contribution as a University of Newcastle student. You have helped us to be the strong and vibrant community we strive to be, and we hope the friendships and networks you have developed at our University stay with you for many years to come.

Be proud of what you have worked hard to achieve. Your achievement is also a source of pride to your family and friends, who have supported you along the way. We share this pride, as we welcome you to our University family.

Today marks a new and important chapter for you – and the possibilities are endless. The University of Newcastle wishes you the very best as you enter the next stage of your life.

Congratulations!



P.E. (Paul) Jeans
Chancellor



Professor Alex Zelinsky AO
Vice-Chancellor and President



171,000+

in our global alumni
community based
in 153 countries
around the world



Message from the Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Singapore) and Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of the University of Newcastle, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all graduands on the momentous occasion of your graduation.

Today marks a new and important chapter for you – and the possibilities are endless. Through your studies you will have demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm, and determination to deliver your best. Your strength is galvanised by the newly acquired skills and knowledge, gained during your course of study. These attributes will hold you in good stead for the next step in your journey.

Our teaching and learning environments are focused on developing graduates who can make a positive impact as leaders and innovators in their chosen field and community. The University has been providing high quality educational programs for more than 21 years in Singapore. We are proud of our partnerships with PSB Academy and BCA Academy, and the important contribution our talented graduates make in Singapore and the wider region every day.

As you commence on the next stage of your journey in life you can be proud of your contribution to our vibrant student community. I hope the friendships and networks established during your studies will deepen over the years to come, wherever you are and whatever you do. I urge you to remain connected to your UON family through our Alumni Chapters.

Again, my sincere congratulations to you for your significant achievement. Wherever your professional journey leads you, I wish you every success for a wonderful future.



Julia Connell

Professor Julia Connell
Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Singapore) and Chief Executive
Officer (Newcastle Australia
Institute of Higher Education)



Top 30

in the world
for impact*

A brief history of graduation

The graduation ceremony is one of great antiquity. Its essential features have been the same since the 12th century when the first universities came into existence. Its necessary constituents are the Chancellor or their Deputy, the academic staff, the graduates, and the public.

The church had a monopoly on education, partly because it was the guardian of true doctrine, and partly because clerics were almost the only people who could read and write. As a result, the only person who could license a teacher was the bishop of a diocese until, under pressure of other business, he deputed the task to his chief secretary or chancellor.

The second group participating in the ceremony is the academic staff. In the 12th century they would all have been called “masters” or MAs. At that date they were paid no salaries, but hired their own lecture rooms and charged their own fees. But they also formed themselves into a guild or union, which is what universitas originally meant. In the 13th century they won a great victory when they persuaded the Pope to decree that chancellors were obliged to confer degrees on all those nominated by the masters. That is why the masters examine the candidates, why the Dean, acting as their spokesperson, reads out the names of those who are to receive degrees, and why the masters at this ceremony watch to see that the Chancellor or their Deputy does what is required of them.

Thirdly, the graduates. The word “degree” comes from the Latin gradus, which means “a step”. When students are admitted to a bachelor degree they move one step up towards the mastership. When they are admitted to a master’s degree they climb another step and come up on a level with the masters, who then receive them into their guild or universitas.

The academic gowns are derived from the everyday dress of the medieval clergy. In the Middle Ages they were not open in front, but closed like a clergyman’s cassock. It was in about 1500 that academics had the front opened up so as to display the fine clothes that they were wearing underneath. The hood was the normal medieval headwear, but it soon acquired a coloured lining. By the 17th century, if not earlier, these colours were strictly controlled so that anyone could identify the university and the degree from the colour of a graduate’s hood.

The public is the fourth participant. It has an important function because the whole point of the proceedings is that they should be seen and heard by valid witnesses. The public hears the words of the Dean and the Chancellor and sees the new graduates dressed in their respective gowns or robes.

The foregoing is an adaptation of an address given at a graduation ceremony at the University of Birmingham by Emeritus Professor R H C Davis and reprinted in his book ‘From Alfred the Great to Stephen’ (Hambleton Press, 1991), pp. 307-309.

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The graduation ceremony

The University of Newcastle Fanfare

The Fanfare is played at all ceremonial functions to herald the entry and departure of the Chancellor and other members of the Council. It was composed by Professor Robert Constable and first performed in 1994.

Honours

The award of Honours is given to students who complete an additional year of study after the completion of a bachelor's degree. Some bachelor's degrees, such as Engineering or Education, have Honours embedded in the four year degree program. Honours generally consists of part coursework and part research requiring submission of a thesis. Honours can be awarded as Class I, Class II Division 1, Class II Division 2, or Class III.

With Distinction

A bachelors or masters degree is conferred with Distinction in cases where a candidate has achieved a Grade Point Average of 6.0 or above in the degree, out of a maximum of 7.0.

Combined degree

A combined degree is one where a student studies for two separate degrees at the same time. It is possible for the student to complete the degree requirements for one degree ahead of the other. The student receives a testamur for each degree. Places for combined degrees are very competitive and offered to the highest performing students who apply.



Australian National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty, rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing;
Advance Australia fair.



Majulah Singapura

Mari kita rakyat Singapura
Sama-sama menuju bahagia
Cita-cita kita yang mulia
Berjaya Singapura
Marilah kita bersatu
Dengan semangat yang baru
Semua kita berseru
Majulah Singapura
Majulah Singapura



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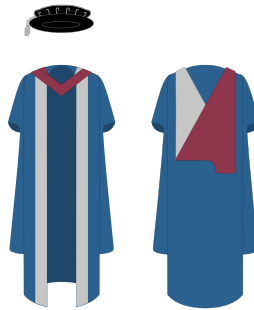
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The graduate academic dress

The gown worn by graduands reflects the level of award being conferred upon them and the colour of the hood indicates the discipline of the award. The styles of academic dress worn by University of Newcastle graduates are illustrated here.



Doctor of Philosophy



**Doctor of Business
Administration**



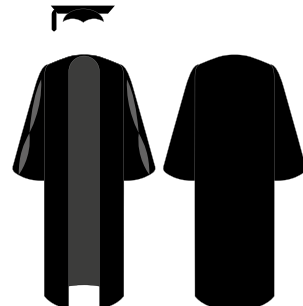
Master of Philosophy



Master



Bachelor



**Graduate Diploma |
Graduate Certificate**

Aboriginal stole

The red, yellow and black stoles are worn by Aboriginal students and staff during graduation and relate to the colours of the Aboriginal flag. The colours of the Aboriginal flag represent the land (red), the sun (yellow) and the people (black).

Torres Strait Islander stole

The green, blue and black stoles are worn by Torres Strait Islander students during graduation and relate to the colours of the Torres Strait Island flag. The colours of the Torres Strait Island flag represent the land (green), the sea (blue) and the people (black).

The University of Newcastle is a national leader in the attraction and success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The wearing of the stoles celebrates culture and identity in a significant ceremony that also celebrates success.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Stoles

Bachelor and Master's hood

As you look around at a graduation ceremony, you will notice different colours on the inside of graduation hoods. These colours are representative of different disciplines of study as follows:

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-  Natural and Physical Sciences
 -  Information Technology
 -  Engineering and related Technologies
 -  Architecture and Building
 -  Medicine and Health Sciences
 -  Nursing
 -  Education
 -  Management, Commerce and Economics
 -  Arts, Psychology, Social Science and Social Work
 -  Law
 -  Indigenous Studies
 -  Music
 -  Visual Arts, Design and Communication Studies



95%

of our research is 'at' or
'above world standard'*



The University Council

As at 27 September 2023

Official Members

Chancellor

Mr P.E. (Paul) Jeans

BE(UNSW), FRSN, FIEAust, FAICD

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Professor Alex Zelinsky AO

BMathSc(Hons), PhD, Hon DSc(UOW), GradDip(AICD),
FAA, FTSE, FIEEE, Hon FIEAust, FAICD

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MBChB, MA(Oxon.), FRACP, PhD, FAHMS, FRSN, GAICD

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BBus(Mngt)(Newcastle)

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BA(Newcastle), AAICD

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BBus(Accounting)(UTS), CA, GAICD



Race Wong

Master of Business 2013
Group COO and Co-Founder of Ohmyhome

From pop singer to movie star and now an entrepreneur in the tech finance industry, Race Wong's career has been an incredible adventure to date. Born in Malaysia, raised in Singapore, Race pursued her dreams in the entertainment industry with her sister Roseanne Wong.

"I moved to Hong Kong when I was 20 years old with my sister, Rosanne. We formed a band called 2R and suddenly, we had a taste of stardom. We did records, movies and TV shows, we won awards. The entire experience was really surreal."

Race received her big break when she was chosen to feature alongside Hong Kong actor Stephen Chow in his famous San Miguel TV advertisement. From there, she starred in several films and earned multiple award nominations.

In 2013, she switched her focus and completed a Master of Business majoring in marketing at the University of Newcastle. While she was studying, she took on a role as Marketing Manager at Maybank Kim Eng Securities, one of the largest financial services groups in Southeast Asia.

Race's study plus her experience at Maybank Kim Eng inspired her to found real estate company Anthill Realtors from 2014 to 2016, with her sister.

"We wanted to provide a simple, fast and affordable one stop shop that most importantly could serve everyone. It seems obvious now, but things were different back in 2016."

You can list your properties everywhere now, even Facebook. Back then, real-estate portals... only allowed agents to post listings. There was this big gap in the market that we wanted to address. The core idea behind Ohmyhome is that everything you need to do to move from (one) home to the other, you can do with us."

Ohmyhome is now a successful proptech marketplace connecting homeowners to home seekers. Since its establishment, the company has served over 13,000 families across Singapore and Malaysia, saving customers over \$45 million in unnecessary commissions. This year, Ohmyhome became the first Singaporean company listed in the US, and also made history by becoming the first women-only founded proptech company listed in the US.

Race's primary goal throughout her career has been to leave a positive mark on the world.

"Regardless of which business I were to take on in future, I would always think about having a positive impact on my society. I hope for students to consider this when they embark on their journey in life. The world we live in is connected and in the pursuit for financial returns, we should always be conscious about making the world a better place. When we are all aligned, we can inch towards the right direction together."

Alumni House

A PLACE FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTION, COLLABORATION AND CELEBRATION

We're proud of our alumni and the profound impact they continue to have in our region and across the globe. To celebrate and recognise the enduring relationships between the University of Newcastle and our alumni community, we've launched the Alumni House project.

Alumni House is an inclusive physical and virtual space where the community is welcomed, where the University gives back to the city that founded it, where we connect with local industry, and where our alumni - with their world-class education and unique University of Newcastle experience - are celebrated and welcomed home.

Alumni House will be built at 231 King Street, Newcastle and form part of the University's city campus precinct that includes the iconic NUspace building and the new Q Building at Honeysuckle.

The cost to bring this project to fruition is estimated at \$15 million. It is our goal to raise \$10 million in philanthropic support for the project over the next year, with the build to commence in 2023 once funds are raised. The University of Newcastle has committed the site and will contribute \$5 million when the alumni and community fundraising campaign is complete.



To learn more about this exciting project, or to help bring Alumni House to life through a donation, simply scan the QR code or please visit:

newcastle.edu.au/alumni-house



Image: Artist impression. | Alumni House concept design by Durbach Block Jagers Architects with Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture, Cox Inall Ridgeway, Surface Design and Northrop.

What's next?

WE'RE STILL HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR CAREER

As a graduate of the University of Newcastle, you continue to have access to our Careers Service, including job searching through CareerHub.

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- Get help with your job applications including creating a professional resume
- Practice and develop your interview skills
- Learn more about building your employability

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AS OUR NEWEST ALUMNI, WE WANT YOU TO
STAY CONNECTED WITH THE UNIVERSITY.**

- Join our THRIVE recent graduate community
- Volunteer or become a mentor for our students
- Partner with us on research, industry and community projects
- Engage in postgraduate opportunities
- Share your story with us

Congratulations! We look forward to continuing our relationship with you.

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someone you love this
Graduation with official
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discount and free shipping on all
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