

Faculty of Engineering, UNSW

Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS)

Frequently Asked Questions – ANSWERS (2007 Admissions)

➤ Eligibility

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

You are eligible if you are:

- An Australian citizen, permanent resident of Australia or a New Zealand citizen who is attempting a 2006 Australia 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 2006 Australian Year 12, International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia, or New Zealand NCEA Level 3 qualification.

Local applicants who have undertaken post-secondary or tertiary studies (eg. TAFE, University) **do not need to apply under this scheme** 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 2006 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 www.unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/sad/howtoapply.html

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

No. Applicants who have undertaken post-secondary or tertiary studies (eg. TAFE, University), whether completed or not, will be considered on the basis of data received from the UAC and do not need to apply for an interview under the FEAS. Information on the UAC application process is available at www.uac.edu.au.

➤ Application

3. Should I apply if I believe that I will achieve a UAI (or equivalent) greater than 85?

No. If you are confident of achieving a UAI (or equivalent) greater than 85 you need not apply for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS). FEAS applies only to those with UAIs between 75 and 85. All offers are made by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) in the normal way, ie we fill available places starting with the highest ranked students and work down the UAI rankings until we have made all the offers we can down to a cut-off, expected to be 85 for admission in 2007. Following the FEAS process, certain students with ranks in the range 75-84.95 may receive an offer in UNSW Engineering programs via UAC through the FEAS.

4. What happens if I believe I will get a UAI greater than 85, but do not?

A second/late round of applications will be open from October until Thursday 21 December 2006 with interviews at UNSW Kensington campus on 3 and 4 January 2007.

5. What if my UAI (or equivalent) is less than 75?

If you have achieved a UAI (or equivalent) less than 75 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/futureStudents/undergrad/sad/alternty.html> 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 the same University Faculty (eg. Engineering@UNSW) 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 2007. 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 applying for an FEAS interview?

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 (425010 and 425014) and BSc Food Science & Technology (425008).

FEAS is available for combined degree programs which may admit students with a UAI in the range 75-85, but will not affect admission to programs for which the UAI cut-off is above 85.

FEAS is NOT available for engineering programs offered in the Faculty of Science at UNSW: 425001 BE Materials Science and Engineering; 425026 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?

'On-time' FEAS applications for 2007 admissions close **5:00pm** (AEST) Friday 8 September 2006, with interviews held on 26-28 September and 3-4 October 2006. For 'Late' FEAS applications submitted between 9 September and 3 October 2006 we will attempt to allocate an interview, but cannot guarantee that an interview place will be available.

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 three 200-word 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.

11. Do I have to complete the [online](#) application form in one session?

No. Because the online application is in sections, you can use the 'Save' button at the end of each section as you work through the application. Until you 'Submit Application' you can change all entries in saved sections. (No changes to your [online](#) application may be made after you 'Submit Application'.)

It is recommended that you **write or type your three 200-word responses** for the "Personal Statement" off-line 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 IE6 or higher for Windows
- Microsoft IE5 or higher for Macintosh
- Netscape 6 or higher for all platforms

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

Please contact the Applications Administrator (Tel: +61 2 9385 5131/5201/5128; Fax: +61 2 9385 5456; 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 2007 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 5131/5201/5128; Fax: +61 2 9385 5456; 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. Can I change my application once submitted to UNSW?

You may request minor changes to the 'Personal Details', 'Education Background' or 'Academic Fields' sections of the application by contacting the Applications Administrator (Tel: +61 2 9385 5131/5201/5128; Fax: +61 2 9385 5456; E: feas@unsw.edu.au).

18. 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.

Paper Applicants~ Yes. **Acknowledgment of Receipt** of your application will be provided by the Applications Administrator within 5 working days of submission, in writing (or by email if address provided). You may contact the Applications Administrator on telephone +61 2 9385 5131 if you do not receive an acknowledgment notice within 5 working days of submission.

19. 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.

Details of your **Interview** will be posted to your FEAS Application Home Page within 10 working days of Acknowledgment of Receipt, but no later than 9:00am (AEST) Saturday 16 September 2006 (for interviews scheduled on 26-28 September and 3-4 October 2006).

Once submitted, you will be able to **view your online application** up to 9 February 2007.

Paper Applicants~ Applicants completing a hard-copy application will be notified by telephone and in writing (or by email if address provided) of their Interview details as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00pm (AEST) Friday 15 September 2006. You may contact the Applications Administrator on telephone +61 2 9385 5131/5201/5128 if you do not receive your Interview details by 5:00pm (AEST) 15 September 2006.

20. 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

F: +61 2 9385 5456

E: feas@unsw.edu.au

➤ Interview

21. How are applicants selected for interview?

All applicants who are eligible for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) and have submitted a written application using the official application form by the closing date will be allocated an interview. Interviews will be held on 26-28 September and 3-4 October 2006 for applications closing 8 September 2006.

22. What happens at the interview?

Interviews for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) will be conducted during a 30-minute time-slot by two members of the Faculty's Academic Staff.

The interview is an exchange of information. UNSW will endeavour to find out what your interests are, what your work habits are, whether you are able to talk convincingly about yourself, and what extra-curricular interests you might have.

You may be interested in asking about study and careers in your chosen field, about university life and work, and about the UAC and FEAS processes.

If you are interested in joining a general tour* of Faculty and UNSW facilities, led by one of our Engineering Student Ambassadors, tours will depart from the ground floor CSE School Office of K17 Building at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 2:30 and 3:30.

* Tours will only be available on 26-28 September and 3-4 October 2006.

23. What should I bring to the interview?

Ensure that you bring your **original supporting documentation** and **photo identification** (eg. Student Card, Driver Licence, Proof of Age Card, a Photo with your Name that is stamped and signed by your High School) to the interview for sighting.

You may bring anything that you want to show the Interview Panel, your curriculum vitae for example.

UNSW food outlets will be open during the interview period. Take the opportunity to look around campus and experience university life.

24. What should I wear to the interview?

It is important that you are comfortable for the interview. It is not necessary to wear a suit, or a shirt and tie. Smart-Casual attire is recommended.

If you want to explore the UNSW campus be prepared to walk some distances.

25. What happens if I can't make it to the scheduled interview?

Contact the Applications Administrator (Tel: +61 2 9385 5131/5201/5128; Fax: +61 2 9385 5456; E: feas@unsw.edu.au) as soon as possible to schedule an alternate interview time.

26. What happens if I miss my interview?

Contact the Applications Administrator (Tel: +61 2 9385 5131/5201/5128; Fax: +61 2 9385 5456; E: feas@unsw.edu.au) as soon as possible to schedule an alternate interview time. There is no guarantee that the re-scheduled interview will be on the same day. Interviews will be held on 26-28 September and 3-4 October 2006 only for applications closing 8 September 2006.

27. What happens after the interview?

Immediately after the interview we will ask you about the interview to ensure that you have had an opportunity to cover everything you consider important.

A post-interview letter will be mailed to you on 20 October 2006, and will include further information on Engineering @ UNSW and the 2007 admission process.

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➤ **Admission**

28. Am I guaranteed a place at UNSW if I apply for the Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) and attend the interview?

No. All offers are made by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) in the normal way, ie we fill available places starting with the highest ranked students and work down the UAI rankings until we have made all the offers we can down to a cut-off, expected to be 85 for admission in 2007. Following the FEAS process, certain students with ranks in the range 75-84.95 may receive an offer in UNSW Engineering programs via UAC through the FEAS.

29. Do I still need to apply for admission to Engineering at UNSW through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)?

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 2007. For information on applying for admission to UNSW visit the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website at www.uac.edu.au.

➤ **Assumed Knowledge**

30. Do the programs offered by the Faculty of Engineering have Assumed Knowledge and/or Recommended Knowledge?

Yes.

Engineering (including combined degrees)

Assumed: HSC Mathematics Extension 1, Physics and/or Chemistry

Recommended: Engineering Studies

Computer Science (including combined degrees)

Assumed: HSC Mathematics Extension 1

Recommended: Software Design and Development or Information Processes and Technology or Physics

Food Science & Technology (including combined degrees)

Assumed: HSC Mathematics and Chemistry

Recommended: Physics and Biology

The information above shows the subjects that form the basis of the different Engineering programs. All students must also meet the English language requirements for entry to UNSW. Common courses taken by engineering students in their first year include Mathematics 1A and Mathematics 1B. Many programs also require Physics 1A. Students, whose level of assumed knowledge is below that of the HSC subjects listed, will be placed at a considerable disadvantage. You will also find it useful to have studied subjects in the recommended list.

Further information on Assumed Knowledge and the Bridging and Introductory courses offered is available on the UNSW website at

<http://www.unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/sad/assumedknowledge.html>