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Sydney School of Entrepreneurship calls on the state's most talented students – applications now open

Today Sydney School of Entrepreneurship (SSE) urges NSW students to apply for The Navigator; an immersive unit of study to develop their entrepreneurial mindset and skills.

The mindset and set of skills developed from completing The Navigator are vital in preparing the next generation of job and business creators to thrive in the workplace of the future.

“Our mission is to build a diverse community of next-generation entrepreneurs, creating jobs and businesses of the future. The Navigator develops student entrepreneurs to more effectively equip them with the skills and mindset required to succeed in the workplace of the future,” SSE’s CEO Nick Kaye said.

The Navigator brings together leading academics and students from SSE members - all 11 NSW universities and TAFE NSW. The unit of study is curated by University of Technology Sydney with support from Charles Sturt University, Macquarie University and University of New South Wales.

The Navigator is a larger common stage that brings together a community of students, academics and industry to share knowledge and develop entrepreneurial skills,” Mr Kaye said.

The experiential learning activity embeds student entrepreneurs in ecosystems and connects them with peers, industry experts, policy makers, entrepreneurs and mentors.

“One of the key activities of The Navigator is the SSE Massive Ecosystem Scavenger Hunt (#MESH). This enables student entrepreneurs to converse with and understand the wider startup community where they visited key players such as Canva, Stone & Chalk and Cicada Innovations, to name a few,” he said.

Macquarie University and co-founder of Fin Free Sydney, Ashley Avci adds Navigator participant to her impressive list of achievements.

Fin Free Sydney is a not-for-profit organisation that campaigns for the protection of sharks and advocates the essential role they play in the ocean’s ecosystem.

“Participating in The Navigator was a once in a lifetime experience that provided me with unique insight into Sydney’s entrepreneurial ecosystem. The Navigator has opened so many doors for me to pursue my ideas and provided a base for continued support throughout my endeavours, Ms Avci said.



The ten-week immersive learning program combines online and face-to-face learning intensives and is available to all undergraduate students of SSE's 12 member institutions. Mobility scholarships are available towards travel and accommodation making the opportunity accessible for students in regional locations. There are no student fees to complete this unit of study.

Students can apply directly or be nominated by their university or TAFE NSW via sse.edu.au. Applications close on 4 February. The Navigator runs from March – May 2018.

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About SSE

Sydney School of Entrepreneurship is an unprecedented new partnership between 11 NSW universities and TAFE NSW, with cornerstone investment from the NSW Government to create a diverse community of next-generation Australian entrepreneurs.

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Australian Catholic University

Charles Sturt University

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Southern Cross University

TAFE NSW

The University of Newcastle

The University of Sydney

University of New England

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