



University-Industry Collaboration in Teaching and Learning Review

Terms of Reference

As the nature of work shifts, collaboration between universities and industry is essential to ensure graduates have the skills and capabilities to successfully transition to employment and thrive in their careers. The aim of the review is to advise how universities, industry and government can increase industry engagement in teaching and learning through improved course curricula, more systemic engagement and expanded opportunities for students to gain work experience and industry relevant skills.

Strong university-industry partnerships will benefit both teaching and research by creating new networks and providing practical experience for learners. It will also ensure that universities are developing the workforce and relationships needed to support improved research commercialisation and innovation outcomes.

Scope of work

The review will focus on two distinct segments: (i) young people establishing a foothold in the skilled labour market, and (ii) skilled individuals with career experience looking to upskill or reskill.

The review will consider best practice or innovation across the Australian sector, as well as international experiences. The review will focus on the following:

- Improving work-integrated learning
- Expanding opportunities for combining work, study and ongoing skill development
- Reforming curriculum, pedagogy and assessment, including industry involvement
- Enhancing pathways and partnerships between schools, VET, higher education and industry.

Timeline

Draft advice will be prepared by the end of June, with the final report prepared for the Minister for Education and Youth by the end of August 2021.