



# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SCIENCE ANU SCIENCE COMMUNICATION MASTERCLASS 2025

7 - 18 July 2025

## Explore ideas at the frontier of science communication at ANU

- > The Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science (CPAS) at ANU was the first science communication centre in Australia and is now the most diverse of its kind in the world.
- > Join our ANU Science Communication Masterclass 2025 to learn about science communication and engagement, join cultural tours across Canberra, and see how studying science communication will give you a competitive edge.

Centre for the **Public Awareness** of Science

## Masterclass in science communication

Participants attending the ANU Science Communication Masterclass 2025 can expect to gain a range of skills and knowledge in the world of science communication — and open the door to a deeper engagement with the field.

At the end of the course participants will have the skills and knowledge to

- > Discuss the concepts underpinning science communication practice.
- > Consider science communication strategies and tactics for different audiences, using a range of means, media, and technologies.
- > Gain understanding of the ethical responsibilities of science in the modern world.

## **Eligibility**

- > Current undergraduate or postgraduate students.
- > Preference given to students from ANU partner universities.

#### Assessment

The ANU Science Communication Masterclass 2025 is not formally assessed. Completion of the course does not provide ANU course credit, and you will not receive an ANU transcript.

However, participants attending the course will work on informal group and individual projects to practice the lessons of the course, and feedback will be given to participants throughout to assist their development as emerging communicators of science.

## Certificate

On successful completion of the course, all participants will be issued with an ANU Certificate of Participation.

For more information, please visit https://science.anu.edu.au/scicommasterclass

## **Course costs**

The total course cost is A\$ 5,000. This cost is inclusive of:

> tuition fee

> accommodation and meals in ANU on-campus accommodation halls

> interactive academic activities

> cultural tours across Canberra to explore the world's most liveable city\*

\*2014 & 2015 OECD Regional Well-being report

#### **Mode of Delivery**

The ANU Science Communication Masterclass 2025 will be delivered completely in person. Participants will come to ANU campus in Canberra to study for 2 weeks.

## How to apply

Please complete the online application form to apply for the ANU Science Communication Masterclass 2025:

https://science.anu.edu.au/webform/ anu-science-communicationmasterclass

Bulk applications are also possible. Email

international.STEMM@anu.edu.au for more details.

## Sample itinerary for week 1 (subject to change)

#### **Important dates**

- > Application deadline: Sunday 11 May 11:59pm AEDT
- > Outcome notification: Friday 23 May
- > Acceptance deadline: Sunday 8 June 11:59pm AEDT
- > Course dates: Monday 7 July -Friday 18 July 2025

#### Language of instruction

The ANU Science Communication Masterclass 2025 will be conducted in English. Participants are *not* required to undertake an English language test. However, it is strongly recommended that all participants have competent skills in writing, reading, listening and speaking in the English language.

#### **Selection basis**

Applicants are assessed on the responses to the statement of purpose in addition to their academic transcript.

Course capacity: 40 participants

## **Outside the classrooms**

Visit innovative science communication organisations and tourist attractions such as Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary, where cutting-edge conservation communication is helping endangered Australian wildlife!



#### Contact us

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Time (AEDT)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 July
09:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Welcome and orientation: Introduction to science communication	Science communication ethics	Misinformation and science communication	Science in popular culture: science communication in contemporary movies	Workshop: storytelling and improvisation techniques
01:30 – 04:00 PM	Science communication in social media	Science engagement: Tour of Questacon –The National Science and Technology Centre	Hands-on climate engagement: practical activities, tinkering and science shows	Science engagement: Tour of Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and Deep Space Complex	Cultural tour of Canberra*

Each session will be interactive, encouraging discussion and small group activities. The Science Engagement sessions will connect students with organisations who communicate science to diverse audiences in different ways, providing the opportunity to explore the different forms of science communication practice.

\*The cultural tour will take students to different national institutions such as Parliament House, the National Museum of Australia and CSIRO Black Mountain. These visits will allow students to further explore how science and traditional knowledge is presented within different contexts.

The Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science (CPAS) reserves the right to cancel the course or change course title, content, dates and venues. We also reserve the right to decline registrations where registrations exceed capacity or cancel the course due to insufficient registrations. In the event of cancellation, as much notice as possible will be provided to participants registered for the course.

Under the following circumstances, participants may be eligible for a full refund of their fees: if CPAS is unable to offer the course; if a participant cancels their place in the course in writing at least six weeks before the course start date. No fees will be refunded if the participant withdraws from the course within six weeks of the course start date.