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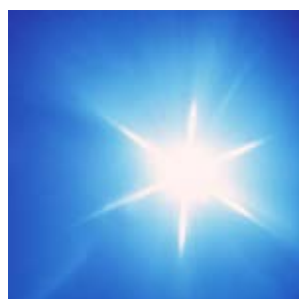
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## Hawke Centre farewells inaugural director

After 15 years at the helm of the University of South Australia's Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre, inaugural director Elizabeth Ho will say farewell to her much-loved role in the new year.

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### Brain injury expert to lead Health Sciences

One of Australia's leading researchers in brain injury has been appointed Pro Vice Chancellor for the University of South Australia's Division of Health Sciences.

### New research education dean

Joining UniSA in November was Professor Susannah Radstone who is the new Dean of Research and Research Education in the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences.

### Research hub opens its doors to the world

The giant grater, the floating pine cone, the spaceship – whatever nickname sticks, the striking new addition to the Adelaide skyline, the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, has just been officially opened.

### More than \$4m for UniSA in ARC funding

Nine new UniSA research projects won funding support from the Australian Research Council (ARC) in November.

### Chronic pain theory put to the test thanks to NHMRC grant

A UniSA chronic pain researcher has recently been awarded two accolades from the very competitive National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) system.

### International alumni presidents gather in Adelaide

The University of South Australia welcomed its four international alumni chapter presidents in November for a packed round of meetings and information sessions designed not only to inform but to take in feedback from the international chapters and the thousands of graduates they represent.

### Cool new equipment for UniSA's physio clinic

UniSA's physiotherapy clinic has been given a boost by the donation of a piece of high-tech cooling equipment for staff and students to use.

### UniSA student wins SA Governor's Community Support Award

Final year student and UniSA Student Association President Arun Thomas has won an International Student of the Year Community Support award for his commitment to improving the environment and enriching the life of his fellow students.

### Our SA Tourism Student of the Year

A UniSA student was named South Australian Tourism Student of the Year at the South Australian Tourism Industry Council Tourism Awards last month.

### New degree comes to grips with big data

UniSA has recently launched a suite of three new programs designed to equip modern professionals such as business analysts and strategists, and information specialists with the skills to manage and mine big data.

### National domestic violence survey looks at the impacts

The University of South Australia is leading a nation-wide project that aims to uncover the true impact domestic violence has on victims.

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### **Dream come true for visual arts graduate**

Using skills gained through her visual arts degree to describe a variety of art to people who are vision-impaired is proving rewarding for graduate Lara Torr, in more ways than one.

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Two UniSA urban and regional planning graduates have received industry recognition for substantial research work undertaken during their course in the areas of using temporary spaces to reinvigorate the city and urban food security.

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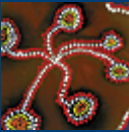
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## Hawke Centre farewells inaugural director

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by Kelly Stone



(L-R) Vice Chancellor Professor David Lloyd, Elizabeth Ho, Kevin Weldon and former Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

After 15 years at the helm of the University of South Australia's Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre, inaugural director Elizabeth Ho will say farewell to her much loved role in the new year.

Ho has led the Hawke Centre – the cornerstone of the University's commitment to engage with the community – since 1999.

She was farewelled at a special function held after the Hawke Centre's final event for the year, which featured former Western Australian Premier and politics authority Professor Geoff Gallop on 'a better way to do democracy'.

Centre namesake former Prime Minister Bob Hawke joined UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor David Lloyd, and Pro Vice Chancellor of Education, Arts and Social Sciences Professor Pal Ahluwalia, to pay tribute to Ho's dedicated service to the Centre.

Prof Lloyd said Ho embodied the Hawke Centre program which she had worked to nurture since 1999.

"Elizabeth has truly devoted herself to the Centre's values to strengthen our democracy, value diversity and build our future," Prof Lloyd said.

"She is passionate about the Centre's goals – engaging with local and international communities through public learning activities, alliances and research projects.

"UniSA has a strong commitment to serve the community and the same can be said of Elizabeth Ho - she has made an enormous contribution to how we view the world, allowing people to see things from another perspective. Changing perception can't be done by many people but Elizabeth has responded to that challenge with passion and with energy."

Prof Ahluwalia said Ho oversaw more than 300 public lectures presented by Australian and international speakers, many of whom are world leaders in their field. She established the high profile Annual Hawke Lecture series, and UniSA Nelson Mandela Lecture series (Nelson Mandela is the Centre's international patron).

Prof Ahluwalia said Ho built a loyal following across the community, consistently allowing the Hawke Centre to present speakers to full-houses.

During her tenure, the Centre has been recognised in various ways for its contributions to public learning and societal advancement, including the SA Governor's Multicultural Award (2012), with Ho receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia for services to education through the Hawke Centre.

"Perhaps one of Elizabeth's most striking traits is her ability to make genuine connections with those around her," Prof Ahluwalia said.

"This unique empathy has perhaps given her the drive to ensure that the Hawke Centre exists to project voices that are not ordinarily heard, and the passion to confront contentious social issues – not to mention the sheer tenacity needed to deliver a comprehensive and inspiring program every year."

Ho said it had been her great pleasure to lead the Hawke Centre.

"Bob Hawke wanted the Centre to be a force for good, to influence thinking and to act in the public interest, rather than being a memorial to him," Ho said.

"The public record of Bob Hawke in balancing the economy with social justice has been very inspiring for me. I wanted to forge a centre for public learning and I have been given much support to do so. The University has a strong record in social justice, reconciliation and international friendship and these are all areas the Hawke Centre has been able to reaffirm in its unique community program.

"It covers environment, human rights and development, poverty, reconciliation, science in society and that's just the beginning.

"Our mantra is to Think, Connect and Act. We aim to give the public excellent thinking, to connect opportunities and they can choose how they act. We aim to open the door."

A new director is expected to be appointed early next year. Ho said she is planning to "rest, renew and reinvent – the new 3Rs!" in the short term.

She will continue her role as deputy chair of the Migrant Resource Centre of SA, and is on the Board of the May Gibbs Literature Trust. She has also just been appointed an advisor to the Global Fund for Women in an honorary capacity.

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## Shedding light on the sunshine vitamin

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by Rosanna Galvin



Professor Elina Hypponen is researching vitamin D.

Originally associated with healthy bones, vitamin D now boasts having a whole range of potential health benefits from combating obesity to preventing diabetes. But why is vitamin D linked to so many health issues and how much of it do we actually need?

Professor Elina Hypponen has spent more than a decade examining the short and long-term health effects of vitamin D. Arriving in Adelaide recently from University College London in the United Kingdom, Prof Hypponen is now based at UniSA's School of Population Health. She will continue her research into vitamin D at the new South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) facility, where she hopes to find out just how much vitamin D the human body requires. *See our story about the opening of SAHMRI in the [Achievements and Announcements column](#).*

The public health expert says the reason behind vitamin D's multitude of health claims is that vitamin D receptors are found throughout the body, indicating the vitamin can affect many areas. In the early 2000s, Prof Hypponen's work into the health effects of vitamin D – particularly the impact vitamin D has on the onset of diabetes – changed the direction of research in the field. She now explores the vitamin's links with a range of health issues including obesity, immune-related diseases and cardiovascular health.

"Vitamin D is a nutrient and a prohormone obtained through sunlight-induced synthesis in the skin. Most of the actions of the vitamin are mediated by nuclear vitamin D receptors," Prof Hypponen says.

"The reason there are such wide-ranging health effects is that these vitamin D receptors are present throughout the body – they're in most vital organs, they're in different types of immune cells, they're in your gut. If the receptor for a hormone exists in certain parts of the body, then you really need to start thinking



about what it's doing there.

"My very first study in the area was related to infant vitamin D supplementation and the risk of type 1 diabetes. At the time [2001], vitamin D was still thought to be something required for the regulation of calcium and healthy bones but what we saw from this study was that infants taking vitamin D supplements during their first year of life had a marked reduction in their future risk of developing type 1 diabetes.

"This discovery was quite striking and for me – it opened up the questions of where else and what else vitamin D does."

Prof Hypponen has since conducted a number of studies on vitamin D, most recently using data from D-CarDia, a large-scale collaboration of genetic epidemiological studies she established in the UK. One of her recent papers was on the genetic link between obesity and vitamin D which showed that a higher body weight leads to lower vitamin D levels rather than vice versa.

While much research has been done into the effects of low vitamin D status, Prof Hypponen is now turning her attention to the other end of spectrum – what happens when the body has high levels of vitamin D. Prof Hypponen says there is an emerging body of research that suggests high levels of vitamin D isn't always a good thing.

"There is an expectation that higher vitamin D status is always better and that it will always lead to beneficial health outcomes but we are beginning to think that theory might not always hold true," she says.

"That's where I would like to take my work next – I'd like to see if we can obtain evidence about when we move to the higher end of the vitamin D status scale to see whether there is any evidence to suggest potential adverse effects. I'd like to find out how high is it safe to go."

Professor Hypponen comes from an interdisciplinary background, starting out in nutrition and moving on to study epidemiology, medical statistics and public health. She says her career is driven by a desire to make a real difference to people's health.

"I chose to do nutrition because I wanted to improve health and I'm interested in modifiable exposures that can be changed in order for people to become healthier," she says.

"As a population health scientist, I'm really interested in thinking about what are the safe and feasible ways we can improve the health of the population by and large."

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State Government backs UniSA's education vision

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Premier Jay Weatherill has given his strong support for the University of South Australia's plan to develop a world-leading education precinct at Magill campus incorporating the co-location of early childhood, primary and secondary schools on the campus.

Announcing his High-Quality Education plan today the Premier said consultation would be undertaken with Norwood Morialta High School about a proposal to move the school to Magill campus.



UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor David Lloyd has already had similar talks with the school.

Under the Government's plan and outlined in UniSA's *Crossing the Horizon* strategic action plan, a new birth to year-12 school will be built on the campus bringing together schools, early childhood services and special education in what will be a centre of excellence for teacher training.

The announcement adds to other State Government UniSA partnership initiatives this week including plan to partner with the new Treetop Autism Specific School to deliver teacher training for special education teachers to meet the needs of children with autism spectrum disorder.

The State Government has also put forward a plan to include a Masters Degree requirement for teacher education and registration.

The plan to lift the capacity and credentials of teacher education is aimed at delivering the best qualified teachers in Australia.

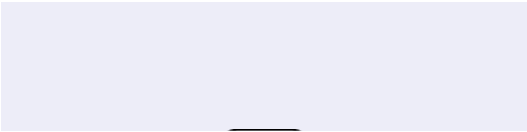
Prof Lloyd says he is delighted with the strong support shown by the government for a plan to lift the quality of teacher education and build the state's reputation for excellence in education.

"As the largest educator of teachers in South Australia, UniSA is fully committed to providing the highest standards of teacher education," Prof Lloyd says

"To support and prepare teachers for what is a profoundly rewarding and valuable career, we need to equip them with the skills and the resilience to shape minds and underpin the success of each new generation.

"Introducing the Master level requirement to teacher education and scholarships support to existing teachers and educational leaders to upskill, is an initiative that will pay dividends for generations to come and ensure we keep paces with nations around the world."

More information about the policy plan is available [here](#).



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As the year draws to a close and we consider the summer break, Christmas holidays and days on the beach - and I contemplate changing my family's first Australian Christmas feast from turkey, spiced beef and three kinds of potatoes, to seafood and salad - we are at the same time saying goodbye to a graduating class of international students who will shortly begin their personal progression in the careers they have chosen. In December we will graduate around 800 new nurses, engineers, mathematicians, physiotherapists, designers and educators ready to shape their world.

Along with those who graduated in August and those who will follow next March, they are the University's greatest achievement and our best ambassadors. They are taking their skills and talents into the global marketplace and bringing the ideas and solutions they have generated with this university to work towards achieving the cohesive, sustainable societies that are central to the University's mission.

Having supported their studies throughout their education, we continue to support them after they leave. As members of our alumni network we offer career management advice and short courses, and even discounts on the products and services that will be of most use to them.

And we keep up-to-date on what they are doing. We recently hosted a visit by Presidents and senior representatives of the University's international Alumni Chapters. Presidents and representatives from the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore Chapters and from China attended two days of

briefings and discussions, including tours of the Mawson Lakes and City West campuses. We even gave them a sneak preview of the new Jeffrey Smart Learning Centre Building. And in November we caught up with alumni working in Sydney and Melbourne just to check in with how they were going and to tell them a little about the University's plans for the future.

Because they keep in touch with us we can revel in their successes: University of South Australia doctoral graduate, Dr Felicity-Ann Lewis was named as South Australia's Australian of the Year for 2014. The award recognises that Dr Lewis has worked tirelessly to further reconciliation with Aboriginal people and to support the settlement process for refugees and migrants. UniSA alumni were also recognised in the South Australian Teaching Awards for 2013. Jane Garrard, Loxton High School (Bachelor of Education (Secondary Physical Education)), received a Lifetime Achievement Award; and Evan Polymeneas, Salisbury High School, (Bachelor of Education (Secondary Maths and Science)), was named Secondary School Teacher of the Year. Dr Lorna Wanzel (Doctor of Education) of Halifax in Canada received the prestigious Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Music Education.

These achievers are part of a global network of more than 177,000 alumni who are making their place in the world, sharing the strong social mission and commitment to the communities they serve as well as adding enormous value to the economic and social environment of our global society.

We are justifiably proud of all our graduates, the award winners and those who just want to throw their mortar boards into the air in celebration. It is through them that true internationalisation becomes a reality.

And because this is my last column before we break for the holidays, let me wish you all the best for a happy and safe period relaxing with your loved ones. You should look back with pride and satisfaction that the work you did in 2013 helped contribute to the University's success – and look forward to 2014 to even bigger and better things.

**Professor David Lloyd**  
**Vice Chancellor and President**

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### Brain injury expert to lead Health Sciences

One of Australia's leading researchers in brain injury has been appointed Pro Vice Chancellor for the University of South Australia's Division of Health Sciences.

Professor Robert Vink (pictured right) is currently the Head of School of Medical Sciences and Chair of Neurosurgical Research at the University of Adelaide. He says he is delighted to be joining UniSA and will commence the position early next year.

"I am particularly looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to the emergence of UniSA as a leading centre for health education and research at the local and national level," Prof Vink says.

Prof Vink completed his PhD on nuclear magnetic resonance studies of energy transduction at Griffith University in 1986. He was awarded a Doctor of Science – which recognises the highest standard of research – by the University of Adelaide earlier this year. His Doctor of Science thesis uncovered the critical roles of magnesium and the neuropeptide substance P in central nervous system injury.

UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor David Lloyd says Prof Vink will provide strong innovative leadership in health education at a time when UniSA is making significant investments in the new West End health precinct.

"Bob is an example of the high quality staff that UniSA attracts to its teaching and research. His passion for education is matched by a world view that reflects our culture of enterprise," he says.

"Bob joins UniSA at an exciting time for our institution and I look forward to him being part of our senior management team."



### New research education dean

Joining UniSA in November was Professor Susannah Radstone who is the new Dean of Research and Research Education in the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences.

Moving to UniSA from the United Kingdom, Prof Radstone was most recently a Professor of Cultural Theory in the School of Arts and Digital Industries at the University of East London.

Prof Radstone has held key roles on the University Research Advisory Group and the Research Excellence Framework Strategy Group and has been the Director of the Graduate Centre at the University of East

London.

Prof Radstone is sought after for her expertise in assessing UK and international research projects and grant applications for the Economic and Social Research Council, the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the European Science Fund.

She has published extensively, with 10 edited, co-edited and authored books (one forthcoming), 15 book chapters (two forthcoming) and numerous journal articles.

Pro Vice Chancellor of the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences Professor Pal Ahluwalia says Prof Radstone's extensive experience will be an absolute asset to the Division.

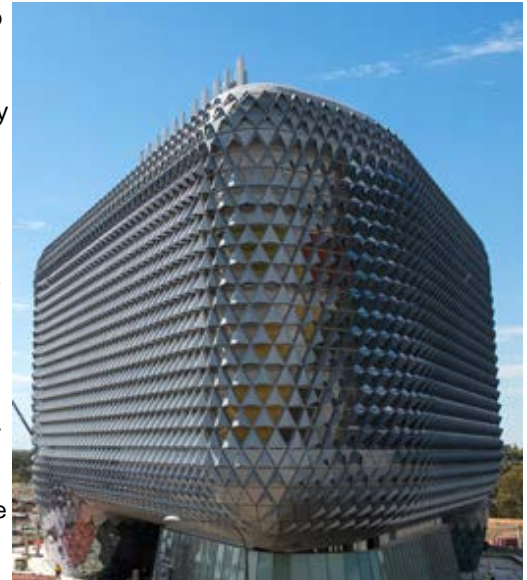
## Research hub opens its doors to the world

The giant grater, the floating pine cone, the spaceship – whatever nickname sticks, the striking new addition to the Adelaide skyline, the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, has just been officially opened by Prime Minister Tony Abbott and is set to make an impact well beyond its appearance.

The building will become a hive for medical and health research in SA with more than 600 local, national and international researchers getting to work at the new facility in the coming months.

Key research into the big health challenges of our times, cancer, obesity, heart disease, diabetes and a range of other illnesses will be tackled in an environment of cutting-edge, multidisciplinary collaboration.

UniSA's School of Population Health will take up residence on the top floor of the state-of-the-art, purpose-built nine-storey building, making UniSA the only university to transfer an entire academic school to the SAHMRI location.



The new SAHMRI building on North Terrace.

UniSA Vice Chancellor and President, Professor David Lloyd says SAHMRI provides a unique opportunity for innovative, world-class research that can grow outside of the traditional boundaries that might apply elsewhere.

"The very nature of SAHMRI encourages a dynamic and collaborative approach to research because in addition to whole university schools, there will be individuals, groups and entire networks of researchers both within Adelaide and internationally, who are linked to SAHMRI," Prof Lloyd says.

"UniSA researchers will work side by side with researchers from other universities, from our hospitals and from around the world, to explore new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat a range of diseases and illnesses, from cancer to obesity."

Established by the South Australian Government and funded by the Federal Government, SAHMRI is governed by representatives from South Australia's three major universities, the State Government and key members of the research and business communities.

The new facility is located opposite UniSA's City West campus in the burgeoning medical precinct that will also be home to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

## More than \$4m for UniSA in ARC funding

Nine new UniSA research projects won funding support from the Australian Research Council (ARC) in November.

The funded research projects and infrastructure, with a value of more than \$4m, span health, business, artificial intelligence, environment, nanotechnology, soil science and psychology.

UniSA Vice Chancellor Professor David Lloyd said he was delighted for the researchers who had been successful in securing support for their projects in an environment where the competition for research dollars was increasingly strong.

"Research being undertaken at UniSA is done with a growing aspiration to make a difference on the world stage – to improve lives, make breakthroughs and build stronger communities," Prof Lloyd said.

"The fact many of the successful UniSA projects have national and international collaborations is significant because increasingly research should have global applications and be built on enterprising and creative partnerships."

More details about the projects can be found on a [media release](#) about this announcement.

## Chronic pain theory put to the test thanks to NHMRC grant

A UniSA chronic pain researcher has recently been awarded two accolades from the very competitive National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) system.

Professor Lorimer Moseley (pictured right), won the NHMRC Warren and Marshall Award for the best innovative and potentially transformative project from the 3800 proposals submitted last year. And in this year's round of funding, he won a \$727,610 Established Career Fellowship to continue his work on the role of the brain and mind in chronic pain.

"It's a very competitive system and I am chuffed that my peers have decided to continue to support my work – at least for the next five years," Prof Moseley said.

"The project for which I won the Warren and Marshall Award, is testing an idea that chronic pain is not caused by chronic problems in the tissue of the body but by problems in the way the brain 'remembers' the event.

"For example, if you hurt your back picking up a box, then your brain may encode that painful event so that when you bend over in a similar way, your back hurts, even though that similar movement is not in fact dangerous.

"It's very real pain brought on by the brain protecting us from events that it has encoded as being dangerous, when in fact they might not be. It is sort of 'overprotecting' and the way it does this is by making it hurt.

"Over the next five years I will be testing this theory."

UniSA was awarded seven NHMRC grants in the latest round of funding for:

Professor Sharad Kumar with \$606,894 for research into novel ways of regulating membrane proteins in cell physiology and disease; Associate Professor Natasha Harvey with \$695,558 for defining the role of the transcription factor GATA2 in the construction of lymphatic vessels; Professor Richard D'Andrea with \$587,562 for work on blood disorders; Associate Professor Michele Grimbaldston with \$664,890 for research on understanding how skin mast cells as part of the body's natural defence against skin tumourigenesis; Dr Quenten Schwarz with \$615,558 for research into craniofacial development; Dr Cameron Bracken with \$425,171 for research into how variant forms of microRNAs affect their functional repertoire in affecting gene expression; and Dr Sarah Heron with \$363,447 for work into identifying new genes involved in the development of epilepsy.

In addition, a Career Development Fellowship was awarded to Associate Professor Janna Morrison for \$447,840 to understand the consequences of impaired cardiac development on heart health after birth. Dr Jenni Ilomaki was also awarded an Early Career Fellowship for \$304,596 to look into how therapeutic treatment pathways impact medicine safety and effectiveness.

A NHMRC Partnership was also awarded to Professor Alex Brown (pictured right), Director of the Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit within the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) and UniSA Chair in Aboriginal Health, for more than \$1million for the development and testing of an integrated cancer monitoring and surveillance system for Aboriginal people in South Australia.

Prof Brown will work with UniSA researchers Professor David Roder and Associate Professor Margaret Cargo to develop an advanced cancer monitoring system for





Aboriginal people in South Australia.

“This project builds on work started by Professor Roder on the existing Cancer Registry,” Prof Brown said.

“The project and the system it develops will be guided and governed by Aboriginal people themselves, and will be explicitly developed for Aboriginal people to better target and improve their cancer services, strengthen their advocacy, and indicate to them the effectiveness of initiatives to reduce disadvantage in cancer.”

The project includes SA Health, the Cancer Council of SA, the Aboriginal Health Council of SA, the Cancer Clinical Network and the SA-NT DataLink group (also a part of UniSA).

The Wardliparingga Aboriginal Research Unit within SAHMRI conducts research that is of direct relevance to Aboriginal people in South Australia.

Its research is focused on the significant gap between the health status and life expectancy of Aboriginal people when compared to other Australians.



**International alumni presidents gather in Adelaide**



Pictured at a Government House reception from left to right are: Edward Lam, Sherina Ng, Cheng Wai Kok, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Vice Chancellor and Vice President of University of South Australia Professor David Lloyd, Elsa D'Ercoli, Qiao Luqiang, Dennis Muirhead and Mike Teng.

The University of South Australia welcomed its four international alumni chapter presidents in November for a packed round of meetings and information sessions designed not only to inform but to take in feedback from the international chapters and the thousands of graduates they represent.

The group included alumni presidents Cheng Wai Kok from Malaysia; Edward Lam from Hong Kong; Singapore president Sherina Ng and past president Mike Teng; President designate for China Luqiang Qiao; President of the South Australian Universities Alumni Chapter for the UK and Europe, Dennis Muirhead; and Vice President of that chapter, Elsa d'Ercoli.

The agenda included a site tour of the new Jeffery Smart Student Learning Centre at the City West campus which is set for completion early in 2014, a tour of new research facilities at the Mawson Lakes campus, presentations from key research institutes including the Hawke Research Institute and a special reception at Government House hosted by the Governor of South Australia, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce.

UniSA Deputy Vice Chancellor of International and Advancement Nigel Relph said it was wonderful to be able to meet the presidents as a group and share UniSA's new strategic plan – Crossing the Horizon – and at the same time learn about the program of activities each chapter undertakes.

"There were many excellent ideas discussed during the two days and lots of planning together for a stronger global alumni network of mutually beneficial relationships," Relph said.

### Cool new equipment for UniSA's physio clinic

UniSA's physiotherapy clinic has been given a boost by the donation of a piece of high-tech cooling equipment for staff and students to use.

Staff member Dr Rose Boucaut (pictured right lying down), has donated a new Prolce system after winning it at an Australian Physiotherapy Association Conference in Melbourne in mid-October.

The equipment, which was won in a competition organised by Club Warehouse Sports Medical Supplies, works by circulating iced water around a limb to provide compression and cooling simultaneously.



Lecturer Alison Bell tests the equipment on Dr Rose Boucaut in UniSA's physiotherapy clinic.

Dr Boucaut, who lectures in occupational health and safety in physiotherapy practice, says she thought it would come in handy at the clinic.

"UniSA's physiotherapy clinic is such a great resource for students and the wider community, and I thought the equipment could be put to good use there," she says.

"Hopefully it will not only help people who come to the clinic but could also be used by staff who work with sports teams as it's portable."

And that is exactly what Musculoskeletal and Sports Physiotherapy lecturer Dr Mary Magarey hopes to do.

Dr Magarey, who regularly goes on tour with the Junior Softball World Championship teams, says the equipment will be ideal to treat sports teams away on competition.

"If one of the players is injured you want to get on top of the injury as quickly as you can, while ensuring they get the rest they need, so the timer function will be great to ensure they are disturbed as little as possible while they rest overnight," Dr Magarey says.

The equipment will mainly be used by students and staff at UniSA's physiotherapy clinic. Lecturer Alison Bell says the equipment is a welcome addition to the clinic.

"We operate a busy physiotherapy clinic, providing more than 3800 services last year, and we're pleased to have the new equipment to use," she says.

"The clinic is an affordable, evidence-informed, best-practice physiotherapy service provided by both undergraduate and postgraduate students. The service is provided to the community at low cost, throughout most of the year, five days a week, and through extended business hours (9am – 6pm).

"From the perspective of the community this represents accessible affordable physiotherapy management, while from the University's perspective this represents a significant proportion of clinical placement requirements.

"Students work under the supervision of both academic staff members and clinical educators, which confers scholarly, research and clinical experience depth to the student experience. Students are exposed to a broad clinical experience, through the diverse population that accesses the clinic.

"As well as the learning experience supported by staff who are directly involved in supervision, the clinic provides an opportunity for the incorporation of techniques and approaches that have been researched within the School of Health Sciences and the University more broadly. The knowledge and expertise of both research and teaching staff across the School are easily accessible."

UniSA's physiotherapy clinic can help with the assessment and treatment of back, neck and limb pain, sports injuries, orthopaedic injuries (including rehabilitation after surgery), headaches, repetition strain injuries, overuse syndromes and other work-related problems as well as movement-related disorders.

For more information, visit the [website](#).



## UniSA student wins SA Governor's Community Support Award

Final year student and UniSA Student Association President Arun Thomas (pictured middle right), has won an International Student of the Year Community Support award for his commitment to improving the environment and enriching the life of his fellow students.

Arun was recognised at the recently held Study Adelaide 2013 Governor's International Student Awards, where he received his award from SA Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce.



(L-R) His Excellency, the Governor's Deputy Hieu Van Le AO, Arun Thomas and Education Adelaide Chair Bill Spurr.

For the past two years Arun has organised the annual UniLife Kangaroo Island Tree Planting Festival, which links UniSA students with local community groups to revegetate parts of Kangaroo Island and aims to promote environmental sustainability.

Bachelor of Nursing student Arun also introduced [UniLife magazine's](#) 'Your Story' competition which allows international students to share their origin and culture with their peer group, as well as having worked as a volunteer for Red Cross where he ran a promotion and awareness campaign within the University to prompt colleagues and friends to donate blood.

Arun also volunteers his time to tutor more than 45 nursing students and as a mentor to new international students. He says he was extremely proud to win the award.

"Winning this award was such a fantastic moment for me," he says.

"I believe international students can contribute positively to the community by volunteering and helping others.

"Let's all of us have great goals and aims, and work towards a stronger community by making difference in people's lives.

"Never get tired of doing little things for others – sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their heart which makes a big difference."

Arun will finish his studies this year, and will start work as a registered nurse at a private hospital in Adelaide early in 2014, as well as continuing as the UniSA Student Association President until July 2014.

UniSA Master of Professional Accounting student Chengcheng Sun was also highly commended for her work in the community at the awards.

For the past two years Chengcheng has helped with a variety of community and university programs, including volunteering as an administrative assistant at Volunteering SA and a Chinese language assistant at Pembroke School.

She is a Committee member of the International Student Support Group at Port Adelaide Football Club and has participated in the University of Adelaide's Student Leadership program.

Earlier in 2013 Chengcheng was appointed as one of six Study Adelaide International Student Ambassadors. The ambassadors, who come from a range of countries, are leaders in Adelaide's international student community.

Chengcheng is currently working with UniSA Career Services as a graduate intern.

## Our SA Tourism Student of the Year

A UniSA student was named South Australian Tourism Student of the Year at the South Australian Tourism Industry Council Tourism Awards last month.

Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management student Genevieve Pontikinas (pictured middle right), won the new category at the event on November 8, and will travel to Christchurch next April with Air New Zealand as part of the SKAL International Adelaide Student Exchange Program.

Genevieve said she was delighted to win the award.



Mark Liebelt, President of SKAL International Adelaide, Genevieve Pontikinas and Program Director of the Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management, Jenny Davies.

"I didn't think I would win and was really thrilled when they announced my name," she said.

"For the past year I've been taking part in a Young Australian Tourism Export Council mentorship through the University with entrepreneur Rebecca Sullivan of Dirty Girl Kitchen, an amazing experience which I think has contributed to winning the award.

"I'm really interested in the food and wine industry, especially in South Australia. It's such an exciting time for the State, and I'd love to be involved in the promotion and marketing of our fantastic food industry when I finish studying next year."

Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management students Belinda Rundell and Cassandra Powditch were also nominated for the award.

Program Director of the Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management, Jenny Davies, said it was wonderful to have three students representing the University.

"I'm really proud we have this quality of student being nominated for and winning the South Australian Tourism Student of the Year award," she said.

"It shows both the quality of the program and of our students.

"Genevieve is a fantastic student and I know she will get a lot out of her experience in Christchurch, which will provide great insight into how tourism adapts to challenging conditions."

## **New degree comes to grips with big data**

UniSA has recently launched a suite of three new programs designed to equip modern professionals such as business analysts and strategists, and information specialists with the skills to manage and mine big data.

The Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters in Data Science are sponsored by the world's leader in business analytics software and services, SAS and the programs will be SAS-accredited.

Head of UniSA's School of Information Technology and Mathematical Sciences, Professor Andy Koronios says the partnership with SAS will deliver vital opportunities for businesses and other organisations by developing graduates with the latest skills and education in this important field.

"Being able to analyse economic and social trends by examining a number of disparate and large datasets has applications in some vital areas including health, security, social service delivery and infrastructure planning," Prof Koronios says.

"We know that commercial operations are highly invested in using big data to help with product and service development and planning, but there are a myriad of other applications from helping to decide new catchment areas for schools, right through to understanding a population's use of over-the-counter medications or the consumption of foods."

SAS Managing Director, David Bowie says the new Data Science study options will assist in bridging the skills gap that exists for data experts.

"There is a growing unmet demand for professionals who are equipped to analyse the increasingly complex and vast amount of data that is now available to businesses and public sector agencies," Bowie says.

More information about the new data science study option at UniSA is available [here](#).

## **National domestic violence survey looks at the impacts**

The University of South Australia is leading a nation-wide project that aims to uncover the true impact domestic violence has on victims.

In a major push to find out how and to what extent domestic violence impacts women's lives and their ability to engage as citizens, the University of South Australia and the University of Western Australia are joining forces to reach out to women who have been, or still are, victims of domestic violence.

UniSA's Dr Sarah Wendt, one of the project's lead researchers, says domestic violence doesn't discriminate according to age or social circumstance; it occurs right across the spectrum with the latest statistics showing one in three Australian women have experienced domestic violence, by encouraging them to fill out a survey.

"There are many types of domestic violence but the research shows that across the world 40 per cent of women report sexual or physical partner violence; in Australia we know women experience most domestic abuse from men they know and in particular their partners," Dr Wendt says.

"What is less well researched is how domestic violence impacts on women's everyday lives and how it can limit their opportunities and capacities to act as citizens. That is what we want to examine in a national survey.

"We are urging victims of domestic violence to contribute to the survey in complete confidence. We hope this research will go on to inform policy to help improve the lives of women who have suffered domestic violence across the country."

The UniSA, UWA study will examine three central aspects of everyday life – housing, employment and mental health. To take part, visit the [website](#).

## **Dream come true for visual arts graduate**

Using skills gained through her visual arts degree to describe a variety of art to people who are vision-impaired is proving rewarding for graduate Lara Torr (pictured right), in more ways than one.

Lara, who graduated from UniSA with first class Honours in Visual Arts in 2006, was recently named one of five national winners in a competition run by the British Council Australia.

The [Realise Your Dream competition](#) is a professional development platform for people working in the creative industries.

As one of the five winners, chosen from more than 750 applications, Lara will travel to the UK next year and undergo a unique professional development program put together by the British Council.

Lara's program will focus on her field of expertise, audio description.

"Audio description is well established in Europe and the UK but it is still a developing field in Australia," Lara said.

"In 2010, when I was working on an arts and disability project, I heard about a process called audio description, which makes the arts accessible to people who are blind or vision-impaired.

"I trained as a describer in 2011 and have been working in the field ever since, with jobs for the State Theatre Company, Adelaide Festival, National Gallery of Victoria and others.

"Audio description is a fascinating process. For me, it brings together my visual arts training, experience in the theatre sector and commitment to access. Using language to encapsulate the visual elements of an artwork really forces you to think about the most succinct way to describe something – it's a challenging practice and that challenge is a huge part of the appeal!

"I believe that access to the arts is a human rights issue and playing a part in providing high quality access is hugely rewarding.

"Spending so much time describing art of all kinds has been an unexpected outlet for my visual arts degree. My studies involved a lot of critique and arts writing and those skills have formed a really important part of my professional practice."



## **Industry awards graduate planners**

Two UniSA urban and regional planning graduates have received industry recognition for substantial research work undertaken during their course in the areas of using temporary spaces to reinvigorate the city and urban food security.

Hannah Shaw (pictured right) was awarded the Outstanding Student Project Award – Tertiary from the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) at its recent South Australian annual awards.

Hannah's research thesis, undertaken as part of her fourth year coursework in the Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) program, focused on how temporary uses of space – often referred to as pop-ups – could be better implemented into urban planning.

"My research centred around the City of Adelaide where temporary use projects are gaining recognition for their potential to reinvigorate disused public spaces and vacant shopfronts," Hannah said.

"I found that there were many obstacles to establishing these pop-up projects, and recommended that the planning system must shift from its role as regulator to one of a facilitator."

Hannah was encouraged to enter the PIA awards by her Honours supervisor, Lecturer in the School of Natural and Built Environments, Dr Alpana Sivam.

"Actually winning the award was a huge surprise and honour, especially knowing the high standard of research undertaken by my peers and by previous award winners," said Hannah, who is now working for a planning consultancy.

Fellow UniSA graduate in the same program, Michael Dickson, received the runner-up award for his thesis that investigated food security as an emerging challenge for land use planning in the context of the increasing densification of urban areas.

"I used the City of Charles Sturt as an inner city case study to demonstrate some of the issues and challenges associated with current policy approaches to food security," Michael said.

"My study showed that the planning system does have limits in addressing food security and that the key to ensuring our future food security lies with appropriate community education and awareness.

"I can only hope that my work makes a greater contribution to the future of planning and food security."

Michael, who is now a planner in local government, said it is a real privilege to be recognised with this commendation by his peers for research within the industry.

Dr Sivam, who also supervised Michael's research, said she is particularly proud of their achievements.

"They are both brilliant students," she said. "I am now working with both of them on journal articles about their work."



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# Redesign my brain

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by Katrina Phelps



Creativity, memory, innovation, controlling your emotions, excelling at a task – it is possible to train yourself to become better at all these things according to UniSA engineering innovation expert, David Cropley.

Associate Professor Cropley featured in a recent ABC television show that explored whether you can turn an ordinary brain into a super brain in just three months with TV personality Todd Sampson.

Brought onto the show, *Redesign My Brain*, to run Sampson through a creativity and innovation engineering challenge, Assoc Prof Cropley says the program showed that an ordinary person can improve their brain and their capability.

“A lot of these things – whether it’s memory or reaction time – are things that can be changed,” Assoc Prof Cropley says.

“These are not necessarily inborn qualities that you have or don’t have. Through training and understanding what they are, you can improve those brain capabilities.

“Even in old age, people are realising that it is possible to change their brains and relearn so people can keep their memory, their skills and their attention and focus, and improve their quality of life.”

And in Assoc Prof Cropley’s area of expertise – innovation, creativity and engineering – he says the most important thing is to dispel the myth that creativity is something you are born with and that it’s only aligned with artistic pursuits.

“Creativity is something you can improve and get better at but it’s a matter of having the right attitude, changing the way you think and being more open to ideas,” he says.

During the television program, Assoc Prof Cropley put Sampson through challenges

that tested his creativity and innovation, for example making a mousetrap-powered vehicle in two hours.

To help Sampson improve his creativity and innovation, Assoc Prof Cropley set some brain training for him, such as describing an everyday object using a noun and a verb, and then thinking of four other objects that could perform the same function.



*Redesign My Brain* host Todd Sampson with Associate Professor Cropley.

"This is about thinking more divergently," Assoc Prof Cropley says. "Often we jump to the first conclusion that comes into our heads but if you recognise that there is more than one solution to a problem and that there are many other ways to do the same thing, it will become habit to look at lots of different solutions."

An engineer by trade, Assoc Prof Cropley says creativity and exploring the many ways that a problem can be solved are core parts of engineering.

"Design is what engineers undertake to solve problems. They often need divergent and broad thinking to solve a problem," he says.

Sampson is put through many challenges during the show and then given training to improve on his results. The big challenge of the show saw him able to stay underwater for two minutes while undoing five locks on 25 metres of chain that was wrapped around his feet, wrists and chest, while blindfolded. At the start of training for the challenge, Sampson could hold his breath underwater for 37 seconds.

His training included visualisation and learning intelligent use of his emotions, so for Sampson, taking himself from a state of fear while underwater, to a state of calmness.

"The experts designed this challenge because it demands mastering body intelligence, visualisation and fast thinking," Sampson said during the show.

"Just by thinking about something, the brain will re-wire."

Assoc Prof Cropley's creativity expertise is again being used for an ABC program coming up in 2014. The documentary, *Life at 9*, follows ten children who are coming up to age 9.

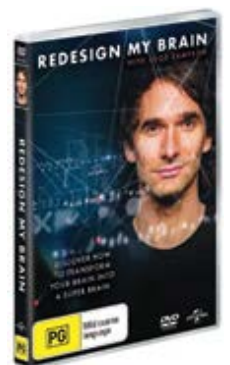
"There's some evidence that at about age 9, kids' creativity takes a nose dive so we will try to explore that," Assoc Prof Cropley says.

The *Life at 9* series follows ABC's *Life at 7* program, which examined how children grow and develop in ordinary and extraordinary circumstances, including the impact of family relationships, finances, work, health and education.

**UniSA News has three DVD copies to give away of the series *Redesign My Brain*.**

To enter, send an email to [unisa-news@unisa.edu.au](mailto:unisa-news@unisa.edu.au) with "Redesign My Brain" as the subject line and answer the question: *Which UniSA associate professor featured in the Redesign My Brain series?*

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## Medicinal plants project impresses Business and Higher Education Round Table

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by Rosanna Galvin



(L-R) Dr Bradley Simpson, Dr Susan Semple, Mr David Claudie (Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation) and Professor Richard Head.

UniSA researchers are working in partnership with the Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation to develop new products derived from traditional medicinal plants to treat various diseases such as the inflammatory skin condition psoriasis.

The Kuuku l'yu Northern Kaanju Medicinal Plants project was recently acknowledged in the Business and Higher Education Round Table (B-HERT) Awards, receiving an honorable mention.

Working with the Kuuku l'yu traditional owner families from the Cape York Peninsula in Queensland, UniSA researchers have successfully extracted compounds with healing properties from medicinal plants used in the community.

Led by UniSA's Dr Susan Semple and Mr David Claudie from Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation, the project's long term goal is to create sustainable business enterprise opportunities for traditional owners based on the production of plant-based medicinal products.

"The project aims to develop medicinal plants used by traditional owners in a way that respects both Western and Indigenous perspectives," Dr Semple says.

“It was actually the traditional owners who first approached UniSA researchers to establish this collaboration. The project is embedded in the community leaders' own framework for management, use and protection of natural resources on traditional homelands.

“One focus of our work has been an investigation of a plant species called Dodonaea polyandra or Uncha. The components of this species hadn't been previously looked at from a Western scientific perspective.

“The traditional owners directed the team to Uncha because of its use as a prized medicine for mouth pain and inflammation by some Kuuku I'yu individuals.”

Testing in laboratories has since revealed that novel compounds from the Uncha plant have anti-inflammatory properties. These compounds have provided the basis of joint patent applications with UniSA and Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation and the extracts from the plant are now in the commercialisation stage. This work is being undertaken in collaboration with ITEK Ventures, the technology commercialisation company of UniSA.

The project team received its honourable mention in the ‘Best Community Engagement Collaboration’ category of the B-HERT Awards. The Awards celebrate the achievements of collaboration between business and higher education in the fields of research and development and education and training.

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## From Africa to Henley Beach lifesaver

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by Rachel Broadley

A few years ago he could barely swim, but now UniSA student Matthew Chimu (pictured right), has been awarded a News Corp Pride of Australia Fair Go medal after becoming the first African to become a fully fledged lifesaver.

Matthew, 19, arrived in Australia four years ago after fleeing the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo with his brother and sister.

A Foundation Studies student, Matthew says he first became interested in lifesaving because he wanted to help people who were unfamiliar with their new environments, especially at the beach. A 2010 Surf Life Saving Australia National Coastal Safety Report revealed that 32 per cent of people who drowned at the coast were of a foreign ethnicity.

Shortly after arriving in Adelaide, Matthew completed the 'On the Same Wave' beach safety program and then joined Henley Surf Life Saving Club.

"I took swimming lessons, and it was hard at the beginning," Matthew says.

"It's (the beach safety program) physically demanding. You have to know how to swim and do training for CPR and first aid, as well as radio operations training. You also have to learn about the dangers you can face when you're swimming, such as what the beach and the local currents are like.

"At the beginning when you start swimming you feel like you can't do it; one of the people I started with actually quit in the first week. I told him to keep practising, it will get easier, and now he is enjoying it and feels proud because he can swim.

"Most people don't really know where it's safe for them to swim at the beach. If you swim where people can't see you, it's hard for them to save you."



Matthew Chimu, who achieved his bronze medallion at the Henley Surf Life Saving Club.

After undertaking training in first aid, learning how to give CPR and use a defibrillator, as well as mastering swimming, he was awarded his Bronze Medallion, making him a qualified lifesaver.

The Fair Go medal is awarded to an Australian permanent resident or citizen, born overseas, who has enriched Australia through their community involvement, hard work and willingness to embrace their new home.

Matthew says he was delighted to win the medal, and it has now inspired him to extend his vision beyond the horizon of the beach.

"Since I received this medal my vision has grown; I want to take this opportunity to inspire other people and educate them, because if I can save people on the beach, we can also save them in other areas by giving them the opportunity to fulfil their dreams," he says.

"My vision is to help migrants integrate in the Australian community. I volunteer at the Migrant Resource Centre, and help new migrants by showing them how to get to new places; I also help them to find sports clubs and help them to get a job by directing them to the places where they can find work.

"I want them to be off the street and find something that can occupy them."

Matthew was one of the three finalists in the Fair Go Medal category at the National Pride of Australia Awards in Sydney in mid-November.

He will continue his studies at UniSA as he starts a degree in electronic engineering next year.

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## Secondary school support program earns Chancellor's award

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by Katrina Phelps



The winning Communications and Marketing Unit team (from left) Carly Hocking, Ryan Bailey, Gabby Tait, Chancellor Ian Gould, Olivia Brokate, Mandy Giles, Melanie Summers, Kolynda Maguire and Tahnee Blight.

A UniSA initiative that supports secondary school and state-wide events that foster participation, leadership and engagement while providing students with the opportunity to enhance their learning, has been awarded the overall winner at the 2013 Chancellor's Awards for Community Engagement.

Undertaken by a student liaison and marketing team within the University's Communications and Marketing Unit, the *Myschoolspace* initiative has been running for five years, sponsoring more than seven state-wide events and a large number of secondary school-based events, enabling current UniSA staff and students to give back to the local community and share their experience and expertise.

The project was the category winner for 'best collaborations for increasing and widening participation outcomes', as well as the overall winner.

The annual Chancellor's Awards for Community Engagement were introduced in 2001.

"The awards officially recognise and celebrate projects that capture the depth of UniSA's ongoing role as a committed community citizen, as well as the remarkable breadth of work taking place across and beyond our campuses," said UniSA Chancellor, Dr Ian Gould.

"We see community engagement as being much more than an institutional obligation – it is vital to our ability to undertake teaching, learning and research work that is both enlightened and relevant.

"The judging panel was both impressed and inspired by the diverse range of high-quality projects submitted to the awards."



The category winner in 'best collaborations for enhancing the training of graduates for the professions' was a mental health project team – Joy Penman, Lee Martinez and Fran White from the Centre for Regional Engagement.

Their 'Mental Health Comes Alive' initiative is making a significant impact on capacity building in the mental health field by providing positive educational experiences in mental health treatment in a regional area that has been coping with well above average prevalence of mental health disorders for some time.

The winner in the 'best collaborations for engaging with disengaged communities' was Professor Fiona Arney and Professor Dorothy Scott from the Australian Centre for Child Protection for their 'Protecting and Nurturing: Building Capacity, Building Bridges' initiative.

Through the initiative, the Australian Centre for Child Protection is shaping new directions in national child protection policy to make a positive impact on the social and emotional wellbeing of children. It brings together adult-focused services, and child and family services to make a difference for vulnerable children and their families.

Receiving a commendation in the 'best collaborations on improving the community engagement experience for students' category was an 11 person team that partnered with History SA to recall 40 years of tertiary education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The project is undertaking a significant and important archival and oral historical research task that will provide a permanent historic record of the establishment and achievements of The Aboriginal Task Force since its beginnings in 1973 in the South Australian Institute of Technology. The Task Force was the first Indigenous tertiary educational institution in Australia.

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## Solar car experts answer hospital call for help

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by Katrina Phelps



UniSA solar car experts are coming to the aid of mothers and babies in Zimbabwe by developing a solar taxi to transport them to hospital, a trek otherwise made by ox cart, foot or not at all.

The team of UniSA researchers has been steadily working on the project for the past year and is now preparing to build and test the robust yet lightweight solar taxi in Adelaide before taking it to Africa in 2014.

Despite being able to source limited funding for the project, the UniSA researchers have persisted and chipped away at the project which came about after they were approached by the Italian non-government organisation Cesvi, which works with the St Albert's Mission Hospital in northern Zimbabwe.

"The project is just too important to say we don't have funding," says Dr Peter Pudney, lead researcher on the project and UniSA Senior Research Fellow in the Barbara Hardy Institute.

"Hopefully once we have something to show for it, a funding organisation can pick up the project and expand it on a larger scale. It's certainly something I could see being rolled out across the expanses of Africa and other areas across the world where transport options are very limited."

Zimbabwe has extremely high maternal mortality and morbidity rates and the lack of transport in rural areas is a key contributing factor. Giving birth at a hospital significantly reduces the risk of mortality and the risk of transmitting AIDS from mother to baby, but many women have no way of getting to maternal care. The initial stage of the project will collect women from four district health clinics located 25-75km to the south of the hospital.





Cesvi and St Albert’s Mission Hospital have a long and successful partnership, delivering substantially improved health outcomes to the people of northern Zimbabwe and southern Mozambique.

Together they pioneered the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission in Zimbabwe, which has reduced the transmission of HIV from mothers to children for babies born in medical facilities versus those born in villages without formal medical assistance.

But there is still a high rate of maternal mortality and morbidity in northern Zimbabwe so Cesvi approached Team Trev in early 2012 to help tackle the difficult transport problems which contribute to these deaths.

“At first we thought that, given the rough terrain between villages and the hospital, a conventional vehicle would be best suited to the task,” Dr Pudney explains. “But energy sources such as petrol or electricity are too expensive or unavailable in rural Zimbabwe. The only energy source that is readily available is sunlight.

“It’s been a real trade off between how heavy you make the vehicle and how far it can travel.

“The taxi will travel about 80km before it needs recharging. We are going to create two solar charging stations – one at the hospital and one at a clinic 40km south of the hospital.

“The charging stations will essentially be a container with a large battery and solar panels on the roof. The battery will collect energy from the sun and then we will transfer the electrical charge from the charging station to the taxis. So the taxis will run on the solar-charged batteries.

“The charging stations are another new concept. We hope to get a solar or battery company onboard to help us with that.”

Three UniSA final year students from Industrial Design and Mechanical Engineering are working on the African Solar Taxi concept for their final year projects, while high school students at St Patricks Technical College have assisted by building a timber mock-up to test the seating layout.

UniSA’s Midwifery School has also been consulted during the design process.

The project is led by UniSA researchers who are part of [Team Trev](#), an incorporated body that develops and promotes low-energy vehicles. Trev is a 300kg electric car built by UniSA researchers in 2005 that has gone on to compete in the World Solar Challenge and then drive around the world.

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## Closing the gap through allied health

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by Rosanna Galvin



Graduating Occupational Therapy student Trevor Ritchie with lecturer Emma George.

As the university year comes to a close, UniSA student Trevor Ritchie will complete his Occupational Therapy (OT) degree and become the first Indigenous occupational therapist in South Australia. For Trevor, the milestone is an important step forward in closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders is significantly shorter than non-Indigenous Australians and they experience higher rates of preventable illness such as heart disease and diabetes. Growing up in rural South Australia, Trevor experienced this health inequity firsthand, which is what led him to study OT at UniSA.

"I grew up in the country on an Aboriginal mission called Point Pearce and as a child I always had health issues," Trevor says.

"I chose to study OT because of these health issues and because the core values of OT – equity, social justice and a holistic approach to health – align with my own values.

"As the first Aboriginal occupational therapist in South Australia I have a sense and a passion to lead and support the others coming after me. It's easy to feel overwhelmed with the enormity of closing the gap in Aboriginal health inequity but I am committed to playing my part.

"As a health professional I hope I'll be able to push for generational change through my personal interactions with Aboriginal clients, ensuring they are provided with the best evidenced-based care. I want to be proactive in the development of holistic policy that supports health outcomes for Aboriginal people, taking into account the social determinants of health such as education and housing employment."

Trevor's achievements during his time at UniSA were recently acknowledged at the Indigenous Allied Health Awards, where he took out the national Indigenous Allied Health Student achievement award.

UniSA OT lecturer Emma George says Trevor's participation and engagement in courses and university life has helped advocate for the inclusion of Indigenous health issues in the OT curriculum. An instrumental journal article published in 2011 sparked her to think about the role Indigenous allied health professionals play in closing the gap.

Since then, the lecturer has been working with the OT team on developing curriculum so that students are more aware of Indigenous health issues throughout their studies.

"In my opinion, the OT profession was called to account in an editorial in the *Australian Occupational Therapy Journal* published in 2011. The piece put forward the question: Can OT respond to the challenge to 'Close the gap'?" she explains.

"This made me reflect on the Indigenous health and inequity content in our courses. As a result we now incorporate Indigenous health issues across the curriculum and I believe the degree reflects the OT profession's increasing focus and awareness of health inequity for Indigenous people and communities in Australia.

"Students are now learning more about health inequity in Australia and the challenges and opportunities for allied health professionals to invest in health from a grassroots, community-led approach.

"Our graduates have a greater understanding of the vital role of Indigenous health workers as well as the importance of partnership as Indigenous and non-Indigenous people work together for the health of our nation. This is important for all students, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, and I hope it helps to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous health."

Emma and Trevor recently spoke at the Indigenous Allied Health Australia conference held in Adelaide, giving a presentation titled 'A new chapter for occupational therapy in South Australia'. The conference presentation signalled an important milestone of Trevor's degree and he hopes to remain actively involved in education after he graduates in March.

"For the future, I hope to promote the recruitment and retention of Aboriginal students at university, and to enable more Aboriginal professional health workers in our communities," he says.

"On a personal level, I have recently become a father and my aim is for my son and my son's community to have a better life than mine."

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## School of Management hosts international PhD competition

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(L-R) Visiting German PhD student Corinna Rupf, UniSA Associate Professor Claudine Soosay and visiting UK PhD student Sam Farley (Credit: Luke Simon Photography).

With the dream of becoming a professional footballer “fading by the day”, a UK PhD student has been given the opportunity to undertake a different ambition – visiting Australia.

It’s an experience that was shared by 14 other PhD students thanks to an international PhD competition run by UniSA’s School of Management.

The international competition attracted more than 100 applications from PhD students researching the field of management in 33 countries. The prize on offer – being flown to UniSA for a series of events designed to enhance their study outcomes and strengthen their networks.

Avid football (soccer) fan Sam Farley, a PhD student from the Institute of Work Psychology at the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom who is researching workplace cyberbullying, said he is eternally grateful for the opportunity to be part of the competition.

“I have wanted to visit Australia ever since a friend moved here and told me how great it was,” he said. “I would never have had the opportunity to do so as a PhD student without this competition.

“Many of the students who have graduated from the Institute of Work Psychology have gone on to get a job in Australian universities and it’s certainly something I’ll be considering now that I’ve visited one.”

Sam finishes his PhD in late 2015 and would ideally like to stay in academia.

“I really enjoy research and my dreams of becoming a professional footballer are fading by the day.”

For fellow participant, Corinna Rupf from the University of Stuttgart in Germany, a career combining academia and industry is her aim when she finishes her PhD on CEO changes and the influence on internationalisation processes.

Corinna said she entered the competition to meet other PhD students from around the world, to get to know UniSA and to establish new research contacts.

A highlight of the competition was a business forum that involved local businesspeople interacting with the students.

“The students actually got to meet with and discuss such topics with top business leaders and CEOs in the context of their research,” said Associate Head of the School of Management (Research), Associate Professor Claudine Soosay.

“This is an opportunity which many PhD students do not get while undertaking research in a university.”

Assoc Prof Soosay said the competition is a win-win situation for both the students and the School of Management.

“The intention is to strengthen the school’s international profile and to attract top PhD students,” Assoc Prof Soosay said.

“The School of Management prides itself in looking for innovative and new ways to engage with leading scholars from around the world and to build networks of scholars interested in addressing issues of most importance to industry, government and society.

“We wanted the 15 winners to have this opportunity to develop strong linkages with fellow competition winners, our PhD scholars and staff at UniSA. At a “speed-dating” event, UniSA academic staff members were able to meet with the students to exchange ideas about research, linking with industry, and strategies for international networking and collaboration. Some of them discussed further opportunities for collaborative research.

“This competition gave us the opportunity to discuss research into such issues and real world practices that are relevant to the School of Management.”

More information about the competition, and the students who participated, can be found [here](#).

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### Viral Marketing: The Science of Sharing

The latest book from Dr Karen Nelson-Field, a Senior Research Associate at UniSA's Ehrenberg-Bass Institute, explores viral videos and how they can be used effectively in marketing.

Published by Oxford University Press, *Viral Marketing: The Science of Sharing* presents the results of two years of research led by Dr Nelson-Field and carried out by a team of researchers at UniSA's Ehrenberg-Bass Institute who have studied more than 1000 videos, five different data sets, and brought together the results of nine individual studies.

"We could be entering an advertising renaissance and with millions of dollars being invested in creating content, it is vital to get the methodology right too. Our research as presented in the book outlines what approaches will improve your chances of getting it right," Dr Nelson-Field said.

She said the research showed that the pass along rate of videos is actually quite low no matter what the content.

"Even in the best examples of creative, the 'pass along' rate is a fraction of what most people think," Dr Nelson-Field said.

"So while great creative is very important, like most brands, distribution is the single largest predictor of success.

"If you start out with a small viewing space it will actually remain small. The lesson here is distribution is still King while content is Queen."



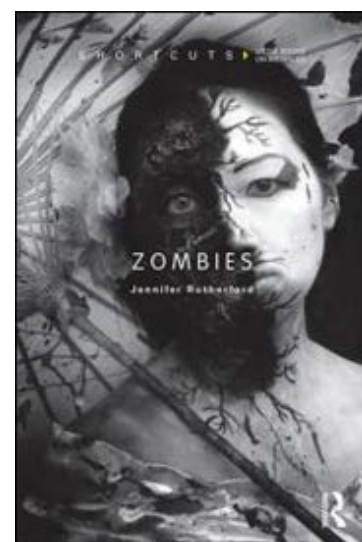
### Zombies define what is going wrong in the world

A new book by the Deputy Director of UniSA's Hawke Research Institute, Associate Professor Jennifer Rutherford, examines the zombie as a powerful metaphor for a constellation of social forces that define contemporary reality.

Assoc Prof Rutherford, a social theorist and literary scholar, wrote the book after becoming intrigued by how a cult fringe figure has become spectacularly mainstream, influencing every element of contemporary linguistic, political, economic and scientific discourse.

"Zombie is the word on everyone's lips because it condenses elements of the present we most need, and are least able to think about," Assoc Prof Rutherford said.





"You no longer need to know anything about zombie films or computer games to use zombie as a generalised metaphor for everything that is wrong with contemporary life.

"This is a very contradictory metaphor, it ties very different things together in different ways but the metaphor of zombie keeps being used right across the social and natural sciences, in political and economic discourses and in all aspects of social life. So I was interested in why – why zombies? Why now?

"I was also interested in what happens when a cultural form moves out of texts and into social practices such as street festivals. This is a global phenomenon and that's interesting.

"When you think about it, it is fairly strange that all around the world people are dressing-up and pretending to be dead things that eat the living. It says something about global fears and anxieties. I wanted to look at the strangeness of this and rather than just give a neat theoretical explanation for it, to tease out the strangeness of this emerging global identification with the figure of the zombie.

"One aspect of zombie street culture that really puzzled me was the way parents were dressing up children and babies in blood soaked costumes.

"There's an erotically charged element in zombie street pageantry with its dramaturgy of death and consumption, and the involvement of children in these games is surprising. I wanted to ponder what was going on here, what kinds of identifications were in play in these games and what they might tell us about contemporary life."

*Zombies* is published by Routledge and available now.

## Peace through tourism

A new book co-edited by a UniSA researcher explores the concept of holidays that incorporate an environmental or social justice component.

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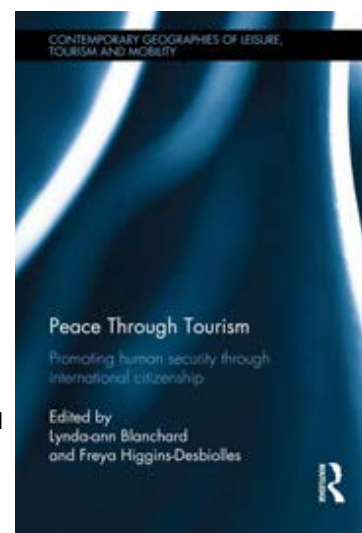
The book is edited by UniSA lecturer in tourism, Dr Freya Higgins-Desbiolles and colleague Dr Lynda-ann Blanchard from the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPACS) at University of Sydney.

Using case studies and examples of different types of tourism experiences, the book looks at the positive and negative impacts in the context of notions of peace, tensions between tourism as an industry and tourism as a social force, and the business and social science perspectives of tourism.

The authors argue that the ways tourism can promote peace are layered and diverse and must take account of concepts of justice.

"Peace in itself is a broad concept. Much more than simply the absence of armed or violent conflict, peace includes social harmony, inner or personal peace, peace with nature and even spiritual peace or peace with God," Dr Higgins-Desboilles says.

"This has allowed us and the contributors to the book to examine the widest examples of peace tourism from



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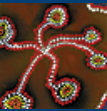
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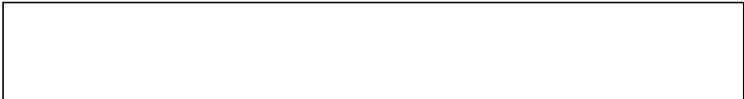



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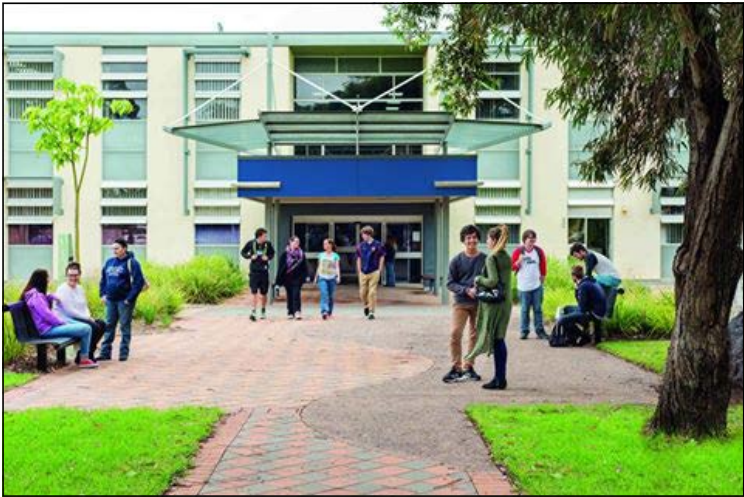
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UniSA Magill Campus added 14 new photos to the album Magill @ Twilight 2016 — with Dempsey Charlton and 2 others.  
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24 August at 17:12 · 🌐

Hear from [USASA Adelaide](#) International Student Representative, Valerie, about how her family celebrate Christmas back home and what 'Unity in Diversity' means to her.

Multicultural Day is at [UniSA- Mawson Lakes Campus](#) today from 12pm-2pm. Details of the event are up at [www.unisa.edu.au/multiculturalday](http://www.unisa.edu.au/multiculturalday)

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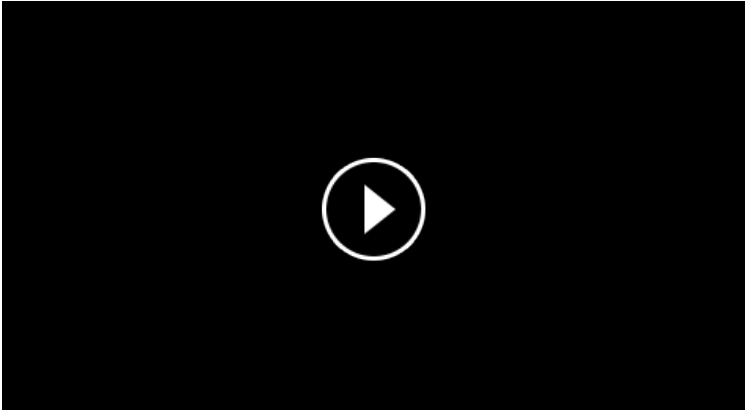


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23 August at 17:00 ·

Science Without Borders student, Pedro, gives us an insight into music and cultural celebration in Northeastern Brazil, and explains what 'Unity in Diversity' means to him.

Multicultural Day is at [UniSA City East Campus](#) today from 12pm. Check out the schedule of events at [www.unisa.edu.au/multiculturalday](http://www.unisa.edu.au/multiculturalday) [#UniSAMulticulturalDay](#)





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24 August at 04:28

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Ever wanted to export to China but not sure how or where to start?  
The Innovation & Collaboration Centre is hosting two half-day workshops which aim to provide a deeper understanding of Chinese business culture and help build strategies for market success in China. If you are interested in attending either one of the events, please visit the ICC event page to find out more information <http://icc.unisa.edu.au/events/>



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- How hot is Adelaide? Is it really very hot??... [See more](#)

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**University of South Australia** ✓ Hi Humble, you can check out the below website about Adelaide weather! Hope that helps!



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22 August at 17:53 · Adelaide, SA ·

Hear from UniSA student, Swapnil, about how he celebrates within his culture and what this year's theme ('Unity in Diversity') means to him.

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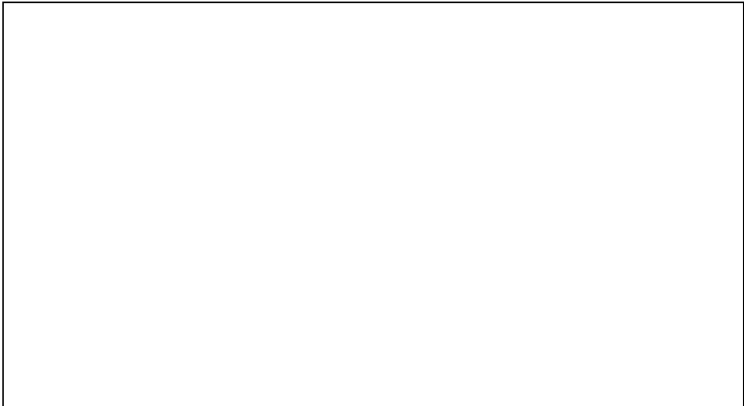
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**Jeet Chand** Great Hall looks really great, but surrounding environment ???  
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**University of South Australia** Hi Jeet, we think so too 😊 The Great Hall is located at our City West campus and will continue to transform the vibrancy of Adelaide's West End. You can view more details about the location and other info on our website:  
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**Joseph Campbell** UniSA Sport Exercise Benefits Health and Fitness Centre  
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Start-ups are critical to South Australia's economic success. Rob Chapman, Chair of Investment Attraction Agency, and UniSA business alumnus, tells us why. <http://ow.ly/2WEc302yYIC>





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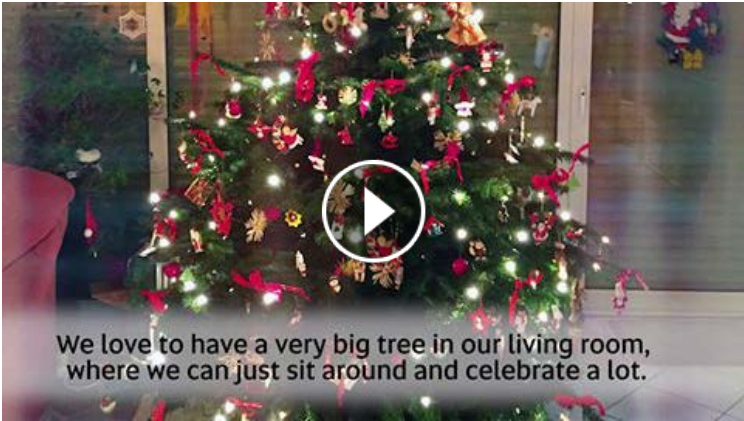
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Over the next week, UniSA will celebrate our diverse multicultural community at Multicultural Day events on each of our campuses with FREE food, activities, music and dance performances, workshops, and sport demonstrations.

Here we'll share the stories from some of our students about how they celebrate within their culture and what this year's theme ('Unity in Diversity') means to them.

Check out the full schedule of Multicultural Day events at [www.unisa.edu.au/multiculturald...](http://www.unisa.edu.au/multiculturald...) [See more](#)



We love to have a very big tree in our living room, where we can just sit around and celebrate a lot.

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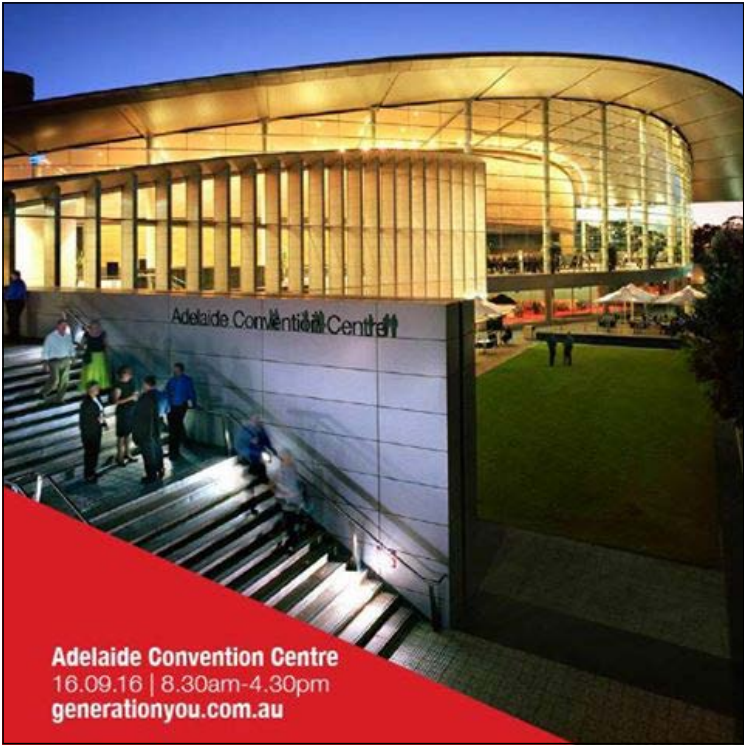
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It's your time to stand out from the crowd! Whether you're a student, recent graduate or young professional, attend [generationYOU | Adelaide 2016](#) this September and gain some tips and tricks on how to kickstart your ideal career and become an exception. Check out the Adelaide program here: <http://bit.ly/29sOx8R>



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Multicultural Day is about celebrating 'Unity in Diversity' and cultures from around the world.

Next week a Multicultural Day celebration will be held on campuses from 12-2pm. The events are an opportunity for all students and staff to share and learn about different cultures and celebrate all things multicultural on campus, with a variety of FREE cultural food, activities, music and dance performances, workshops, and sport demonstrations on display.


Check the website for the full schedule [www.unisa.edu.au/multiculturalday](http://www.unisa.edu.au/multiculturalday)




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
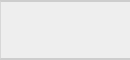
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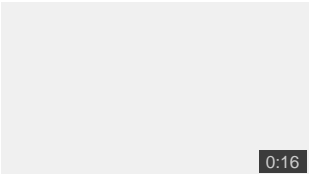
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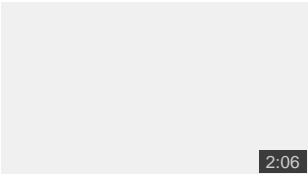
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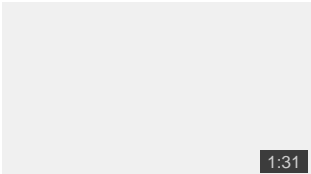
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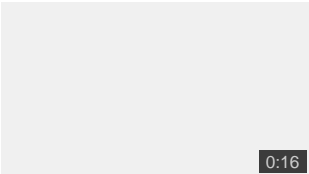
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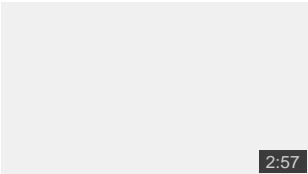
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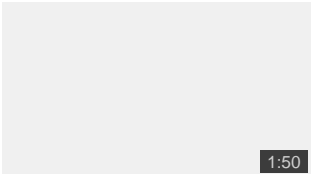
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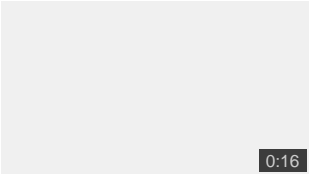
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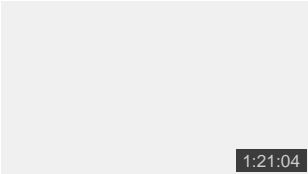
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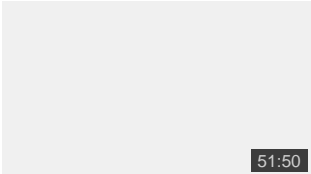
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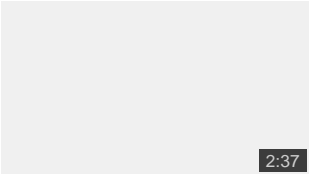
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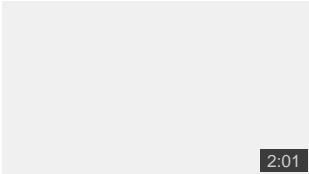
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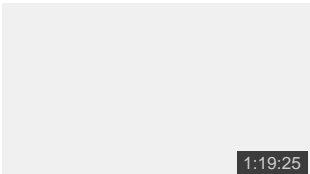


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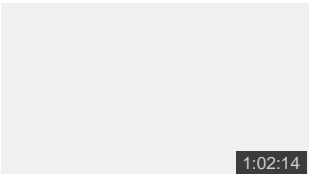
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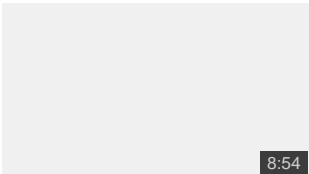
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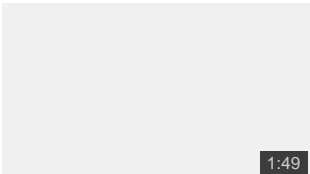


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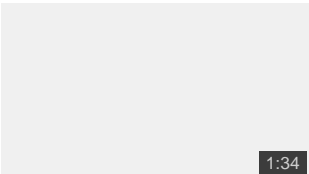
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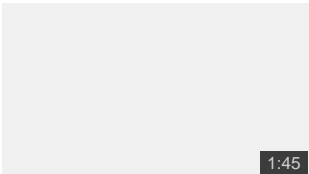
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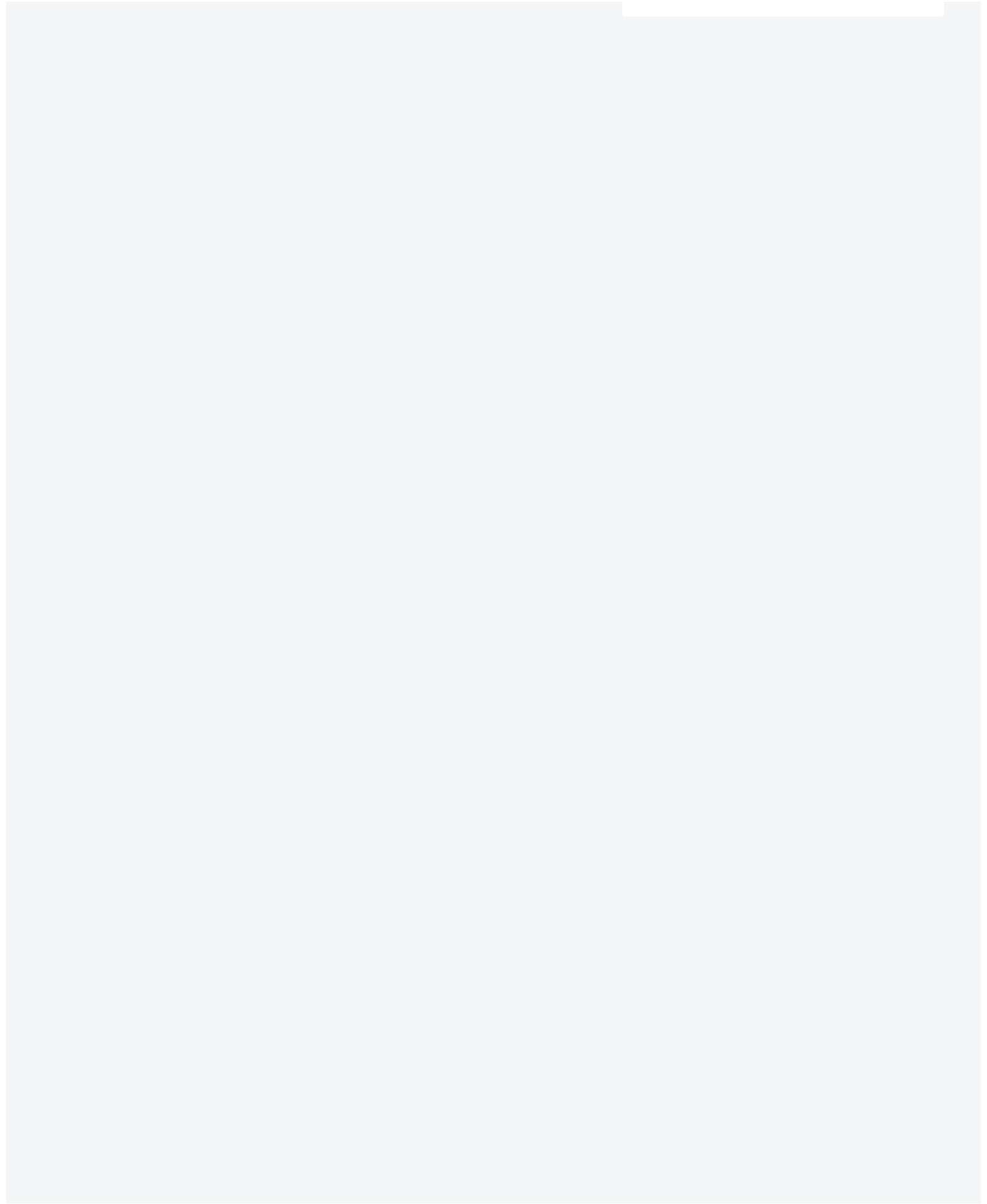
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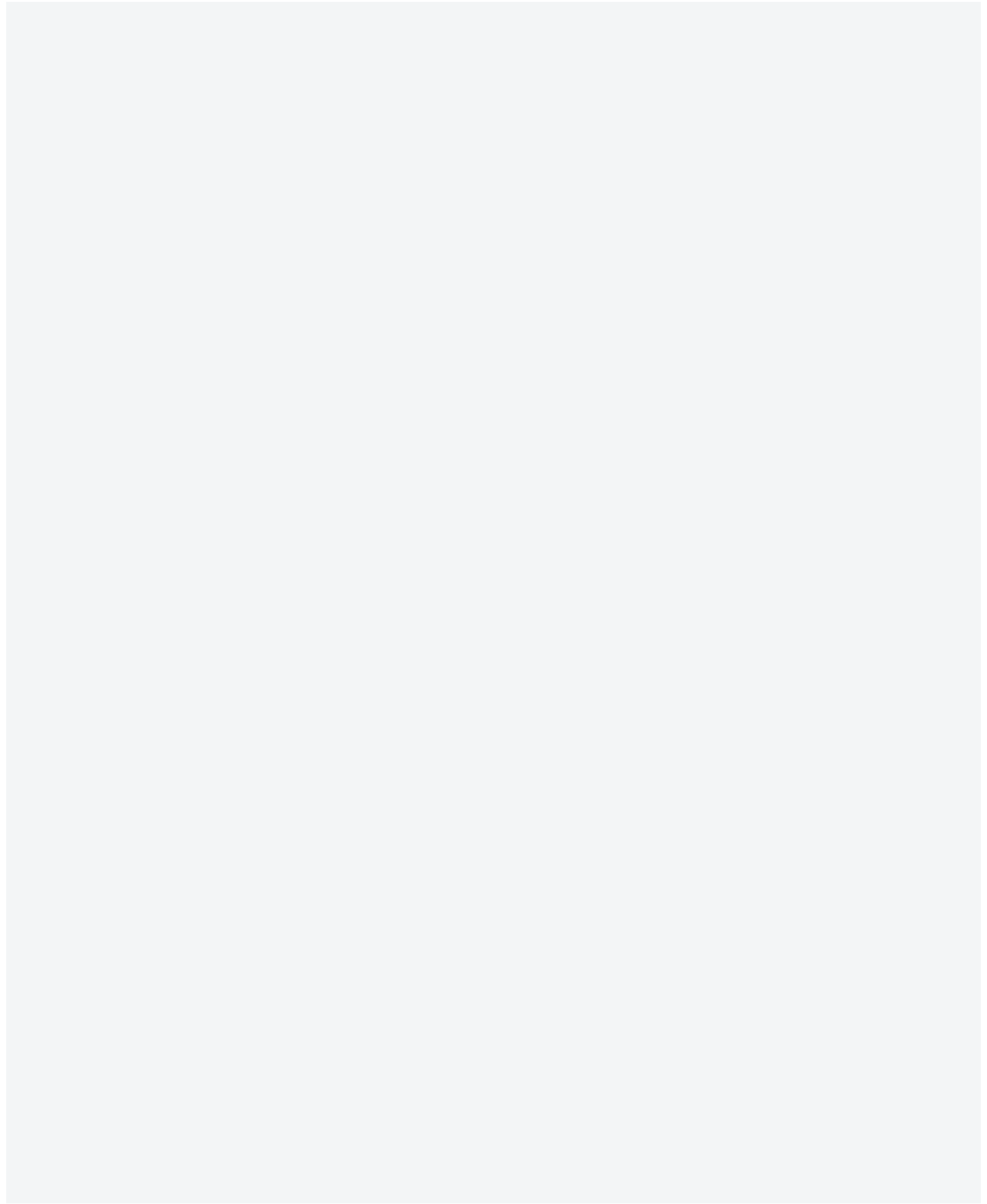
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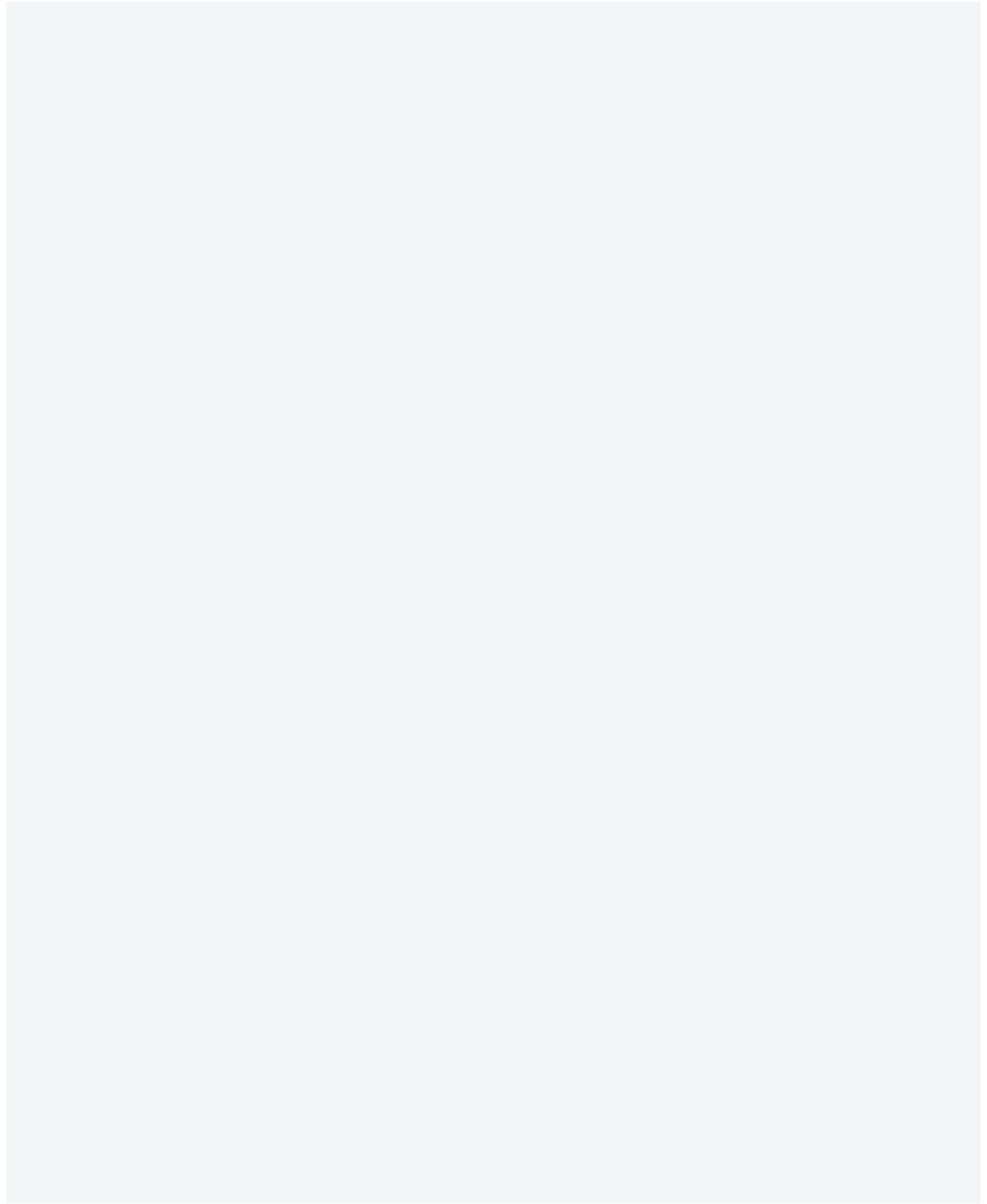
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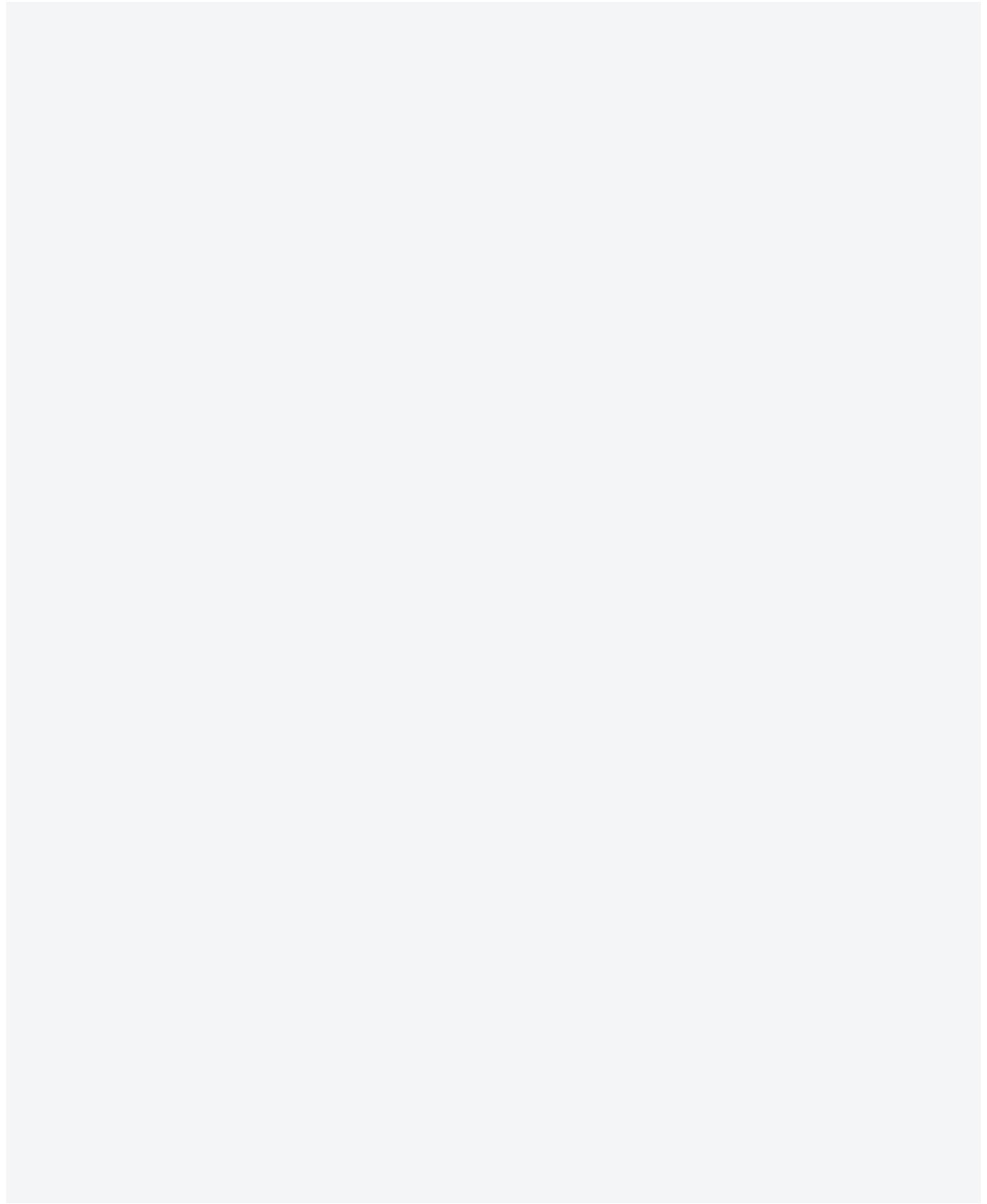
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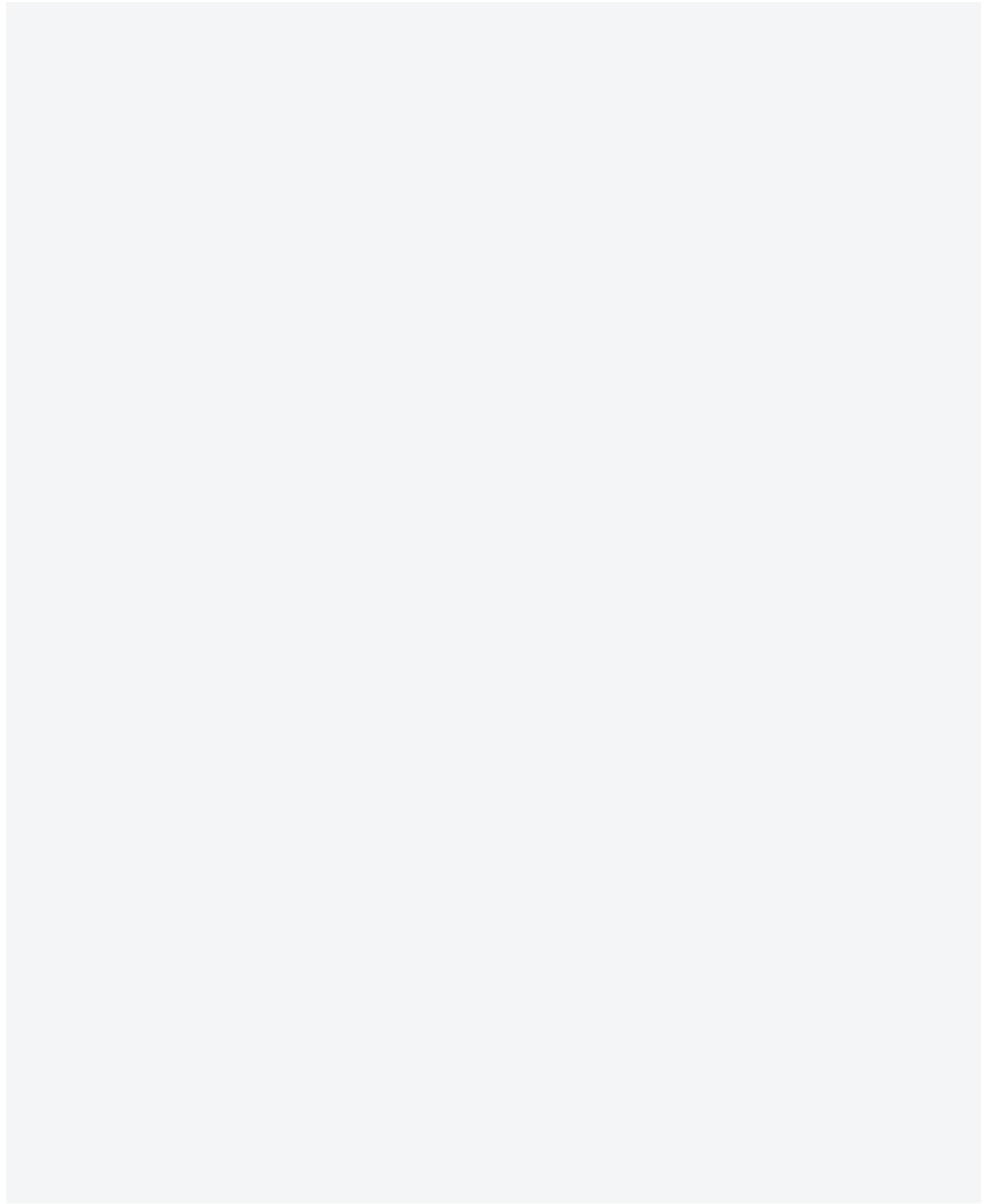


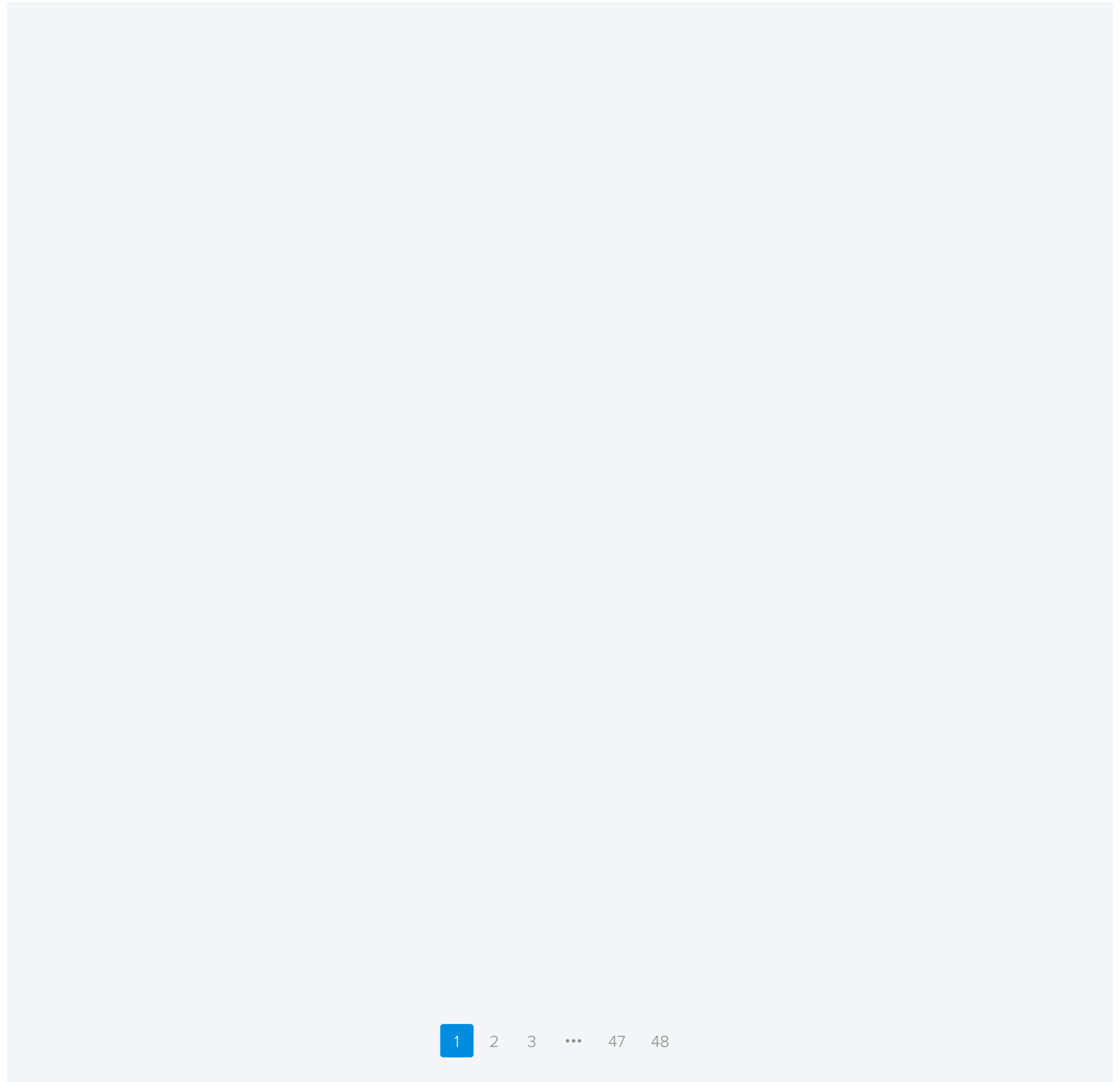






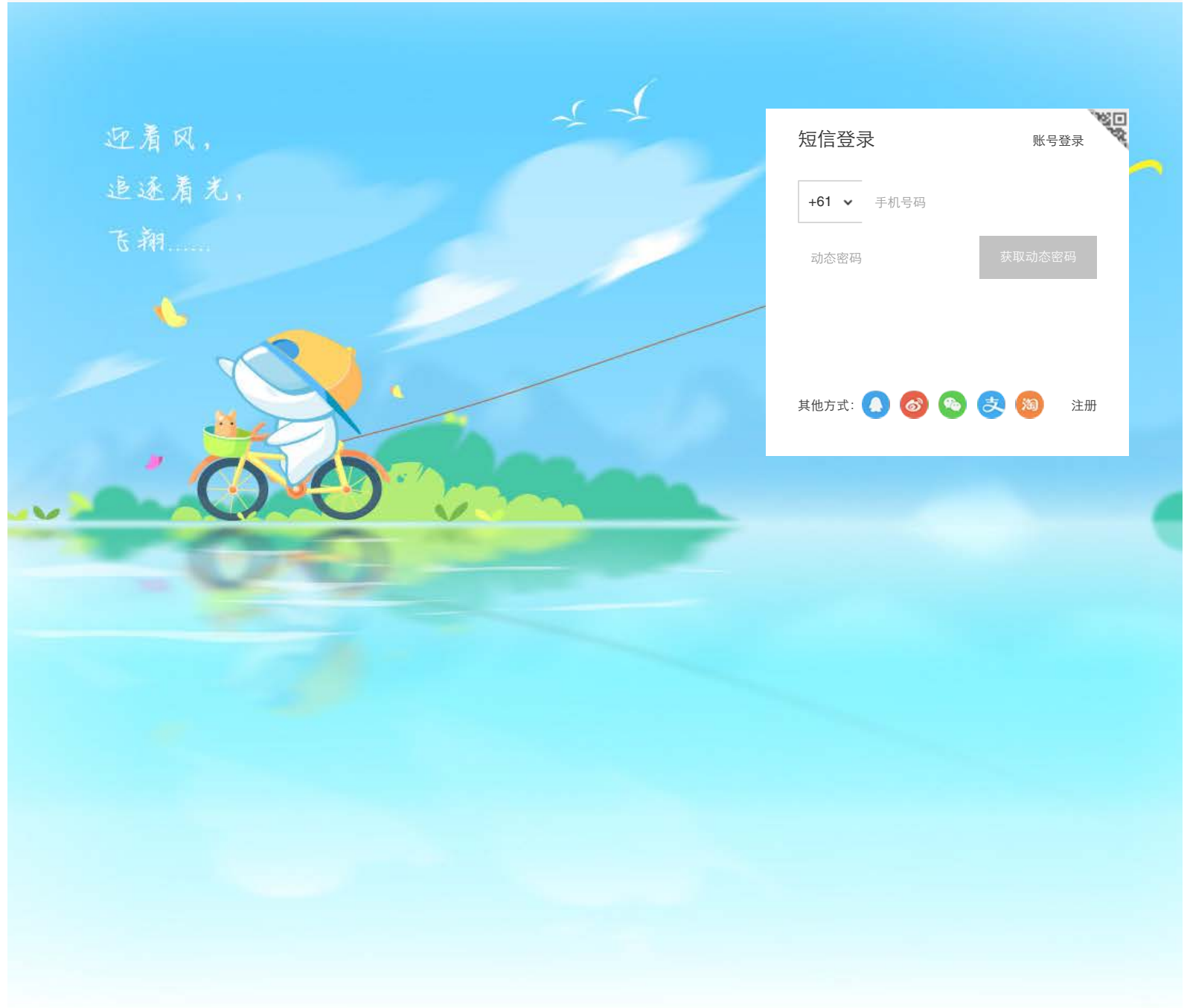












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## Open Day was held on Sunday 14 August

This year's Open Day was the best yet with over 90 presentations, 80 information

booths and 43 things to see and do. We hope you enjoyed your time on campus and found all the information you needed about your pathway and study options. If you still have questions, make sure you attend our Open August Events or contact our [Future Student Enquires Team](#).

## Missed a presentation?

If you didn't manage to make it to Open Day, watch our [program overview videos](#) to find out more about the range of programs on offer.

## What's next?

### UniSA's Open August Events


Open Day is held at our City West and City East campuses and is a great chance for you to explore all the study options on offer at UniSA in the one spot. Once you have decided on your direction, you will have another opportunity to step onto our Mawson Lakes, Magill and Whyalla campuses. You can explore the facilities and hear from current students, staff and industry professionals. Attend Magill @ Twilight if you are interested in studying Education, Psychology, Social Work, Communication, Media & Arts. Discover Mawson is for those thinking about careers in the areas of engineering, information technology, environmental science, geospatial science, science and advanced materials, aviation and mathematics. Find out about education, nursing, social work, business and Foundation Studies at Whyalla Open Day.

Event	Date	Location
Magill @ Twilight	Wednesday 24 August	Magill campus
Discover Mawson	Thursday 25 August	Mawson Lakes campus
Whyalla Open Day	Sunday 28 August	Whyalla campus

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### Open August events



UniSA's Open Day is part of Open August, a series of events giving prospective students and parents a range of opportunities to visit our campuses, ask questions and assist with the selection of courses and careers.

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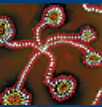
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- choose the voice to use
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- create shortcut/hotkeys to start/stop reading
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Sound Card + Speakers  
15MB Free Disk Space

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For PDFs: Acrobat Reader 9

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