

UQ Academic Language Forum 2026

Friday 25 September - Global Change Institute, UQ St Lucia

Program

Time	Session
9:30am	Welcome Christopher Newcombe <i>Strategic Lead, Academic Language Development, UQ</i> Opening address Professor Deborah Terry AC <i>Vice-Chancellor and President, UQ</i>
9:40am	Keynote speaker Rethinking institution-wide approaches to academic language and literacy in the age of AI Associate Professor Ben Fenton-Smith <i>School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science, Griffith University</i>
10:45am	Refreshments
11:10am	Student panel The international student experience in 2026
12:15pm	Lunch
1:05pm	Best practice showcase Highlights from across UQ of responses to and integration of AI into language support and practice AI supported exemplar texts Melanie Fleming <i>Senior Principal Educational Researcher, Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology, UQ</i> Stuart Crosbie <i>Embedded Language Support Officer, Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology, UQ</i> What are we really testing? Transforming the design of written assessments Dr Maureen Engel <i>Lecturer, School of Communication and Arts, UQ</i> What is the role of academic skills support in the age of AI? Kate Hannan <i>Teaching Associate, School of Public Health, UQ</i> Dr Clare Hannan-Jones <i>Lecturer, School of Public Health, UQ</i> Interactive oral assessments in the age of AI Dr Andrew Scott <i>Lecturer, School of Business, UQ</i> AI practice partners Dr Olivia Wright <i>Senior Lecturer, School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences, UQ</i>
2:30pm	Closing remarks Professor Robin Shields <i>Head of School, School of Education, UQ</i>



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