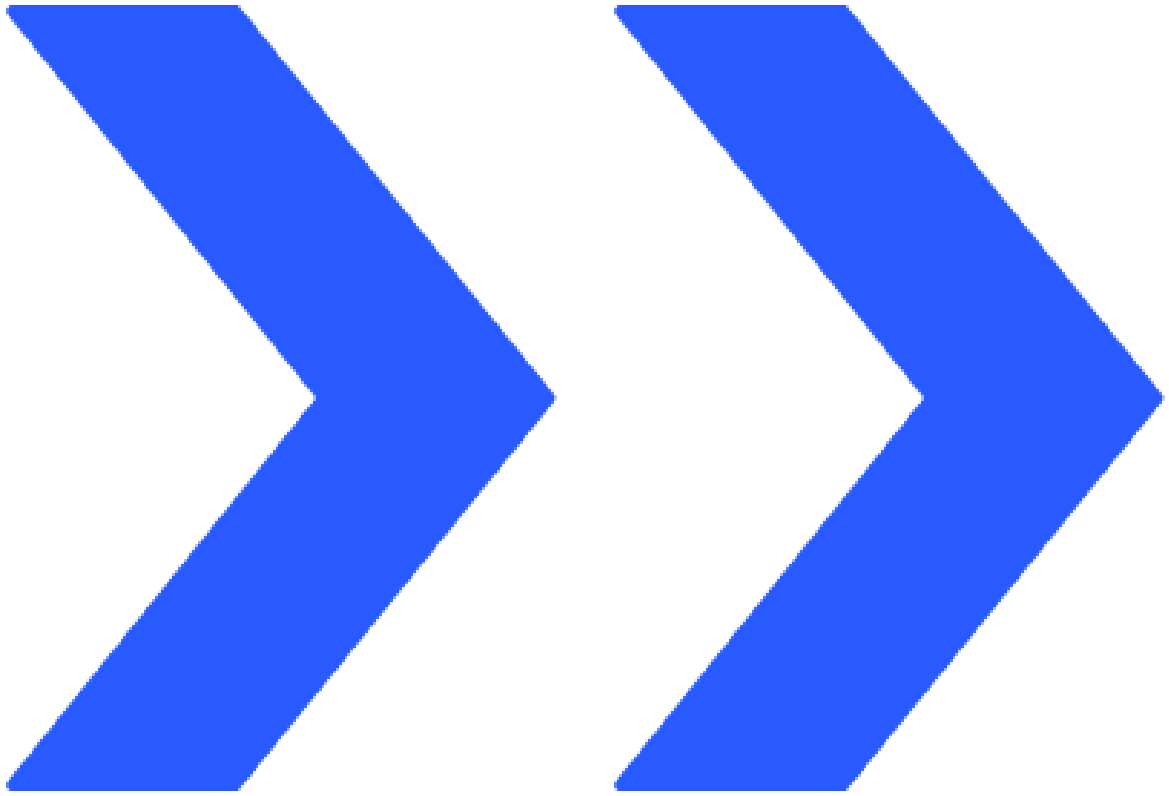
FUTURE FEST

MONASH CLAYTON CAMPUS
FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2026

What happens when you bring the brightest minds, boldest ideas and biggest opportunities together in one place?

Welcome to FutureFest - Monash University's innovation and industry festival, bringing together students, researchers, founders, startups, industry leaders and the wider innovation community for an afternoon of discovery, connection and inspiration.

Explore the technologies shaping tomorrow, get up close with cutting-edge research, hear from successful founders and industry leaders, and discover how ideas become ventures, innovations and real-world impact



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FUTUREFEST STAGE

FutureFest Stage - Ground Level Stairs

12-12.20PM | FUTUREFEST WELCOME

- MC welcome - Jeanette Cheah, CEO and Founder of HEX
- Welcome to Country - Caroline Martin
- Welcome from Associate Professor Susie Ho, Senior Academic Director, Industry and Immersive Experiences

12:20-12.55PM | KEYNOTE: GREAT MINDS DON'T THINK ALIKE

Globally renowned futurist, Dr Ben Hamer will show why, in a world where AI has the answers, curiosity has become the skill that sets people apart.

2-3PM | FUTUREFEST PITCH COMPETITION

Monash's best and brightest student and alumni teams will duel it out on the main stage for a share of $30k! Watch them impress our panel of expert judges;

- Adam Ryan (Professor of Practice and serial entrepreneur),
- Alicia Stevenson (Workforce Dynamics)
- Matt Vitale (New Dialogue)
- Nazieh Fazli (investor, advisor and entrepreneur)

3.15-3.45PM | GOOGLE KEYNOTE: I TOLD YOU THERE'D BE A PLAN

Chief Technology Officer for Public Sector, APAC with Google Cloud, Abhi Sethi speaks to his illustrious 22 year career in tech, working across Amazon, Goldman Sachs, BHP and IBM) to name a few. Abhi joins us at FutureFest, 25 years since Monash where it all began, and zero 5-year plans.

4-5.30PM | AI HACKCELLERATOR FINAL PITCH & SHOWCASE

Watch emerging AI and deep-tech ventures from across Monash University pitch their startup ideas to an expert panel of investors and industry leaders.

5:30-7PM | NETWORKING DRINKS AND FESTIVAL CLOSE

Join us to raise a glass to all our incredible founders and innovators and celebrate Futurefest

AI FUTURES MASTERCLASSES

Room G16

1-2PM | WHAT'S YOUR (AI) PROBLEM?

Everyone knows AI can help. But what should it actually solve? AI-curious, AI-obsessed or here to share, bring a real business problem and watch Monash's brightest AI minds pull it apart, live. From robotics to computer vision, IoT and automation – you'll leave knowing where AI really fits. The challenges are real – and so is the intelligence.

2-3PM | GOOGLE MASTERCLASS: STUDY SMARTER, PREP FASTER: GETTING THE MOST OUT OF GEMINI

A Google Masterclass: discover how to supercharge your university study, master prompting, and streamline your exam and assignment prep using Gemini, custom Skills, and Gemini Notebook.

3.10-3.50PM | KEEP, BEND OR BREAK: THE STARTUP PLAYBOOK IN THE AGE OF AI

Startups run on playbooks, and AI is rewriting them. Bring the rules of thumb you've been taught, and we'll test them live: which to keep, which to bend, and which to break.

RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY REIMAGINED

Room 102

1.30-2.30 PM | RESEARCH. REIMAGINED.

What happens when research moves beyond the lab, paper, or prototype? Join our panel to explore the people, partnerships, and possibilities that turn ideas into action and impact.

- Josh Pitt (Creative Destruction Labs)
- Charlie McGill (ElectraLith)
- Dr Karolina Matsuzek (Senior Research Fellow in the School of Chemistry)
- Associate Prof Darshini Ayto (Ageing and Health Services Team at the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine)
- Callum Benson (Investments Director, Monash Ventures)

2.30-4 PM | COLLABORATION CAFE

Connect with researchers, industry and innovators, spark new ideas and explore opportunities to collaborate and take the next step.



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INDUSTRY AND INNOVATION EXPO

Lower Ground, Room 02

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Discover breakthrough research, emerging startups and innovative organisations all in one place. Whether you're looking for career opportunities, new partnerships or fresh ideas, the Expo is your chance to connect with the people shaping our future.

CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY POP-UP

Build your career confidence at the Careers & Employability Pop-Up! Take part in fun, interactive challenges to uncover your strengths and sharpen your employability skills. Complete the challenges, collect your stamps and spin the wheel for a chance to win a prize!

COMPANIES IN ATTENDANCE

Health, MedTech & Life Sciences

- Chemist Warehouse
- Epworth Hospital
- Melbourne Bionics
- PCI Pharma Services
- Your Nursing Agency
- Diag-Nose
- New England Biolabs (NEB)

Engineering, Manufacturing & Robotics

- ABB
- Bosch
- Invetech
- Robotics Australia
- Successful Endeavours
- Unique Micro Design (UMD)

Research, Science & Innovation

- ADKL Labs Pty Ltd
- C-PRAV Labs
- Eastern Innovation Business Centre
- Innovation Victoria

Technology, Startups & Entrepreneurship

- Canva
- HEX
- Outerspace
- Send a Tradie
- MIME
- Nucleate

Government, Community & Sustainability

- City of Monash
- Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS)
- Southern Rural Water

Careers, Consulting & Professional Services

- ANZIIF
- EY
- Give a Grad a Go
- Hatch
- KPMG
- Prosple

INDUSTRY AND INNOVATION EXPO CONTINUED

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RESEARCH PLATFORMS IN ATTENDANCE

Drug Discovery

- Australian Translational Medicinal Chemistry Facility
- Centre for Drug Candidate Optimisation
- Monash Fragment Drug Design Platform
- Monash Medicines Innovation Centre

Biomedical

- Monash Antibody Discovery Platform
- Monash Biomedical Imaging
- Ramaciotti Centre for Cryo-Electron Microscopy
- FlowCore
- Monash Functional Genomics Platform
- Monash Genomics & Bioinformatics Platform
- Monash Genome Modification Platform
- Monash Histology Platform
- Monash Macromolecular Crystallisation Platform
- Monash Metabolic Phenotyping Platform
- Monash Micro Imaging
- Monash Proteomics & Metabolomics Platform

Advanced Manufacturing

- Monash Centre for Additive Manufacturing
- Melbourne Centre for Nanofabrication
- Monash Centre for Electron Microscopy
- Monash Mechanical Testing Platform
- X-Ray

Digital Research

- eResearch

FACULTIES IN ATTENDANCE

- Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Information Technology
- Faculty of Law
- Monash Graduate Research Office

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CAMPUS GREEN PARK
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FIRST NATIONS FUTURES

Exhibition Walk

1.30-2.30PM AND 2.30-3.30PM | JEWELLERY MAKING

Join Cassandra Clarke, a proud Bundjalung and Wemba Wemba woman whose handcrafted jewellery and cultural creations are deeply inspired by Country, culture and connection. Each piece is thoughtfully handmade, celebrating the beauty of her heritage through unique designs, creativity and storytelling.

3-5PM | TREE PLANTING

Get hands-on with Country by planting native Boonwurrung flora alongside Parbinata, helping create a lasting educational space that celebrates First Nations knowledge and leaves a meaningful mark on the Clayton campus.

NEXT GEN TALENT ZONE

1-4PM | NEXT GEN TALENT TAROT

Are you a Storyteller or Stabiliser? Trailblazer or Tinkerer? Discover your future-self archetype, uncover hidden exponential strengths – and learn to be the main character in an uncertain plot. Plus prizes every 15 mins, henna, fortune cookies, matcha and mentor readings on the lawn. Powered by HEX.

2-3PM | ALUMNI FOUNDER AMA

Grab a beanbag and learn from some of Monash's most exciting alumni founders.

STARTUP STAGE

1.20-1.50PM | EVERYONE CAN BE ENTREPRENEURIAL - JAHIN TANVIR

In this fireside chat, Jahin Tanvir discusses the skills, mindset, and curiosity that help people turn ideas into impact, empowering anyone to become a creator of the future.

2-2.20PM | SOCIAL IMPACT AND INNOVATION

What happens when big ideas meet a bigger purpose? Hear from entrepreneurs and changemakers using business, technology and creative thinking to tackle social and environmental challenges.

- Bedi Othow (DivTal)
- Belinda Paul (RCYCL)
- Sakshi Thakur (Sewing the Seeds)

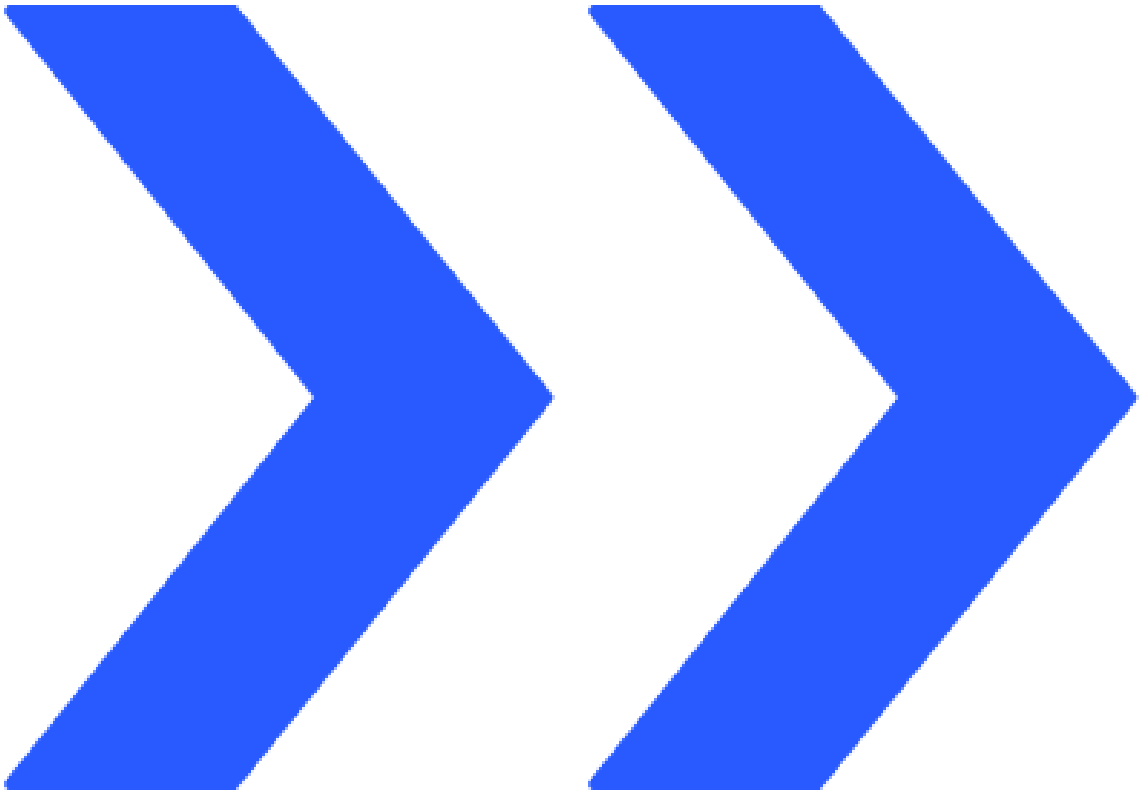
2.30-3.20PM | LESSONS FROM BUILDING THE ICONIC - ADAM JACOBS

Co-Founder Adam Jacobs shares the lessons learnt from building Australia's largest online fashion retailer, THE ICONIC, and how he took these into building Hatch, an AI-powered talent marketplace and job platform.

3.30-4PM | FEARLESS FEMALE FOUNDERS PANEL

What does it really take to build a business as a woman? Hear from inspiring female founders about their journeys in this honest conversation about backing yourself, navigating the startup ecosystem and building businesses on your own terms.

- Adair Robins (Tech Council of Australia)
- Maria Baker (Nobody's Princess)
- Nazieh Fazli (investor, advisor and entrepreneur)
- Sonia Kaurah (Tala Thrive)
- Julie Dao (Sonorus)



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FOOD AND DRINK

MP3 SOCIAL MATCHA
Matcha lovers, this one's for you! MP3 Social Matcha is bringing a fresh take on everyone's favourite green tea, with delicious matcha drinks to sip, savour and enjoy while exploring everything FutureFest has to offer.

BEANTO COFFEE
Your caffeine fix is sorted! BeanTo Coffee is bringing barista-made coffee straight to FutureFest, serving up all your favourites to keep you fuelled throughout the day. Stop by, grab a cup and recharge.

BEAT BOX BURGERS
Bring your appetite! Beat Box Burgers is serving up classic, American-inspired burgers, bringing big flavour and satisfying bites to FutureFest. Whether you're after a quick lunch or a proper burger fix, they've got you covered.

KIMU JAPANESE
Bringing together the best of Korean and Japanese flavours, Kimu Japanese serves up delicious food packed with bold flavours and inspired by two rich food cultures. Perfect for a tasty lunchtime adventure.

NEM N NEM
Add a little Vietnamese flavour to your FutureFest experience with Nem n Nem. Expect delicious Vietnamese-inspired street food, packed with fresh ingredients and vibrant flavours – perfect for a quick and tasty bite.

TOASTED TRUCK & DELI
Serving up seriously good toasties, Toasted Truck & Deli brings comfort food to the streets. Expect crispy, golden toasted sandwiches packed with delicious fillings – the ultimate grab-and-go lunch or lunchtime treat.

SWEET STAKES DONUTS
Got a sweet tooth? Sweet Stakes Donuts is serving up delicious, freshly made doughnut treats to satisfy your cravings. Swing by for a little sugar hit and the perfect sweet pick-me-up.

MATCHA RAVE

4-5PM I MP3 MATCHA RAVE
Get your matcha fix with a side of beats. MP3 Social is bringing the energy with a Matcha Rave – serving up feel-good tunes, matcha-fuelled vibes and plenty of reasons to dance. Think good music, great matcha and an afternoon pick-me-up with a twist.

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INNOVATION INFRASTRUCTURE TOURS FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2026

RESEARCH PLATFORMS TOURS

11.20AM-12.20PM
2.45PM-3.45PM

Explore Monash's research facilities and learn how our platforms support research and industry. Each platform visit will include a tour of the facility and equipment, along with an overview of its capabilities, specialist expertise and the work it supports.

Choose from two tours: **Biomedical** or **Advanced Manufacturing**, each featuring three platforms.

BIOMEDICAL

Monash Antibody Discovery Platform
The Monash Antibody Discovery Platform (MADP) provides services for antibody discovery, production and sequencing, and cell line cryopreservation. Its primary focus is generating high-affinity monoclonal antibodies specific to customer needs. The platform also offers a range of services for cell line work and antibody characterisation.

Ramaciotti Centre for Cryo-Electron Microscopy
The Monash Ramaciotti Centre for Cryo-Electron Microscopy (Cryo-EM) is a leading research facility for biological electron microscopy. It provides expertise in advanced electron microscopy for biomedical discoveries at the molecular and cellular level.

Techniques include scanning and transmission electron microscopy, immuno electron microscopy, correlative light and electron microscopy, and cryo-electron tomography. The centre also provides structure determination using single particle cryo-EM. Its suite of advanced electron microscopes includes two Titan KRIOS cryo-TEMs. Together with the Monash Centre for Electron Microscopy, it forms the Victorian node of Microscopy Australia.

Monash Micro Imaging
Monash Micro Imaging (MMI) provides world-class optical imaging instrumentation and expertise for biomedical and life sciences research. Its capabilities include advanced light, fluorescence, confocal, multiphoton, super-resolution and lightsheet microscopy. These technologies support a diverse range of applications for morphological and functional characterisation.

Facilities are located at Clayton, the Monash Health Translation Precinct and the Alfred Research Alliance. All technologies are supported by training in bioimage analysis and research methodology.

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Monash Centre for Electron Microscopy
The Monash Centre for Electron Microscopy (MCEM) provides world-class instrumentation, expertise and teaching in electron microscopy, enabling researchers to address major scientific challenges. Its instruments can determine the composition, structure and bonding of materials down to the atomic scale.

MCEM houses four transmission electron microscopes, four scanning electron microscopes and two dual beam focussed ion

beam microscopes. These are supported by sample preparation and data analysis capabilities in an award-winning building designed to optimise instrument performance. Research spans alloys, ceramics, polymers, biomaterials, microelectronics and nanotechnology. Staff also develop electron microscopy methods and techniques to address problems in science and engineering.

Monash Mechanical Testing Platform

The Monash Mechanical Testing Platform (MMTP) provides a one-stop solution for advanced mechanical testing, closing the loop in the materials research workflow. It provides open access to testing equipment, technical expertise and accredited testing pathways for users across Monash, other universities, industry and government, including the defence sector.

The platform evaluates the strength, durability and safety of materials and components under various forces and environmental conditions. Tensile, compression, fatigue and impact testing support teaching, research and industry projects, including those of higher degree by research students.

Monash X-ray Platform

The Monash X-ray Platform (MXP) is an open access research platform and one of Australia's largest in-house X-ray instrument facilities. It provides advanced X-ray diffraction, scattering and photoelectron spectroscopy instrumentation, alongside services, consultancy and training.

MXP supports materials development for industrial, environmental and biomedical applications, and green technologies for energy production and mining. It also supports student education in materials characterisation. The platform complements the Australian Synchrotron and Melbourne Centre for Nanofabrication, and works with other Monash platforms on materials and protein characterisation.

Its instrumentation and services are available to Monash researchers, other universities, government research agencies and industry.

MONASH INNOVATION LABS TOURS

1-2PM
3-4PM

Explore Monash Innovation Labs (MiLabs), a purpose-built innovation hub bringing startups and established businesses into the university environment.

Tour the laboratories, engineering workshops and specialised technical facilities supporting applied R&D, prototyping and technology development.

Discover how MiLabs brings businesses, researchers and students together in a shared innovation environment, alongside Monash Makerspace, home to Monash's student engineering teams.