

# AsIAM Approved



## Autism Friendly HEI

An 'AsIAM Approved' Autism friendly HEI is committed to supporting and understanding the needs of Autistic students and staff. These universities are continually adapting the environment, raising awareness and acceptance, and building initiatives to make it as easy as possible for members of the autism community to participate fully in all aspects of HEI life.

These Universities will not only ensure autistic students can thrive while studying but also serve as a springboard to employment opportunities after study.

## Principles of an Autism Friendly HEI

1. Encourage and enable autistic students to transition and participate in HEI programmes
2. Support and build capacity to equip Autistic students to meet the academic challenges of everyday HEI life.
3. Support and build capacity to equip Autistic students to meet the social challenges of everyday HEI life.
4. Seek to establish an Autism-friendly operational environment.
5. Seek to combat the stigma around autism and recognise the diverse experiences of Autistic individuals.
6. Develop understanding and relevant knowledge and skills within the HEI community.
7. Establish channels so that Autistic students can have a voice in various aspects of HEI life.
8. Increase the employability of Autistic graduates.
9. Build capacity throughout the HEI to support Autistic employees.

