A STRONG UNIVERSITY SECTOR

Australia’s higher education system is a global success story.

Our universities are highly regarded on the international stage for their innovative approaches to learning and teaching, for the quality of the student experience, and for strong graduate employment.

They educate more than 1.4 million students and produce more than 325,000 skilled graduates each year to meet the needs of a rapidly changing workforce and economy.

International education is Australia’s fourth biggest export, worth a record $38.2 billion, and it delivers vast cultural and social benefits to our nation.

Through it, Australian students build strong global networks. And international students return home with a deeper knowledge of, and affection for, our nation and our culture.

Our universities are powerhouses of research, they help to develop innovative industries and new jobs vital to Australia’s global competitiveness.

Through successful collaborations, our expertise helps industry to solve business challenges, gain a competitive edge and connect with brilliant talent.

The 2020 edition of University Profiles is your guide to Australia’s 39 comprehensive universities.

Each university has strong capabilities in teaching and research, tailored not only to help meet national and global challenges but also responsive to the needs of their communities.

Together, they play a crucial role in Australia’s ongoing economic, social and cultural success.

We encourage you to share this publication among your own networks.

Professor Deborah Terry AO and Ms Catriona Jackson
Chair and Chief Executive
Universities Australia
The University of Adelaide stands tall on the world stage as South Australia’s leading university. Consistently ranked in the top 1 per cent of universities globally* and located in the heart of the world’s 10th most liveable city**, we offer the rare combination of elite academic performance and outstanding quality of life.

We also combine significant, impact-focused research with excellent graduate outcomes. We’re the state’s only member of Australia’s prestigious Group of Eight research-intensive universities, and rank number one for graduate employability^.

Established in 1874, our proud tradition instils confidence in our students. We’re associated with five Nobel Laureates, more than 120 Fulbright Scholars and over 100 Rhodes Scholars. Yet as a progressive, forward-thinking institution, our focus remains firmly on breaking new ground.

Preparing students for the future workforce

Although many jobs of the future don’t yet exist, the best preparation for them does, here at Adelaide. With a strong focus on employability, an Adelaide education ensures that students gain not only deep discipline knowledge, but broad transferable capabilities to explore every future opportunity.

Importantly, the quality of our degrees opens career paths everywhere. We’re ranked top 50 globally in four subject areas; top 100 in another 12; and top 150 in 10 more.*

Research for a better world

Our 1,700 research academics and 2,300 research students collaborate with industry, government and other leading institutions to solve real societal problems and achieve meaningful community impact.

One hundred per cent of our research is rated ‘world standard or above’, with work in 41 fields assessed as ‘well above world standard’†. Key strengths include: agriculture, food and wine; defence and security; med-tech and health; environment and sustainability; mining and energy; and society, culture and the economy.

A uniquely rewarding workplace

The University of Adelaide offers vast scope for a long, fulfilling career. Our staff work alongside world-leaders; receive career-long support, with ongoing opportunities for personal and professional growth; and are immersed in incredible cultural diversity. Around 30 per cent of our 25,000 students come from overseas—more than 100 countries in all—and half of our academic staff were born internationally or hold dual citizenships.

At Australian Catholic University (ACU) we pride ourselves on offering a welcoming environment for everyone. At the same time, we are a university committed to standing for something clear. We stand up for people in need and causes that matter. Our students want to make an impact, and we’re giving them the skills to succeed.

We’re a young university, but we are making our mark. We are ranked in the top two per cent of all universities worldwide\(^1\), the top 40 Generation Y universities worldwide\(^2\) and in the top 10 Catholic universities\(^3\). We now have eight campuses around Australia, and a campus in Rome, Italy. From 2021, you can join us at our newest campus in Blacktown, Western Sydney.

We have grown rapidly over the last few years, but you will find us more supportive than ever. Our campuses and classes are the perfect size. Your lecturers will know your name, and you’ll make great friends and strong networks.

We know that the best way to get ahead is hands-on, practical experience. That’s why our campuses have world-class facilities like nursing simulation labs, fully functioning ambulances, art galleries and moot courts. All our courses offer work placements, internships with leading companies, or volunteering opportunities. And the results speak for themselves – we’re top three in Australia for graduate employment\(^4\).

ACU offers programs in allied health, business, creative arts, early childhood education, global studies, humanities and social sciences, inclusive education and disability studies, information technology, law, nursing, midwifery and paramedicine, nutrition and biomedical science, philosophy, psychology, public health and administration, sport and exercise science, teaching and education, and theology.

We’re closely integrated into our communities and industries, working with them to answer the big questions, and to create tangible results. Our research programs tackle enduring and pressing issues in society, in Australia, and around the world.

\(^1\) Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020.
\(^2\) Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2019.
\(^3\) Based on International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) members ranked on Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020.
\(^4\) Graduate Outcomes Survey, overall employment rate, domestic undergraduate cohort, 2019
The Australian National University (ANU) is a world-leading university situated in the centre of Canberra.

ANU was founded by the Australian Government in 1946 with a mission to stand among the great universities of the world.

The university is a key contributor to public policy formation and debate, a celebrated place of intensive research and is renowned for excellence in undergraduate and postgraduate education. ANU has strong ties to the nation’s policy makers and sets the standard on issues of national and international importance. ANU is led by Nobel Laureate Professor Brian P. Schmidt AC.

The university is consistently ranked among the best universities in the world.

In 2018, 96 per cent of narrow fields of research at ANU were rated above or well above world standard by the Australian Government’s Excellence in Research for Australia initiative. This is the highest proportion in Australia. ANU ranked 29th in the world and top in Australia in the 2020 QS World University Rankings.

ANU scholars shape debate and extend knowledge in new and profound directions, nationally and globally. ANU works closely with other Australian national institutions, research organisations, foreign ministries and the Australian Parliament.

The university is home to more than 26,000 students, with almost half studying at the postgraduate level. ANU attracts people from around the world, with roughly one third of its students coming from overseas. Many ANU graduates go on to take up leadership positions in government, industry, research and academia, at home and abroad.

ANU is Australia’s only member of the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU). The alliance of leading research and teaching institutions shares a global vision, with a focus on research-led teaching, educating future leaders and tackling some of this century’s biggest challenges.

The main ANU campus is situated on 145 hectares of parklands in the centre of Canberra. Facilities include on-campus accommodation in a range of residential styles, modern laboratories and lecture theatres, and five main libraries.
Bond University is Australia’s leading university for student experience and student retention.

In the latest issue of the Good Universities Guide, the Gold Coast-based, private, non-profit university achieved the maximum five-star rating for student retention, student teacher ratio, learner engagement, learning resources, skills development, student support, teaching quality and overall student experience. On a global scale, QS Stars awarded Bond the maximum five-star rating for its teaching, employability, internationalisation, facilities, social responsibility and inclusiveness.

Bond’s stand-out performance in the national and international rankings is a reflection of its founding principle to disrupt the status quo and do things differently.

Since the university opened in 1989, Bond has pioneered the trimester system so its graduates complete their bachelor degrees in just two years, instead of three. They are out in the workforce earning much earlier than other graduates and are ready for early promotions while their colleagues are just starting out. Rather than teaching in crowded lecture halls or to isolated online students, Bond professors offer a personalised learning experience. They not only know their students by name, but understand their ambitions and mentor their progress.

Bond also believes that university should offer much more than a degree – so they have developed only-at-Bond experiences like core subjects to develop communication and leadership skills, the Transformer program to encourage entrepreneurship, and Beyond Bond which provides opportunities to engage with the wider global community through internships, clinical placements, volunteering, social welfare projects, competitions, conferences and more.

From January 2020 Bond will offer a new suite of transformation degree programs – spanning legal, health, digital and entrepreneurial transformation – to equip students for jobs of the future by teaching them design thinking, information analysis, problem-solving and change management.

Bond stands out from the crowd by ensuring its students and graduates stand out from the crowd: in the classroom, on campus and to prospective employers who are looking for job applicants that offer something more.

KEY STUDY AREAS: actuarial science; architecture and built environment; business and commerce; communication and creative media; health sciences; hotel/tourism; international relations and humanities; law, medicine; social sciences; psychology and counselling; and sport.
The University of Canberra is a young, dynamic, professionally oriented university with a clear public purpose serving the people and communities of Canberra and the surrounding regions – city to coast, alpine to tablelands. Our location in Australia’s capital city, surrounded by dynamic areas of regional Australia, defines who we are and the unique offerings we take to the world. While our home is Canberra, our reach is global.

We are the university in, of and from Canberra.

We are a young university with fierce ambition. Our continued success in research and education has been internationally recognised, resulting in UC becoming the world’s fastest rising university in the nation and the world (QS, 2019). UC has been named in the top one per cent of universities worldwide, placed in the 193rd position of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020, and is ranked 34 in the world’s top 100 young universities by the 2019 Times Higher Education Young University Rankings.

Our graduates enjoy an 89 per cent employment rate and higher starting salaries than the Australian university average, and many of our 86,000 alumni hold influential positions in public and private sectors in 120 countries.

We are a leading sports institution and have strong ties with elite sporting teams. We proudly own WNBL team the University of Canberra Capitals and our women’s rugby sevens squad competes in the Uni 7s Series. We support W-League team Canberra United and the ACT Brumbies Super Rugby team call our campus home.

Through a transformative campus development plan, the university will continue to evolve into an interactive, connected hub of scholars, learners and innovators.

The University of Canberra Hospital [UCH] opened on campus in mid-2018 and is our cornerstone facility in the university’s rapidly developing health precinct. The subacute care facility specialises in the provision of rehabilitation, mental health, and aged care health services. Other developments include a cancer care centre, with aged care facility and residential development underway.
CQUniversity Australia has been on a phenomenal trajectory in recent years and its remarkable growth in student numbers, new courses, new campuses, infrastructure and reputation has seen it emerge as one of Australia’s truly great universities.

Originally founded in Rockhampton in 1967 as the Queensland Institute of Technology (QIT) Capricornia, it was granted full university status in 1992 and was named the University of Central Queensland. The university rebranded to CQUniversity in 2009 and now has more than 30,000 students. It has firmly established itself as one of the largest universities based in regional Australia, with campuses in Adelaide, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Melbourne, Noosa, Perth, Rockhampton, Sydney and Townsville and a network of study hubs and university centre partnerships throughout mainland Australia.

Delivering more than 300 courses from certificate to PhD level, CQUniversity’s unique vision for diversity, outreach, engagement, research, learning and teaching, and inclusiveness have led to it being recognised among the world’s top universities by both the prestigious Times Higher Education World University Rankings and the QS World University Rankings. A strong history of engagement and social innovation has also led to CQUniversity being recognised as Australia’s only Changemaker Campus by global social innovation group Ashoka U.

A renowned research institution and a benchmark leader for how universities should engage with their communities, CQUniversity’s record of achievement is matched only by the ambitious aspirations it has set itself over the coming years, with a continued expansion of student success, research excellence, social innovation and community engagement firmly in its sights.
Charles Darwin University (CDU) brings people together to acquire and use knowledge to shape a better future. With our main campus located in Darwin, the capital of the Northern Territory, CDU is located closer to seven major Asian cities than it is to any Australian capital.

Our geographical location informs much of our research and teaching interests in South-East Asia, Northern Australia and in Indigenous Australia. CDU is a recognised leader in environmental studies (tropical and desert knowledges), Indigenous education and studies, remote nursing and education, South-East Asian studies and online learning.

CDU was the first institution in Australia to achieve the status of a fully fledged dual-sector university, which means that students can undertake vocational education and training as well as higher education, with qualifications ranging from certificates through to doctorates.

More than 22,000 students study at our campuses and learning centres located throughout the Northern Territory and in Sydney. We are a world leader in delivering education to remote communities – including 150 remote Indigenous communities – and offer online courses to enable people to fit studying into their busy lives. About 70 per cent of our higher education students study online.

The university’s six higher education colleges offer a range of disciplines including engineering and information technology, the environment, health and human sciences, nursing and midwifery, psychological and clinical sciences, Indigenous knowledges, business, creative arts and humanities, education and law.

We have achieved national and international recognition for research impact. CDU also is a leader in graduate employment and salary outcomes.

CDU is attracting an increasing number of international students, who come from more than 60 countries. Our vibrant international student community is attracted particularly to the multicultural character of tropical Darwin.

We enjoy strong partnerships with other institutions including the Australian National University, Flinders University and the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

We are committed to social justice, sustainability and collective effort.
Charles Sturt University has a proud history in regional Australia of providing courses and graduates that help communities to grow and flourish.

At the heart of Charles Sturt’s approach to education is the Wiradjuri phrase ‘yindyamarra winhanganha’. It means ‘the wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in’, which reflects the university’s motto: ‘for the public good’.

Strong links to industry connect students with relevant, real-world experience and experts to support learning throughout their courses. This focus on combining practical knowledge with quality learning and teaching makes Charles Sturt graduates some of the most employable in the country.

The university is consistently ranked as the tertiary institution with the highest graduate employment rate in Australia, with 86 per cent of students in full-time employment within four months of graduation (compared to the national average of 72 per cent) according to the 2020 Good Universities Guide.

Additionally, Charles Sturt boasts an outstanding track record of enrolling and graduating students from Indigenous, low socio-economic, and rural backgrounds.

The university offers more than 250 courses across science, business, justice, behavioural sciences, education and arts, and is proudly achieving world-standard outcomes across a wide range of research fields.

Students have flexibility in how they study with Charles Sturt. They can choose to study on campus in Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Canberra, Dubbo, Goulburn, Orange, Port Macquarie and Wagga Wagga, or at one of Charles Sturt’s study centres in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. The university also has a strong reputation for online study, enabling students from across the world to study around their other commitments. However they choose to learn, students receive dedicated support and become part of a close-knit community.

The university’s off-shore partnerships in countries including China and the United States open up opportunities to create a global network of students and support a commitment to the benefits of internationalisation of higher education.

Charles Sturt embraces diversity, nurtures individual growth, and values economic, social and environmental sustainability. It is unashamedly a university of the land and people of our regions, one that is genuinely proud of its commitment to producing holistic, far-sighted graduates who help make this a world worth living in.
Curtin University was established in Perth in 1986 and named after former Prime Minister John Curtin, who once said the great university should "look ever forward".

Since then, Curtin’s footprint has expanded to include campuses in Malaysia, Singapore, Dubai and Mauritius. Its 56,000 students come from around the world and enjoy access to outstanding facilities, high-quality teaching and courses shaped by industry.

**Ranked among the best**

In the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2019, Curtin was ranked among the top one per cent of universities worldwide.

It ranked second in the world for the discipline of mineral and mining engineering in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019, owing largely to the strength of the Curtin-administered Western Australian School of Mines.

Curtin is Western Australia’s most preferred university for undergraduates, holding a market share of 50 per cent of the state’s undergraduate applicants in 2019.

**A global education**

Curtin students receive a globally relevant education that encourages them to develop an intercultural awareness, question traditional ideas and take advantage of a variety of exchange opportunities.

Curtin maintains strong partnerships with some of the world’s most reputable institutions including an alliance with the historic University of Aberdeen in Scotland to leverage the strengths and industry networks of both universities, particularly in energy research.

**Research and development**

Curtin’s rapid rise up the international rankings can largely be attributed to its research performance across a range of endeavours. It leads a number of major international research projects and is involved with more than 70 research centres and collaborations, including the Curtin Institute of Radio Astronomy, the Centre for Crop and Disease Management and Innovation Central Perth.

**Learning reinvented**

Curtin students can access a range of industry placements and technology-rich learning environments that recreate real workplaces – such as a simulated hospital ward, stock market trading room and digital marketing agency – to gain a competitive edge in the job market.
Established in 1974, Deakin has grown to become one of Australia’s largest universities with over 60,000 students and 5,000 staff across five campuses.

Excellence in education and research
Deakin has achieved an impressive balance of high quality research with an education experience that is consistently rated as one of the best in the country.

For ten consecutive years, Deakin has been rated number one for student satisfaction in Victoria. Deakin is committed to lifelong learning, graduate employment outcomes, and to providing students with choices about how, when and where learning occurs. All Deakin’s students benefit from the university’s award-winning digital environment.

Deakin’s four faculties offer a comprehensive range of courses across the arts, science, sport, nutrition, architecture, business, law, medicine, optometry, engineering, nursing, psychology and teaching.

Deakin also has a thriving research culture, known for its innovative multidisciplinary collaborations. 95 per cent of Deakin’s broad research fields and 100 per cent of specific sub-fields are rated at or above world standard, and Deakin consistently places in the top one per cent of universities in the world in the major rankings.

Community and industry engagement
Deakin’s community and industry engagement emphasises mutually beneficial partnerships and real-world impact. Deakin works across industry and with state and federal governments in areas of high national priority, including: health and wellbeing, designing smarter technologies, enabling a sustainable world, advancing society and culture, and building safe and secure communities.

Deakin’s Future Economy Precinct is on track to bring over 3,000 new jobs to the Geelong region by 2022. It provides an important link between technological innovation and successful industry outcomes, streamlining pathways for commercial research.

A global university
Deakin is inherently global in its outlook, activities and impact. Deakin has more than 500 active partnerships in 57 countries, with offices in China, India, Latin America, Europe, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Pakistan and Singapore.

These international networks build trade links and foster knowledge exchange, and all students benefit from an increased understanding of other cultures through international study opportunities. Our 275,000 alumni live and work across the globe and their achievements are the best measure of Deakin’s success.
Edith Cowan University (ECU) provides the ideal learning environment for people who want to reach their potential.

Located in Western Australia, our industry-relevant teaching and research, supportive study environment and award-winning facilities enable ECU students to do more than just survive in this world – they thrive in it.

Established in 1991, ECU took the opportunity to reshape the way higher education is delivered in a distinctive and inspiring campus environment.

ECU courses are developed in consultation with industry, and teaching staff have extensive industry experience and networks. It's why ECU students can expect placement opportunities, fieldwork, practicums and networking events as part of their studies.

This approach has been rewarded with five-star ratings for teaching quality over the past 13 years, along with consistently high ratings for overall education experience and skills development, as reported in the Good Universities Guide.

ECU’s world-class research strives to make a difference both locally and globally. ECU focuses on working with our communities, business and government organisations to solve real-world problems.

The university was named after Edith Dirksey Cowan, the first woman to be elected to an Australian Parliament. Her life was dedicated to the belief that education was the key to growth, change and improvement in society.

Her example informs ECU’s values as we pride ourselves on developing capable graduates who lead engaged and productive lives in the communities in which they live and work.

At a glance

ECU has more than 30,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. We also annually welcome over 6,000 international students, originating from more than 100 countries.

Our eight Schools collectively deliver more than 300 diverse courses across medical and health sciences, engineering, education, arts and humanities, business and law, nursing and midwifery, science and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Courses are offered across three campuses – Joondalup and Mount Lawley in metropolitan Perth and the South West Campus at Bunbury, 200km south of the capital city. ECU also offers a comprehensive suite of online study options.
Federation University Australia is a modern, progressive university providing high-quality vocational and higher education across a national and international network of campuses. Our university has a distinguished history dating back to 1870, making it the third oldest higher education provider in Australia.

Studying at Federation University, you are joining a diverse community of 25,000 students from across Australia and the world.

Our campuses are closely connected to local communities, leading many of our graduates to work locally to further enhance our university regions. Our network extends across Victoria – in Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland and the Wimmera – as well as our campus in Brisbane and partner providers across Australia and overseas.

Our purpose is to transform lives and a Federation qualification does just that by providing a pathway to a fulfilling career.

The Good Universities Guide, ranks us as number one in Australia for first-generation student enrolments, and the number one university in Victoria in seven categories:
- starting salary for graduates ($62,600 average)
- full-time graduate employment
- student teacher ratio
- student support
- social equity
- skills development
- teaching quality

The research conducted at Federation University is world class. Under the Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) rankings we have achieved the highest possible five-out-of-five rating in seven research areas:
- nursing
- environmental sciences
- clinical sciences
- environmental science and management
- human movement and sports science
- applied mathematics
- civil engineering

We have a further 11 research areas ranked above or at world standard. We host Australia’s largest regional technology parks accommodating more than 60 companies, across three sites, including signature tenant, IBM. The university’s Tech Park Central in the heart of Ballarat enables businesses to have a presence at our SMB Campus.

These tech parks give our students access to invaluable workplace experience in global organisations. It also helps foster internationally-connected research collaborations that are focused on solving real-world problems and making a difference in people’s lives.

At Federation University you can be assured that your program of study will have industry credibility and recognition. Employers highly rate our graduates and we will prepare you well for your chosen career.
Globally focused and locally engaged, Flinders University is making a difference through innovative research, excellence in teaching and learning, and exceptional student experience.

Flinders University is headquartered in South Australia with a footprint that extends through regional and remote Australia.

Ranked in the top two per cent of world universities\(^1\), we are number one in South Australia for teaching quality, student support, student/teacher ratio and undergraduate starting salary.\(^2\)

In an era of disruptive change, Flinders University is growing its international reputation as a world leader in research, an innovator in contemporary education and a source of enterprising graduates equipped to change the world.

Unique innovation offerings are supported by the Flinders New Venture Institute, a global entrepreneurship leader\(^3\) located at our high-tech Tonsley campus, while our Victoria Square campus provides a study space in the heart of the city. An award-winning student hub at main campus fosters interactive learning in a digitally enabled environment.

With a focus on rural and remote area education through our Northern Territory Medical Program, we support students to complete a Flinders Doctor of Medicine in Darwin through facilities in Alice Springs, Katherine and Nhulunbuy. Rural medical, nursing, and allied health courses delivered at our regional centres are identical in structure to those in Adelaide.

Internationally, we deliver joint courses with leading universities in China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia.

Our research strengths include biomedical and clinical sciences, culture, policy and society, health and human behaviour, molecular science and technology, defence, engineering, water and environment. Our research contributions are rich and growing, with some 90 per cent ranked at or above world class.\(^4\)

In 2020 Flinders train station will open, connecting our main campus to Tonsley. The adjacent Flinders village development has commenced and will include research facilities, student accommodation and shops and other amenities in a thriving urban centre.

We offer undergraduate and postgraduate courses for some 26,000 students. Our 5,400 international students come from more than 90 countries, and our main campus features on-site accommodation for 560 students and an international pathways centre.

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\(^1\) Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020 according to the International Association of Universities

\(^2\) Good Universities Guide 2020

\(^3\) UBI World Benchmark Study 2019

\(^4\) Flinders rating 89.7 per cent, rounded up to 90 per cent. Excellence in Research for Australia, 2018
Griffith University is one of Australia’s most innovative tertiary institutions and an influential contributor to education and research in the Asia-Pacific region. Since opening in 1975, Griffith has grown from a small, single campus of 451 students to a comprehensive university with more than 50,000 students across six campuses in South East Queensland, including its digital campus, with a network of more than 200,000 graduates.

Ranking in the top two per cent of universities worldwide, Griffith consistently performs in the top 300 of the leading global indices. Griffith also ranks highly as a young university, regularly featuring in the QS University Rankings: Top 50 Under 50 and Times Higher Education Young University Rankings. In the 2018 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) results, Griffith was rated at world standard or above across 59 fields of research, of which 24 rated at the highest possible standard.

Griffith has a history of offering new and innovative degrees meeting the changing needs of students, industry and the community, and introduced Australia’s first degrees in fields such as Asian studies and environmental science. Today, Griffith offers more than 200 undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees in: architecture, construction and planning; business and government; criminology and law; education; engineering, IT and aviation; humanities, languages and social science; medicine, dentistry and health; music and performing arts; science and environment; and visual and creative arts. These degrees are informed by cutting-edge research and delivered by some of Australia’s most highly awarded teachers. Featuring prominently in national teaching awards and citations, Griffith teachers have won three prestigious Australian University Teacher of the Year awards in the past five years, including the 2018 awardee Associate Professor Kevin Larkin.
James Cook University (JCU) is unique among Australian universities, woven into the intellectual, economic and social fabric of our tropical locations.

JCU is Queensland’s second oldest university. It started its journey as the University College of Townsville in 1961, under the stewardship of the University of Queensland, and in 1970, James Cook University was established with its founding legislation providing the mandate for the strategic direction the university has pursued; to seek knowledge-based ways to help the world’s tropical regions prosper.

JCU is defined by the tropics. Its main campuses are in the heart of the tropics – Cairns, Singapore and Townsville. The campuses are complemented and extended by regional and remote study centres and research stations. JCU’s Australian campuses and field stations are located near the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and the rainforests of the Wet Tropics region. This unique environment attracts students from around the world.

JCU plays a key role in preparing the professional workforce for northern Australia, and the university offers a comprehensive suite of professionally accredited programs including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, veterinary sciences, psychology, nursing, sport and exercise science, engineering, law, education, and a range of programs in business, science, social science and humanities.

JCU is ranked among the top two per cent of the world’s universities (Academic Ranking of World Universities). The university has an international reputation for the quality of its teaching and research, with recognised strengths in environmental science and management; coral reef science, ecology, and fisheries sciences; geology; evolutionary biology; organic and inorganic chemistry; oceanography; physical geography and environmental geoscience; medical microbiology, tropical health and medicine, vector-borne diseases; immunology; archaeology; and linguistics.

JCU is home to more than 20 major research centres and institutes, including the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, The Cairns Institute and the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine (AITHM).

For the past nine years, The Good Universities Guide has awarded JCU five stars for graduate employment. Employers value JCU graduates for their combination of theoretical and practical experience, as well as their communication and technology skills.
For more than 50 years, La Trobe University has been transforming people and societies. With a dual emphasis on excellence and inclusivity, we put our students at the centre of everything we do.

La Trobe is firmly entrenched in the top 400 of all three major world university rankings. In 2019, the respected *Times Higher Education* ranking placed La Trobe at 291 in the world – the university's highest position in a decade. The Academic Ranking of World Universities puts us at 307 in the world, while the 2020 QS ranking jointly places us at 400 in the world.

In the 2018 Excellence for Research in Australia (ERA) report, La Trobe’s broad areas of research are all rated at, above or well above world standard. The university is one of only 12 to achieve 100 per cent world-standard success in the broad areas of research. Nationally, La Trobe is equal best university for biological sciences*. In Victoria, La Trobe is the top-rated university for Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences*. The quality of our arts and humanities subjects is widely respected, with the *Times Higher Education 2020 Rankings* placing our subjects in the top 200. We also ranked in the top 200 for education and psychology.

La Trobe is also one of the largest providers of university education in regional Victoria, with about 7,000 student enrolments at our campuses in Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton. Most students stay and work in their communities following graduation.

* Based on field receiving a top rating at two-digit level and the number of top-rated fields at the supporting four-digit level.
A university powered by human collaboration

Macquarie – ranked among the top one per cent of universities in the world – is a university engaged with the real and often complex problems and opportunities that define our lives.

Since our foundation more than 50 years ago, we have aspired to be a different type of university: one unbound by ivory towers and sandstone walls. Rather, we are focused on fostering collaboration between students, academics, industry and society. Together we are advancing world-class theoretical thinking and translating it into real-world solutions.

Where collaboration meets innovation

Macquarie is uniquely located in the heart of Australia’s largest high-tech precinct, and our 40,000 students and 3,000 staff thrive on a campus that is dynamic, sustainable and built for collaboration.

With more than 300 leading companies located on or around the Macquarie campus, our students are able to tap into industry connections that give them an edge in their future careers, while our staff have access to outstanding research and innovation opportunities with some of the world’s leading organisations.

Expanding the frontiers of knowledge

Macquarie enjoys an enviable reputation for research excellence – 100 per cent of our research is ranked at world standard or above and more than 30 of our researchers are ranked in the top one per cent of researchers in the world.

We rank among the top four universities in Australia in computation theory and mathematics, the top five in philosophy, the top six in atmospheric sciences, the top seven in horticultural production, the top nine in analytical chemistry, and the top 10 in genetics and pure mathematics.

A proud tradition of innovating

Macquarie has a robust record of innovation – we pioneered the technology that underpins modern wifi systems, the first synthetic funnel-web spider antivenom, and a sterile insect technique that is used to combat crop-destroying fruit flies.

Building successful graduates

Our pioneering approach to teaching and learning is built around a connected learning community: our students are considered partners and co-creators in their learning experience. Their face-to-face experience is paired with sophisticated and interactive digital resources, and their degrees are linked to the latest research discoveries.
The University of Melbourne is a world-leading university that has been at the heart of discovery and the cultural fabric of contemporary Australia for over a century.

With strong research performance and excellence in learning and teaching, we are consistently ranked amongst the world’s leading universities and are currently ranked number one in Australia and 32 in the world. Our strategic objective is to benefit global communities and society through the transformative impact of education and research.

**Students at the heart**

As active citizens and future leaders, students represent our greatest contribution to the world and are at the heart of everything we do.

We offer students a distinct and outstanding education and experience, preparing them for success as leaders, change agents and global citizens.

Our curriculum aligns with leading institutions globally and is distinctive in the Australian context, offering broad-based undergraduate degrees coupled with excellent specialised professional education at the graduate level.

**Tackling global research challenges**

Our leading researchers are at the forefront of international discovery, tackling pressing challenges by bringing together different disciplines to facilitate new partnerships and multiple ways of addressing complex questions.

Our research facilities and precincts provide deep capability and a network of partnerships enriched by co-location. Anchored through the university, these precincts bring together researchers and partners from across the globe to shape enquiry in areas spanning medical research, digital knowledge, arts, engineering, innovation and design.

**Embracing our place in Australia and the world**

We offer a vibrant and diverse community across seven campuses in Melbourne and regional Victoria, with our main campus located in the heart of one of the world’s most liveable cities.

Our community is both local and global, reflected in a strong international network of alumni and partners, and we are committed to fostering a place where all people are valued, encouraged to fulfil their potential and make a difference in the world.

Our history of service to the people of Melbourne and Australia informs who we are and what we aspire to be: a leader for a sustainable future, partnering in the future of Melbourne as a thriving and sustainable global city.
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Monash is a modern and enterprising international university. Our motto Ancora Imparo (‘I am still learning’) reminds us the search for knowledge never ends.

Proud history
Named after engineer, civilian military leader and public administrator Sir John Monash, Monash University was established by an Act of Parliament in 1958.

Global education
- 78,000 students and 360,000 alumni spanning four continents.
- Four Australian campuses.
- International campuses in Malaysia, China and India.

Rankings
- 73 – 2019 Shanghai Ranking’s Academic Ranking of World Universities
- 59 – 2020 US News Best Global University Rankings
- 75 – 2020 Times Higher Education World University Rankings
- 58 – 2020 QS World University Rankings.

Research themes
AI and data science — addressing future impact and technologies in artificial intelligence, powered by data science.

Better governance and policy — we better lives through inclusive governance and policy – a current challenge in the Asia-Pacific.

Health sciences — positioned to lead improvement of the human condition through healthcare, pharmaceutical sciences and biosciences research.

Sustainable development — lead and champion this in our research and values.

Examples of our partnerships
- Urban slum revitalisation through RISE, funded by the Wellcome Trust and the Asian Development Bank.
- The World Mosquito Program, with over 40 supporters and partners, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- The Victorian Heart Hospital, in collaboration with the Victorian Government.
- The Monash Microgrid, part of our move towards Net Zero carbon emissions, with Instra.

Monash Precinct
Our Monash Technology Precinct contributes around $10 billion to the Victorian economy, supporting more than 13,000 businesses, employing 90,000 people, and international leaders, such as CSIRO, Agilent Technologies, Janssen, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer and Woodside Energy.

The facilities include the Melbourne Centre for Nanofabrication and the Australian Synchrotron, major Monash research platforms in bioinformatics, high performance computing, genomics, imaging, microscopy and materials.

Sustainable future
In line with the United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals, our campuses are becoming exemplars of environmental best practice with a clear goal in sight – Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030.
Murdoch University strives to be a creative force for current and future generations, tackling the world’s biggest challenges through outstanding translational research and educating free thinkers who thrive in society and industry.

Murdoch is ranked in the *Times Higher Education* Top 100 universities in the world under the age of 50. In the 2020 Good Universities Guide Murdoch achieved five-star rankings across the areas of overall experience, student support, teaching quality and student to staff ratios – placing it in the top 20 per cent of all universities across Australia.

With research expertise in multidisciplinary areas, Murdoch provides students with a holistic learning experience that engages with the social and scientific challenges of our time. Through work-integrated learning and embedded career learning units, students are equipped with the skills and confidence to make an immediate, valuable contribution to the workforce.

The university is internationally renowned for research in One Health, sustainable development and environment, food and agriculture, and has a particular focus on Asia.

Murdoch University’s flagship campus in Perth is one of the largest urban university campuses in Australia and boasts a vast expanse of natural bushland teeming with unique wildlife.

The Perth campus is adjacent to a new urban centre known as the Murdoch Activity Centre, which includes the Fiona Stanley Hospital. This unique location has created the opportunity to develop an integrated knowledge and health precinct where partnerships with government and industry will support innovative medical, environmental and scientific research. In 2019 Murdoch opened a new teaching and learning space in the heart of the Perth CBD and launched the Australian National Phenome Centre.

Murdoch University’s campus in Mandurah, located in Perth’s fast growing southern corridor, is home to popular nursing degrees taught in state-of-the-art simulation suites. A third campus in Rockingham hosts Murdoch’s pro bono law clinic SCALES and the university’s successful pathways and enabling programs which give students from a variety of backgrounds the opportunity to access a tertiary education through alternative entry streams.

Murdoch is recognised as one of the most international universities in Australia, and ranks in the top one per cent of the most globalised universities, with strong student numbers across campuses in Singapore and Dubai. A new campus opened in Myanmar in 2018.
The University of New England (UNE) was Australia’s first regional university with a founding mission to help people adapt to a changing world. UNE remains driven by its commitment to rural communities and regional educational frameworks targeted at social and economic opportunity.

**Education - when and where it is needed**

UNE pioneered distance education in the 1950s and across the decades has enabled workforce development regardless of location or personal circumstances. UNE delivers Australia’s most flexible educational experience to over 25,000 online students per annum, with support from the Armidale campus, ten regional study centres and UNE Sydney.

**A high quality holistic experience**

In addition to a rich distance education offer, UNE also provides 6,000 students from Australia and over 75 nations with a residential experience. Our accommodation options suit a range of needs - from traditional, catered colleges to independent apartment-style living, a sporting complex and cultural facilities.

UNE aims for the highest academic standards and has achieved the maximum five stars for overall student experience in each of the past 13 years; a feat unmatched by any other Australian public university. For teaching quality and student support, UNE is rated number one in NSW.

A diverse portfolio of academic and professional courses covers arts and humanities, education and health, economics, business, law, medicine, social and behavioural sciences, sport and exercise, and natural and environmental sciences. Our bespoke courses were developed to allow working adults to design a degree programme to suit their needs.

**Knowledge creation to address real problems**

UNE enjoys a reputation for research excellence based on strong linkages with national research centres and institutes. UNE is internationally recognised for contributions to applied animal genetics and breeding, agriculture and law, social sciences and health and medicine in a regional context. The UNE PhD (Innovation) programme embeds practical research projects in industries and communities.

We drive our research through a knowledge creation paradigm which brings academics, researchers, stakeholders and end users together to address social and economic improvements for Australia, South-East Asia and the Pacific. The impact of UNE research equates to billions of dollars of added value.
UNSW Sydney is a powerhouse of cutting-edge research, teaching and innovation. We are one of the top 70 universities in the world, with more than 62,500 students and a 7,000-strong research community.

Research for the public good
Located in Sydney, Australia’s largest city, the university was established in 1949 with a unique focus on the scientific, technological and professional disciplines. Today, we are an education and research-intensive university delivering outstanding teaching alongside research that has an impact on people’s lives around the world.

UNSW is committed to making a difference by focusing on areas critical to the future. Pioneering research and sustained innovation are addressing some of the most important issues of today – from climate change and renewable energies to lifesaving medical treatments and breakthrough technologies. In the social sciences, our research informs policy and expert commentary in issues facing society, ranging from human rights and constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians to public health and population ageing.

A solid global profile
We continue to climb the global rankings: UNSW ranks 43rd in the 2020 QS World University Rankings; 71st in the 2020 Times Higher Education World University Rankings; and 94th in the 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities.

Our research is rated among the best in the world. UNSW obtained the top rating of five for ‘outstanding performance well above world standard’ in 17 broad subject areas in the Australian Research Council’s 2018 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) analysis. The result was the best of any university in Australia.

Robust international networks
We are proud of our national and international networks, which support our belief that strength through collaboration and generosity in partnerships will enable society to solve its greatest challenges. UNSW is a founding member of both the Group of Eight, a coalition of Australia’s leading research intensive universities, and the prestigious Universitas21 international association.

The main UNSW campus is located on a 38-hectare site at Kensington, seven kilometres from the centre of Sydney. Other major campuses are the art & design campus in the Sydney suburb of Paddington and UNSW Canberra at the Australian Defence Force Academy.
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A commitment to all students
At the University of Newcastle, we have more than 37,000 students from 114 nations studying with us each year and we’re committed to helping each one of them have an outstanding experience during this time. Our vibrant campuses across Newcastle CBD, Callaghan, Ourimbah, Port Macquarie, Sydney and Singapore provide spaces to learn, socialise and collaborate. Regardless of their course, every student is encouraged to take up the opportunity to work with industry as part of their study – we call it work-integrated learning. It means our graduates are ready for the jobs and innovations of the future.

A foundation of excellence and equity
Every student with drive and aspiration is supported to succeed at the University of Newcastle, regardless of their background. Our Centre of Excellence for Equity in Higher Education, and the Wollotuka Institute, our flagship body for Indigenous activities, demonstrate our pledge of social equity, cultural cohesion and our deep respect for the Indigenous heritage of our nation. We have the maximum five-star rating for student retention and social equity from the 2020 Good Universities Guide.

Better connected
As the highest ranked university in regional Australia, and 207th in the world by QS World University Rankings, we are a globally-connected university committed to our region. We know that a better tomorrow lies in our ability to find new solutions to some of the planet’s greatest challenges – and that we need to take solutions developed in our backyard to the rest of the world. As we achieve this goal through collaborations with local and global industry and research partners, we’re proud that more than 95 per cent of our research is considered ‘at or above world standard’. Through research excellence, we are solving problems and positively changing lives – from improving people’s health to finding ways to mitigate climate change.

Leaders in sustainability
We know if we truly care about the future for our students and our communities, we must care for our planet. At the start of 2020 we moved to 100 per cent renewable electricity and we’ll be carbon neutral by 2025.
The University of Notre Dame Australia is a national Catholic university with more than 11,000 students studying across its campuses in Fremantle and Broome in Western Australia, in Sydney in New South Wales and in seven clinical schools around NSW and Victoria.

Undergraduate, postgraduate and higher research degrees are offered through the university’s academic Schools: arts & sciences, business, education, law, health sciences, medicine, nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, and philosophy & theology.

Notre Dame is also home to three research institutes – Nulungu Research Institute, The Institute for Health Research and The Institute for Ethics & Society.

The university’s approach to higher education prepares students to navigate the challenges of an ever-changing work environment by encouraging them to question, to ‘see beyond’ and view the world from a totally new perspective.

Creative and critical thinking are at the core of each degree program at Notre Dame, an approach that prepares students for a fulfilling life. It also gives Notre Dame students an edge in the workforce, as reflected in results from the Federal Government’s Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (qilt.edu.au) suite of surveys.

Notre Dame is the number one university in Australia for overall satisfaction among undergraduate graduates (Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019), as well as in the top two nationally for medium term, full-time employment among undergraduates (Graduate Outcomes Survey – Longitudinal 2019).

In addition, Notre Dame is first in Western Australia and New South Wales for learner engagement and skills development (Student Experience Survey 2018) and achieved five-star ratings in the undergraduate category for overall experience, teaching quality and skills development – for the 13th consecutive year – in the Good Universities Guide 2020.

“Notre Dame’s holistic approach to education is designed to develop students both academically and personally. This underscores the reason why our overall quality of education experience is among the best in Australia,” said Notre Dame’s Vice Chancellor, Professor Francis Campbell.

The university’s personalised admission process is based not only on a prospective student’s academic record but also takes into account personal qualities, motivation to study, potential to succeed and community contributions.

Students apply direct to the university. Visit notredame.edu.au.
The University of Queensland (UQ) is one of Australia’s leading teaching and research universities. For more than a century, UQ has educated and worked with outstanding people to deliver knowledge leadership for a better world.

Across UQ’s three campuses, our 6,962 staff and 53,700 students – including almost 20,000 postgraduates and approximately 20,000 international students from 135 countries – teach, research and study.

UQ consistently ranks among the world’s top universities as measured by several key independent rankings, including the CWTS Leiden Ranking (36)*, U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings (42), Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (40), QS World University Rankings (47), Academic Ranking of World Universities (54), and Times Higher Education World University Rankings (66).

With a strong focus on teaching excellence, UQ has won more national teaching awards than any other Australian university, and attracts the majority of Queensland’s high achievers, as well as top interstate and overseas students.

UQ’s 276,000 graduates are an engaged network of global alumni spanning more than 170 countries, and include more than 14,800 PhDs.

With a 2018 operating revenue of $1.97 billion, including over $583 million in research investment, UQ’s six faculties and eight globally recognised research institutes cover a remarkable breadth of teaching and research. Demonstrating our research quality, UQ was recognised for above world standard research in 93 specialised fields in the 2018 Excellence in Research for Australia exercise – more than any other Australian university.

UQ is also an undisputed leader in research commercialisation. To date, UQ discoveries have produced more than $32 billion in gross product sales, and UQ intellectual property has founded more than 100 startups – a milestone unsurpassed by any other Australian university.

UQ is also one of only three Australian members of the global Universitas 21; a founding member of the Group of Eight (Go8) universities; a member of Universities Australia; and one of only three Australian charter members of the prestigious edX enterprise, the global consortium creating massive open online courses (MOOCs).

* This ranking is measured by the Impact indicator P, P (top 10 per cent), and PP (top 10 per cent) with fractional counting.
QUT is a major Australian university with a global reputation and a ‘real world’ focus. Our courses equip our students and graduates with the skills they need for the world of today and tomorrow.

We are an ambitious institution, with a rapidly growing research output focused on technology and innovation. The *Times Higher Education* 2020 ranked QUT in the top 180 universities in the world.

In 2019, QUT released its new strategic plan, *Blueprint 6*, with the aim to be ‘the university for the real world’, and to provide transformative education and research relevant to its communities.

With over 50,000 students, QUT places a premium on the national and international accreditation of our professional degrees. We are transforming the learning experience and embed work integrated learning in courses, and have a strong focus on developing entrepreneurial skills.

We offer academic programs in fields spanning business, creative industries, education, health, science and engineering, and law.

In 2019, QUT Business School announced a five-year agreement with the MIT Sloan School of Management – a strategic collaboration with a focus on academic exchange, an innovative immersion program for our MBA and EMBA students, and enhancing QUT’s entrepreneurship program with access to MIT’s global entrepreneurial networks.

QUTeX provides executive education and professional development, and QUT Online lets people learn when it suits, through courses delivered entirely online.

QUT has two inner-city campuses in Brisbane.

The international award-winning science and engineering centre at Gardens Point campus is home to The Cube and headquarters of the Institute for Future Environments.

At Kelvin Grove campus, the expansion of our creative industries precinct has provided outstanding studio spaces for the performance disciplines and a new education precinct opened in 2019.

QUT is well known for its strong links to industry and government and the high impact of its research. Our flagship Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation is a multidisciplinary facility for researchers working to solve real-world health problems.

QUT has been named one of the fastest rising universities in the world, and top in Australia, for scientific research in the 2019’s *Nature Index* of high-quality research outputs.
RMIT is a multi-sector university of technology, design and enterprise with more than 91,000 students and 11,000 staff globally.

The university’s mission is to help shape the world through research, innovation, quality teaching and engagement, and to create transformative experiences for students, getting them ready for life and work.

RMIT offers postgraduate, undergraduate, vocational education and online programs to provide students with a variety of work-relevant pathways. With strong industry connections forged over more than 132 years, collaboration with industry remains integral to RMIT’s leadership in education, applied and innovative research, and to the development of highly skilled, globally-focused graduates.

RMIT is redefining its relationship in working with and supporting Aboriginal self-determination. The goal is to achieve lasting transformation by maturing values, culture, policy and structures in a way that embeds reconciliation in everything the university does. RMIT is changing its ways of knowing and working to support sustainable reconciliation and activate a relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

RMIT’s three campuses in Melbourne – City, Brunswick and Bundoora – are located on the unceded lands of the people of the Woi Wurrung and Boon Wurrung language groups of the eastern Kulin Nation.

As a global university, RMIT has two campuses in Vietnam and a research and industry collaboration centre in Barcelona, Spain. We also offer programs through partners in destinations including Singapore, China, Indonesia and Hong Kong, with research and industry partnerships on every continent.

For more information, visit rmit.edu.au/about
The University of South Australia (UniSA) is Australia’s university of enterprise, known for a culture of creativity and innovation with global and national links to academic, research and industry partners. Its graduates are global professionals ready to create and respond to change. Its research is inventive and adventurous and it creates new knowledge that is central to global economic and social prosperity.

It is considered one of the world’s best young universities. Times Higher Education (THE) ranks it as number 26 in the world; Quacarelli Symonds (QS) ranks it as number 30. With a strong history of engagement with industry and the professions, UniSA was recently rated Australia’s best for industry research income by QILT. QILT also ranked it as South Australia’s number one university for graduate careers.

The University’s strong research environment focuses on areas such as ageing, scarce resources, future industries and cancer prevention and management. The close, collaborative engagement it enjoys with its many industry, government, collegiate and community partners is reflected in its the ranking as the number one in Australia for industry sourced research income.

With around 34,000 students, almost 6,000 of whom are international students, UniSA is South Australia’s largest university and offers degree programs in business, education, arts, social sciences, health sciences, information technology, engineering and the environment. Programs are designed with strong professional emphasis and in partnership with industry and the professions to ensure the career relevance of its teaching.

The university is also closely engaged with the communities it serves. It features MOD, Australia’s future-focused museum of science, innovation and design; the Samstag Museum which presents a changing exhibitions program of contemporary visual art; and the Hawke Centre which engages with local and international communities through public lectures, seminars, and research projects. The university also has a strong equity mission and recently became the first South Australian university to unveil a stretch reconciliation action plan which creates greater opportunities for Aboriginal peoples in education and employment and embeds their culture into the university.
Southern Cross University is a multi-campus university on Australia’s east coast with a dynamic teaching and research profile. We are proud of our reputation as a progressive institution, engaging with the communities we serve to create change that has impact around the world.

 Ranked in the world’s top 150 young universities*, Southern Cross has three main campuses: at the Gold Coast in Queensland, and in Lismore and Coffs Harbour in New South Wales.

 The regions we call home all have unique characteristics as study locations – from cosmopolitan cities, thriving industries and coastal lifestyles to living laboratories of great natural beauty and ecological diversity within easy reach of the campus. We operate branch campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth in collaboration with EduCo and The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in partnership with Mulpha Australia. Most recently, the University opened a branch campus at Coomera on the Gold Coast.

 Southern Cross offers a diverse range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in science and health disciplines, law, engineering, education, humanities, music, creative arts, tourism, business and information technology. Specialist degrees in Indigenous knowledge, marine science, osteopathy, midwifery and psychology as well as a suite of double degrees round out a rich academic portfolio. Our online courses are delivered with teaching technologies that offer interactive and immersive learning experiences.

 We have a strong focus on industry and community collaboration. Work placements and developing practical, industry-specific skills are a feature of our degrees, as is hands-on learning in laboratories, on field trips or through participation in real-world projects.

 The University is home to nine research centres that are committed to research output with global relevance, be it marine ecology, flood mitigation, organic agriculture, plant and geoscience or adolescent development.

 In the latest Excellence in Research for Australia report, Southern Cross achieved outstanding ratings of ‘at world standard’ or above in 23 research fields; of those, 14 were at the highest possible classification ‘well above world standard’.

*Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2019
The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) is a young, dynamic university dedicated to providing quality programs and degrees in a flexible and supportive environment. In just over 50 years, USQ has become a prominent teaching and research institution providing education worldwide from three regional locations – Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich.

Responding to the needs of our rapidly growing and developing communities has seen USQ grow and expand into one of Australia’s leading providers of on-campus and online programs both in Australia and overseas. We are committed to excellence in education, research and student experience.

By offering a mix of open and flexible programs in business, education, law and arts (including creative arts), health, engineering and surveying, and sciences (including paramedicine and aviation), USQ meets the educational needs of students, industries and communities all over the world.

In 2020, and for the third consecutive year, USQ has been ranked the number one University in Australia for the highest median graduate starting salary (Good Universities Guide, 2020).

The university’s world-class researchers are focused on solving regional and global problems by pushing the boundaries of scientific discovery, as evidenced in 18 fields of research receiving the ultimate accolade of ‘well above world standard’ (ERA Results 2019).

USQ is proud to have the largest space research program in Queensland, scientists who work to improve cancer survivorship and quality of life, and researchers who are committed to creating innovative materials for the construction industry.

We are committed to cultural diversity, inclusion, understanding and tolerance.

To find out more about studying at USQ, visit www.usq.edu.au/study.
USC is one of Australia’s fastest growing regional universities, with campuses from Moreton Bay to the Fraser Coast.

Our approach to learning is hands-on, with opportunities to engage with lecturers and industry leaders on campus and plenty of flexible study options. Each student matters to us, which is why we’re rated one of Australia’s best universities for overall student experience.

All USC programs include practical training or internships, and a strong focus on the core skills students need in the future workplace. We believe the future is in digital, building, caring, communication and clean tech. But no matter the study program, students learn to communicate well, solve problems and think creatively.

USC is also home to some of the most advanced learning facilities in Australia, including simulated nursing and paramedic labs, a high-performance sport precinct, advanced engineering technologies, and a state-of-the-art CAVE2™ 3D visualisation studio.

Our research attracts some of the brightest minds from around the world to live and work in our communities. From climate change adaptation to regional healthcare, bioenergy to young driver safety, we work to solve problems that directly impact our regions and our world.

USC’s areas of research focus include agricultural and veterinary sciences, nursing, ecology, zoology, environmental sciences, engineering and biotechnology, and neuroscience.
Swinburne University of Technology is a dual-sector institution creating impact through science, technology and innovation. We are committed to transforming the future of education by giving students the knowledge and experience they need to make a lasting impact on the workplace of tomorrow.

We provide world-class programs to domestic and international students, with three campuses in Melbourne and a fourth in Sarawak, Malaysia, which connects us to one of the most rapidly growing regions of the world.

**Our history**
Swinburne was founded in 1908 with a deep understanding of the social and economic value of education, and a commitment to working closely with industry and community. This practical and responsive perspective continues to characterise our approach to research and education.

For over 50 years, Swinburne has partnered with leading Australian and global organisations to offer students authentic workplace experiences. By working on real industry projects and gaining the professional skills that put knowledge into practice, our students graduate job-ready and equipped to embark on a fulfilling career.

Swinburne’s international reputation for high-quality teaching and research, as well as excellent graduate outcomes, has secured the university a place among the best universities in the world.

**Future-ready learners**
Swinburne takes a career-oriented approach to education and has forged strong industry connections that inform its programs and benefit staff and students.

In all aspects of teaching and learning, Swinburne is dedicated to creating future-ready learners and giving our students professional purpose. We are dedicated to preparing our graduates for the future of work.

Our vocational education courses build practical skills and create opportunities to progress to further study.

We offer educational opportunities to a new generation of learners through Swinburne Online and Open Universities Australia.

**Research with impact**
We are determined to make a real difference to the communities we serve. Our research strengths are in astronomy and physics, engineering, materials science, computer science and information technology, design and innovation. We also have substantial capability and research excellence in neuroscience, mental health, and the humanities and social sciences.
A history of thinking forward
As Australia’s first university, the University of Sydney has a proud history of global leadership in education and research and inspiring people from all backgrounds to contribute to positive real-world change.

Our international rankings reflect our sustained track record of excellence and global reputation – we are regularly ranked in the top 50 universities worldwide (QS World University Rankings 2020).

We offer an exceptional range of disciplines – more than 400 areas of study – and our community includes more than 70,000 students, 8,000 permanent and fixed-term staff and 350,000 alumni in more than 170 countries.

We engage with partners across industry, government, non-profit and community sectors to answer the biggest questions facing society, business and our communities worldwide.

Reimagining education
Our flexible undergraduate curriculum allows our students to choose the way they want to learn, gain hands-on experience, develop workplace-ready skills and learn across multiple disciplines. Our postgraduate courses enable students to advance their careers, pursue a passion and gain a higher qualification.

Campus life
The university offers our students more than 200 clubs and societies, sporting and performance facilities, museums, galleries and learning and studying spaces, and the chance to learn on one of the world’s most beautiful campuses.

Research with impact
Our research is driven by the big picture and a desire to make a positive impact. We find solutions to the world’s biggest problems by changing how we look at them – questioning assumptions and thinking differently.

Our researchers look at problems from all angles, combining expertise and talents of scholars from many disciplines. We’ve invested heavily in interdisciplinary research, in areas including obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease; inequality; nanoscale science and technology; mental health and brain science; and development of a deeper understanding of Southeast Asia and China.

We’re a world-renowned research institution, with 100 per cent of our research ranked at world standard or above by the Australian Government’s Excellence in Research for Australia report.

In creating Australia’s first university, our founders recognised the power of education to change society. We hold that belief just as strongly today.
For Tasmania and from Tasmania
The University of Tasmania is the fourth oldest university in Australia, established in 1890. Our university is highly regarded for teaching and academic excellence. Place shapes our mission and how we do it. Being the University of Tasmania makes us both a university for Tasmania and one where we do things from Tasmania. We have an incredible natural environment close at hand and the possibilities to provide a truly immersive experience for students.

We offer students on-campus accommodation and access to many societies and sports teams.

We believe life as a student is about more than attending class. There is plenty to do beyond our campuses too, whether it is enjoying Tasmania’s vibrant arts culture or exploring our State’s unique natural beauty.

Global connections
Our student population includes some 5,000 international students drawn from more than 100 countries. Our students have the opportunity to apply for student exchange or overseas study at more than 100 universities around the world.

A focus on excellence
The University of Tasmania is ranked in the top 350 universities in the world and is Australia’s premier university for teaching excellence, receiving more teaching awards than any other Australian university.

In the Academic Ranking of World Universities, the University of Tasmania is ranked 201+ internationally (ARWU 2019). The QS World University Rankings result of 287 places us among the best in the world for earth and marine sciences and agriculture and forestry. The latest Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) evaluation has us ranked well above world standard in 25 fields of research.

Our research
Our research impacts the future prosperity of society and the environment through innovative new ideas. It focuses on five themes, and our leadership in these areas is demonstrated through our research institutes, including the Menzies Institute for Medical Research, the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, the Centre of Excellence in Ore Deposits, and the Australian Centre for Research on Separation Science. The Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre and the Australian Maritime College are housed at the university.
The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) is a vibrant young global university located in a vibrant young global city.

The university is considered among the top 200 universities in the world by both the QS (140th) and *Times Higher Education* (194th) global rankings, who have also named UTS Australia’s number one young university in each of the past five years.

UTS is widely known for its innovative learning and teaching approach, which integrates the best of online and face-to-face experiences. Students benefit from an immersive career-focused education, coupled with strong links to industry. They’re prepared for tomorrow, in a way which is relevant today.

The university’s inner-city campus has recently been transformed through a $1.5 billion investment, which has delivered four award-winning buildings, including internationally-renowned architect Frank Gehry’s first Australian venture.

Imbued with collaborative spaces and technological capabilities, the distinctive campus is a physical embodiment of UTS’ progressive traits.

Socially and culturally diverse, around 30 per cent of UTS’ 45,000 students originate from overseas. Some of the university’s previous students include actor and producer Hugh Jackman, former Deputy Leader of the Australian Labor Party the Honorable Tanya Plibersek MP, and Sydney Peace Prize winner Sekai Holland.

UTS keeps good company. Over 150 companies partner with UTS, sharing their resources and expertise in exchange for research, innovation programs, development and commercialisation, staff education, and, of course, direct contact with the university’s sought-after students.

The university is also well known for its rich contribution to the research sector. Its research spans a range of disciplines, including health, data sciences, sustainability, applied economics, social futures, robotics, civil engineering, future work, microbiology, and quantum computation. 100 per cent of UTS’ broad fields of research are benchmarked by the Australian Government at world standard or above, while almost 80 per cent of UTS research is assessed at having a ‘high’ impact beyond the academic – the highest proportion in the country.

Above all, UTS believes in the value of real-world experience and innovation for its students, and making a positive impact on the world around it.
Victoria University (VU) has an independently-recognised reputation for providing a world-class education. In the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE) 2019, VU remained in the top two per cent of universities for the fourth consecutive year. It’s also ranked number 45 in the THE Young University Rankings 2019, top 200 universities under 50 years.

VU is the only Australian university to use the revolutionary block model of teaching and learning. It enables undergraduate students to study one subject at a time, in smaller classes, allowing more one-on-one time with lecturers and greater immersion in each subject. Results show an increase in pass rates, distinctions and high distinctions.

VU is also one of only six Australian universities to combine TAFE with higher education. Students can move between vocational courses at Victoria University Polytechnic and tertiary courses at VU, returning to study at any point during their career. VU Polytechnic’s award-winning blended learning model replaces paper-based theory with a combination of face-to-face teaching and flexible eLearning.

VU’s strong industry partnerships inform all courses and students experience practical learning in work-integrated learning programs, to ensure they’re work-ready upon graduation.

With 15 research disciplines ranked at or above world standard in the latest Excellence in Research Australia (ERA) assessments, VU research offers preeminent research opportunities in sport, health and active living, and sustainable industries and liveable cities.

VU is also a global leader in sports science education. Its world-renowned Institute for Health & Sport fosters close relationships with over 350 sport-related partners including elite sporting organisations.

Colleges and schools include business, arts and education, engineering and science, health and biomedicine, law and justice, sport and exercise science and the visitor economy. Disciplines are based across campuses in Melbourne CBD, Footscray, St Albans, Werribee and the Sunshine Hospital Western Centre for Health Research and Education.

VU has more than 40,000 students from over 90 countries studying onshore and 5,400 studying at VU’s partner institutions in the People’s Republic of China, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam.

VU continues to offer its diverse student body an accessible, flexible, internationally engaged and industry-focused education that produces job-ready graduates.
Established in 1911 as Western Australia’s first university, The University of Western Australia (UWA) has an international reputation for remarkable and life-changing contributions across world-class research, learning and teaching. UWA is Western Australia’s top-ranked university and one of only a handful of top 100 universities in the country.

Location
UWA is located five kilometres from Perth’s central business district, adjacent to the beautiful Kings Park and the Swan River.

Student experience
UWA offers a world-class education where students learn from leading experts, receive industry experience and develop critical skills needed to succeed in their future. The university’s innovative course structure allows students to combine one or two majors over three years and receive the equivalent of a double degree. They are then able to specialise through a postgraduate degree.

More than 23,000 students are enrolled at UWA, including 5,000 international students from more than 100 countries.

Global Rankings
- Ranked 99 in the 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities
- Ranked 86 in the 2020 QS World University Rankings
- Ranked 131 in the 2020 Times Higher Education Rankings

Research
UWA delivers world-class research with key areas of strength in agriculture, mining, oceanographic science and medicine. The university continues to attract the world’s brightest minds including Professor Barry Marshall and Emeritus Professor Robin Warren, who received a Nobel Prize for the discovery of helicobacter pylori and researchers who contributed to the discovery of gravitational waves, predicted by Einstein.

The university is a member of the Group of Eight (a partnership of Australia’s leading research-intensive universities), the Worldwide Universities Network and the Matariki Network of Universities.

Community
UWA has a strong connection to industry and government and contributes to communities both locally and internationally. The founder of the Perth Festival (the first of its kind in the southern hemisphere), the university is part of Perth’s dynamic cultural scene and its vibrant campus is home to numerous galleries, museums and theatres.
Western Sydney University is a modern, student-focused, research-led university, located in Australia’s fastest growing and most economically significant region – Greater Western Sydney – and deeply embedded in the communities we serve.

With 10 teaching campuses, Western Sydney University has grown to more than 48,000 students, 7,000 staff and a cohort, both locally and globally, of almost 200,000 alumni.

**Globally recognised**

Ranked in all major global university rankings systems, we are in the top two per cent of universities worldwide according to the prestigious *Times Higher Education* (THE) World University Rankings. We are also ranked 11th globally in the THE Impact Rankings, including first in the world for gender equality.

Western Sydney University is a research leader, with more than 85 per cent of our research rated at ‘World standard or above’ according to the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) evaluation.

**Future focused teaching and learning**

Western Sydney University is dedicated to ensuring our students – 65 per cent of whom are the first in their family to attend university – enjoy the best and most dynamic learning experience possible.

We put students at the heart of everything we do – from our digital textbook initiative, to our innovative 21C Curriculum Project, which brings students, staff, and external partners together to co-create courses that address the future of work and prepare students for employment success in the 21st century. We are proud that employers rate our graduates the highest of any university in NSW (QILT employer satisfaction survey 2016 – 2018).

**Community**

Our Western Growth strategy is reshaping the university’s campus network and co-creating cities and transformative educational infrastructure across the region in partnership with industry, government and higher education providers.

The university has launched two new world-class, technology-enabled vertical campuses in the heart of key growth centres in Western Sydney – Parramatta and Liverpool – and in 2022 we will open our third high-rise campus in Bankstown city.

These new campuses offer technology-rich learning, teaching and research spaces for our students and staff, promote collaboration with industry and business, and embed the university in the economic and civic life of the Western Sydney region.
Fearless in pursuit of purpose
At the University of Wollongong (UOW), we’re proud to be among the best modern universities in the world. In less than 50 years, we’ve built an international reputation for world-class research and exceptional teaching quality. We’re ranked in the top 250 universities in the world and we’re aiming higher every day.

A global university
UOW has a strong international focus and reputation, with close to 6,000 international students studying across its Australian campuses each year. UOW Dubai is one of the UAE’s oldest and most prestigious universities having celebrated 25 years of academic excellence in 2018. UOWD is a thriving university of 3,600 students and more than 10,000 alumni. Established in 2017, UOW College Hong Kong now has over 6,000 students. In 2019, UOW continued its global expansion with the acquisition of the university colleges of Malaysian private education provider KDU, establishing UOW Malaysia.

Driven by discovery
In a world facing complex social, environmental and economic challenges UOW is driven to generate outstanding research and forge strong partnerships with government, industry and communities to make a real and lasting impact.

UOW’s new molecular and life sciences facility, Molecular Horizons, which began operating in early 2020, provides scientists with world-leading technologies to help uncover ways of detecting and attacking disease. With these technologies, there is potential for researchers to create personalised medicine to treat cancer and reverse Alzheimer’s disease.

In 2020 construction is due to commence on UOW’s health and wellbeing precinct – featuring Australia’s first primary and community health clinic, offering truly integrated, patient-centred healthcare, aged-care and retirement living facilities and research and teaching programs.

The university’s innovation campus gives the opportunity to locate alongside, and collaborate with, its leading research institutes, including:
- Australian Institute of Innovative Materials
- Sustainable Buildings Research Centre
- iAccelerate Centre, an innovation accelerator housing over 280 start-up entrepreneurs.

UOW’s other research institutes include Early Start Research Institute, Smart Infrastructure Research Facility, The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Biodiversity and Heritage and the Australian National Centre for Ocean Research & Security.
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