

facts of distinction



**GROUP  
OF EIGHT**  
AUSTRALIA

## Go8 Universities

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The Go8 comprises Australia's **world-leading** research intensive Universities, a **premier** group which prides itself on being elite but not elitist

The Go8's commitment to excellence means we welcome quality students **from all backgrounds** who become **quality graduates** and international **leaders of tomorrow**



In prominent world rankings Go8 universities are consistently the **highest ranked** of all Australian Universities

(ARWU, THES, QS)





highest  
ranked

In 2018 **all** Go8 Universities are ranked in the **top 150** institutions worldwide

Seven Go8 universities are in the **top 100** universities worldwide

Go8 universities feature in the **top 100** places for every broad subject area of the QS world university subject rankings

2010



All Go8 universities are in the QS **top 100** for **biological sciences, medicine, law, earth and marine sciences, environmental science, accounting and finance, and education** *(2018 QS)*

Seven Go8 universities feature in the **top 200** worldwide QS graduate employability rankings – with **four** in the **top 50**

The Go8 enrolls some **400,000** students; educating more than **one quarter** of all higher education students in Australia

400000





The Go8 has some  
**31,000** research students;  
and **half** of all research  
completions  
in Australia  
are from a  
Go8 university

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The Go8 educates over 100,000  
international students  
from 200 countries





# One in

**One in three** international students  
who choose to come to Australia  
study at a Go8 University



In post graduate education, Go8 universities enrol **over one third** of all **post-graduate students**, and almost half of all students in higher degrees by research



The Go8's undergraduate retention,  
and success rates are higher than other  
**Australian universities**



30,000

Over 30,000  
Australian students  
from a **regional**  
or **remote** location  
are studying at  
Go8 universities





Go8 **bachelor completion rates** are higher than other Australian universities (all eight in the **top 11** places)

The Go8 educates  
more than half of  
Australia's **medical,**  
**dentistry** and  
**veterinary** students



medical



dentistry



veterinary

The Go8 delivers  
Australia more than  
**100,000** quality  
graduates  
each year

100000





The Go8 produces more than **55%** of Australia's science graduates

And more than **40%** of engineering graduates

The Go8 awards more than **half** of all research doctorates in Australia



The Go8's  
**immense economic contribution**  
has been verified by an  
independent analysis conducted  
by **London Economics**

The report is available at  
**[www.go8.edu.au](http://www.go8.edu.au)**



The Go8's **total economic impact**  
is some **\$66.4 billion** each year

# \$66.4 billion

Go8 research activity  
contributes **\$24.5 billion**  
to the economy each year

**Every \$1** of Go8 research  
income delivers **\$10** in  
benefits to the community



**\$17.98 billion**

The Go8's  
international student  
market contributes  
**\$17.98 billion** each year  
to the nation's  
education export

Go8 international  
students support  
more than  
**73,000** jobs  
in Australia

73000





\$1 million

in economic  
impact is generated by  
**every three**  
Go8 international students

\$1m

The Go8 contributes significantly  
to the **Australian economy**



In 2017 Go8 universities  
earned over **\$14 billion**

# \$14 billion

The Go8 is a major export industry  
with Go8 export earnings of  
**\$4 billion** in 2017

# \$4 billion





Our academic and staff salaries,  
the bills we pay for utilities,  
travel etc and the cost of  
keeping our campuses functioning,  
adds up to a **\$19 billion annual**  
**contribution**  
**from Go8 universities**  
**into the economy**

# 500

The Go8 directly supports more than **50,000** jobs, employing over **40%** of the sector's academic and professional staff

# 000





**99%** of Go8 research is  
world class or above

Each year the Go8  
spends more than  
**\$6.4 billion** on research  
– more than  
**\$2 billion** of which is spent  
on **Medical and  
Health Services** research

**\$6.4 billion**





In 2017 the Go8 received  
**63%** of competitive  
**National Health  
and Medical  
Research Council**  
funding

**63%**

In 2017  
the Go8 received  
research funding to  
the value of





bio  
7  
%



In 2018 the Go8 participated  
in **87%** of Australia's Cooperative  
Research Centres (CRCs)

The Go8's proportion  
of world-leading  
research is **twice** that  
of the rest of the sector

Go8 universities account  
for **more than half** of  
all Australian research  
papers with international  
collaboration

# The **Power** of Go8 research



**Gardasil**, the vaccine  
for cervical cancer,  
that teenagers around  
the world now have  
administered routinely

**Cochlear implant**  
enabling millions  
around the world  
to hear

**Resmed's**  
world famous work  
on sleep apnoea

**Spinifex** – for chronic  
pain relief that has  
made a world of  
difference to so many  
people around the world



The **GI Index** we  
now use as routine  
when choosing what  
we eat and when

The fact we have such  
advanced **medical  
resonance imaging  
(MRI)** available

**EmryoGen** – which  
improves the chances  
of conception and  
pregnancy using IVF

**Elastagen** – which so vitally returns elasticity to regenerated skin after severe burns

**Recaldent** which can reverse early tooth decay without dental intervention

**SNAP** surveillance technology so vital at airports to assist with combating terrorism





\$3.4bil



The Go8 invests  
**\$3.4 billion** annually in  
applied research  
and experimental  
development

lion

Industry funding for research is **twice** that of the rest of the sector combined

The Go8 receives **two-thirds** of all industry research funding to universities





The Go8 has educated almost  
**80%** of the Australian-educated  
Chief Executives of the

A photograph of a person's hand resting on a highly reflective, polished wooden table in a modern office environment. The background is blurred, showing office chairs and large windows. Overlaid on the image is the text '80%' in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# 80%

nation's top companies

The Go8 has educated **every Nobel prize winner** educated at an Australian university



And **every Australian Prime Minister** educated at an Australian University

73%

73% of Australia's  
parliamentarians educated  
at an Australian university

83% of Australian  
Vice Chancellors  
educated in Australia

83%

83% of Australia's  
Ambassadors and High  
Commissioners educated  
at an Australian University

83%



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**GROUP  
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AUSTRALIA**

MEMBERS



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA**



**MONASH**  
University



Australian  
National  
University



THE UNIVERSITY  
*of* **ADELAIDE**



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**MELBOURNE**



**UNSW**  
SYDNEY



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF QUEENSLAND  
AUSTRALIA



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SYDNEY**