Australia’s Group of Eight

The Group of Eight (Go8) is a coalition of Australia’s leading research universities. Go8 universities are distinguished by the intensity and breadth of the research they perform, the research-informed nature of the education they offer, and the leadership they bring to community consideration of complex issues.

The Go8 universities are globally recognised for offering discovery-based learning and providing a quality education experience that helps develop future leaders. They perform the majority of research conducted by Australian universities, are well connected internationally, and have strong links with the business and public sectors.

The Go8 adds value for member universities and for Australia by:

- facilitating collaboration between Go8 universities;
- offering a trusted network through which the leaders and administrators of Go8 universities share ideas and expertise;
- influencing national policies for higher education and university research;
- sustaining quality brand recognition;
- building community support for research universities;
- developing international strategic alliances and networks; and
- benchmarking for performance improvement.
Characteristics of Go8 universities

Go8 universities can be distinguished in the following ways:

• They are the most research-intensive of all Australian universities.
• They attract the highest levels of industry and competitive government grant funding for research.
• Various international rankings consistently rate Go8 universities as the top-tier institutions in Australia.
• They have nurtured every Nobel Prize winner educated at an Australian university.
• They have much lower student-staff ratios than other Australian universities.
• They attract the highest-performing Australian school students.
• International students succeed at a similarly high level as Australian students.
• A focus on the teaching-research nexus at Go8 universities leads to the development of advanced curricula and research-based learning that produce distinctive graduates.
• They enrol over half of all higher degree-by-research students.
• Go8 alumni take up senior positions in professional life, business and government in Australia and other countries.
Go8 universities invest in high quality research in order to drive discovery and innovation and to deliver world-class education.

Go8 universities are leaders in medical and health research, and in translation of that research into both teaching and learning, and patient care.

The Go8 Quality Verification System (QVS) promotes discussion on best practice in teaching and learning across institutions. It assists Go8 universities in maintaining and improving their academic standards and learning outcomes.

The Go8 Credit Transfer and Foundation Program agreements demonstrate the mutual recognition of high standards of teaching within the group.

Go8 research training has achieved domestic and international recognition. This is because of the high quality of the experience it provides, with access to world-leading research infrastructure and facilities, supervision by leading researchers, an intellectually stimulating, diverse and supportive academic environment, and a rigorous, consistent and transparent assessment process.

Go8 committees meet regularly to collaborate on issues such as quality research training, credit transfer, international promotion, international research cooperation, human resource and financial management, planning and benchmarking as well as specific education and research disciplines.

Students from disadvantaged backgrounds have better outcomes in terms of retention and success at Go8 universities than at other Australian universities. Go8 universities provide particular opportunities in postgraduate education for Indigenous students and students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
Global partnerships enable our universities to operate at the cutting edge of research and innovation.

The Go8 seeks to collaborate with like-minded university consortia around the world and facilitate the participation of its member universities in leading centres for research and higher education.

The Go8 universities have a strong partnership with the C9 universities in China and, through this collaboration, offer various student exchange and development programs. The Go8 also offer opportunities for international collaboration between researchers through various schemes including the Go8 European Fellowship scheme and the Go8-Germany Joint Research Cooperation Scheme.
The University of Western Australia

The University of Western Australia (UWA) encourages creativity and innovation at international standards and has a reputation for excellence in teaching, learning and research. Ranked in the world’s top 100 universities, UWA has helped underpin Western Australia’s social and economic development for a century.

International excellence is the focus of the university’s vision and, as a result, high priority is attached to the quality of teaching and research and to outcomes for graduates. The proportion of the university’s graduates accepted into fulltime employment is among the highest in Australia, and graduates consistently have the best success rate in gaining full-time employment.

With students enrolled across nine faculties, UWA is the university of preference for the highest-achieving WA school-leavers and provides some of the best graduate outcomes in Australia. It offers a wide range of exciting and comprehensive undergraduate opportunities, as well as higher degree programs for those who want to add value to their existing qualifications.

UWA partners with many other world-class institutions. It belongs to Worldwide Universities Network, a partnership of 18 research-led universities from Europe, North America, North Asia and Australia. It is also part of the Matariki group of high-quality universities across seven nations, which pride themselves on the quality of the student experience.

With an international reputation for excellence and enterprise, UWA’s strong research culture sees it attract high levels of competitive research funding and outstanding staff. The University’s outstanding teaching staff provide a learning environment that stimulates creativity and innovation.
Monash University is an internationally-focused university. It is focused on quality teaching and research that pushes the boundaries of fundamental knowledge. It is committed to addressing the critical issues faced by communities and nations around the world.

Global warming, transport safety, water shortages, cancer, diabetes, global terrorism and the ageing of the population are just some of the challenges Monash University is tackling. It does this by encouraging and supporting high quality research, conducted in industry-leading facilities.

Monash University was established in 1958 to provide a high quality, globally focused, contemporary alternative to the traditional university experience. It has grown to become Australia’s largest university, with more staff providing a comprehensive range of degree options to more students in more campuses, at home and abroad, than any other.

International collaboration is one of the driving forces behind all Monash University’s activities. In addition to campuses in Australia, Monash has campuses in Malaysia and South Africa, as well as centres and facilities in several countries. Its campus network, major partner alliances, diverse international staff and a dynamic student body bring a global perspective to learning and provide great opportunities for collaboration in teaching and research.

Monash offers a vibrant and challenging learning environment for more than 58,000 students, who come from 130 nations and speak more than 90 languages. It has one of Australia’s highest levels of on-campus international student enrolments. This ensures a vibrant, energetic setting for learning.

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| Campuses:    | Clayton, Victoria  
Peninsula, Victoria  
Berwick, Victoria  
South Africa, Africa  
Sunway, Malaysia |
| InternationalCentres: | Prato Centre, Italy  
IITB-Monash Research Academy, India  
Southeast University-Monash University Joint Graduate School, China |
| Faculties:   | Arts  
Business and Economics  
Education  
Engineering  
Information Technology  
Law  
Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences  
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Science |
| Research Strengths: | Stem cell science  
Nanotechnology  
Reproductive biology  
Drug development and discovery  
Road safety |
| Research centres include: | Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute  
Australian Stem Cell Centre  
Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements  
Australian Centre for Biodiversity  
Australian Centre for Blood Diseases  
Bioresource Processing Research Institute of Australia (BioPRIA)  
The Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Research Centre  
Melbourne Centre for Nanofabrication  
Australian Centre for Retail Studies  
Monash University sponsors 100 research centres and is a partner in 19 cooperative research centres |

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The Australian National University (ANU) is a national hub of cutting-edge research and is one of the foremost research universities in the world. Since its foundation in 1946, ANU has attracted leading academics and some of the brightest students from Australia and the world to learn, research and exchange ideas.

A research-led institution, ANU offers a unique range of higher degree research and coursework programs. The University also offers a range of flexible undergraduate and postgraduate study options.

ANU has forged close links with government, business and research institutions in Australia and overseas. The University is helping shape the future of the Asia Pacific region through its pre-eminent expertise in international relations, language, culture and strategic studies.

Lord Florey, Nobel Prize winner for Physiology or Medicine in 1945, helped establish a reputation for and commitment to excellence at ANU. Five other Nobel Prize winners completed a substantial portion of their prize-winning work at the university: Professors John Eccles, Rolf Zinkernagel and Peter Doherty for their medical research, Professor John C Harsanyi for economics and Professor Brian Schmidt for astronomy.

Through its public policy institutes, schools and centres, ANU continues to be a leading contributor to public policy formation and debate in Australia. Through national partnerships and international alliances, ANU takes Australian ideas and innovation to the world, and brings the best of the world’s thinking to the nation. ANU researchers, educators and students live, study and work on a parkland campus located in the heart of the nation’s capital, Canberra.
The University of Adelaide

The University of Adelaide is a world-class education and research institution consistently ranked in the top 1% of universities globally. It is Australia’s third oldest university with a reputation for academic excellence. It has produced over 100 Rhodes scholars and has five Nobel Laureates among its alumni community.

Today, the University of Adelaide constitutes a vibrant and diverse community of over 25,000 students with an international student representation of 30%. It is a major employer in the state, with more than 3000 staff.

There are five faculties: engineering, computer and mathematical sciences; health sciences; humanities and social sciences; the professions; and sciences. Each faculty is made up of a number of disciplines, schools and research clusters.

The University offers a unique approach to learning and teaching, focusing on quality and placing high priority on the student learning experience. Students receive a first-class education that is enhanced through small-group learning, low staff–student ratios, global study opportunities, flexible modes of delivery and a campus experience that includes access to state-of-the-art technologies and facilities.

University of Adelaide graduates are recognised for their critical thinking abilities and problem-solving skills, and are distinguished by their communication proficiency. They are prepared to become the global citizens and leaders of the future.

Research is focused around areas of national and global research importance. In the 2012 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) rankings, 60 of the University’s research areas were rated at or above world-class.

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**Established:** 1874

**Campuses:**
- North Terrace, Adelaide
- Roseworthy, South Australia
- Waite, South Australia
- Thebarton, South Australia
- The National Wine Centre, South Australia
- Singapore

**Faculties:**
- Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- The Professions
- Sciences

**Research Strengths:**
- Engineering and Environmental Sciences
- Biological and Agriculture Sciences
- Humanities, Law and Creative Arts
- Mathematical, Information and Computing Sciences
- Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences
- Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Medical and Health Sciences

**Research centres include:**
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- Robinson Institute
- Institute for Mineral and Energy Resources
- Institute for Photonics & Advanced Sensing
- Waite Research Institute

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The University of Melbourne

Established: 1853

Campuses:
- Parkville, Victoria (Most programs)
- Burnley, Victoria (Horticulture)
- Creswick, Victoria (Forestry)
- Dookie, Victoria (Agriculture)
- Shepparton, Victoria (Rural Health)
- Southbank, Victoria (Victorian College of the Arts)
- Werribee, Victoria (Veterinary Science)

Faculties:
- Architecture, Building and Planning
- Arts
- Melbourne Business School
- Education
- Engineering
- Information Technology
- Land and Environment
- Law
- Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
- Music, Visual and Performing Arts
- Science
- Veterinary Science

Research Strengths:
- Advanced materials science and engineering
- Curriculum, learning and policy in education
- Economic and financial analysis, corporate regulation
- Fundamental sciences
- Historical studies, policy, culture and society
- Human and veterinary medicines
- Information, mathematical and communication sciences
- Neurological sciences
- Plant and animal biotechnological sciences
- Other please see: http://www.unimelb.edu.au/research/

Research centres include:
- Institute for a Broadband-Enabled Society
- Melbourne Energy Institute
- Melbourne Materials Research Institute
- Melbourne Neuroscience Institute
- Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute
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The University of Melbourne is international in character and focus, and world-class in the staff and students it attracts, the research and scholarship it produces, and the academic standards it attains.

The University has some 8,000 staff and 40,000 students – including 10,600 international students from 129 countries. It has a culturally diverse global community of more than 200,000 alumni of whom some 35,000 live overseas in more than 140 countries.

Situated in the heart of the world’s most liveable city and within the Parkville precinct, The University of Melbourne enjoys an outstanding reputation, with independently published world rankings consistently placing it as a leader in higher education in Australia, the Asia-Pacific and around the globe.

The University’s curriculum model enables students to achieve a broad academic undergraduate degree with potential to progress to postgraduate research and other professional career programs. Thirteen faculties and graduate schools cover the major disciplines: architecture, building and planning; arts; business and economics; education; engineering; fine arts and music; land and environment; law; medicine, dentistry and health sciences; science; and veterinary science.

Its national and international performance confirms its position, across a broad range of disciplines, as Australia’s leading comprehensive research-intensive university. From its ground-breaking work towards development of the bionic eye, to the individual research projects of its academics and students, it is uniquely placed to respond to major social, economic and environmental challenges.
UNSW Australia

UNSW Australia (The University of New South Wales) is one of Australia’s foremost research-intensive universities, renowned for the quality of its graduates and its commitment to new and creative approaches to education and research. Located in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, UNSW is a destination of choice for the best and brightest students from Australia and around the world.

Where ordinary stops, UNSW Australia starts. It is not just one of the best universities in Australia—it is a powerhouse of ideas and innovation. Its students benefit from studying with some of the brightest and most inspiring academics in the world, as well as outstanding sports and social facilities.

Established in 1949, UNSW Australia has expanded rapidly and now has approximately 52,000 students including over 13,000 international students from more than 130 countries. UNSW Australia has a strong regional and global focus, with a proud history of engagement with the Asia Pacific region. Its 244,861 alumni, many scattered throughout the world in influential positions, are a testament to the institution’s excellence in teaching and research.

UNSW Australia is committed to an international focus, believing that it is critically important to be open to the world through education and research. As a founding member of Universitas 21, an international alliance of 21 leading universities in 14 countries, UNSW has access to a network for international collaboration, and exchange of expertise and experience.
The University of Queensland (UQ) is the largest university in Queensland and one of the top 100 universities worldwide across a number of independent rankings. UQ’s over 46,000 student community includes around 12,000 postgraduate scholars and more than 11,000 international students from 142 countries.

The University is proud of its worldwide network of more than 210,000 alumni including a Nobel laureate, an Academy Award winner and other high achievers.

UQ is an international leader and pacesetter in discovery and translational research across disciplines as well as home to award-winning teaching staff. Its four campuses, six faculties and eight institutes are drawcards for an ever-expanding community of scientists and researchers.

The 2012 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) assessment found UQ had more specialised fields of research “well above world standard” than any other Australian university, highlighting the breadth and depth of its research talent. Further, many research projects at UQ have delivered outstanding economic, social and environmental benefits, according to the 2012 Excellence in Innovation for Australia trial.

Students from 142 countries are valued in UQ’s multicultural community which celebrates excellence in all aspects of scholarship. In 2013, UQ had 11,324 international students, representing around one quarter of the student body with the main source countries being China, Singapore and Malaysia.

The University’s students gain much more than an internationally respected degree: they develop great friendships, experience personal growth, and make lifelong international contacts.

### The University of Queensland

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| Campuses:    | St Lucia, Queensland  
Ipswich, Queensland  
Gatton, Queensland  
Herston, Queensland |
| Faculties:   | Business, Economics and Law  
Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology  
Health and Behavioural Sciences  
Humanities and Social Sciences  
Science  
Medicine and Biomedical Sciences |
| Research Strengths: | Applied and Theoretical Economics  
Biological Sciences  
Business, Management and Finance  
Cancer Studies  
Chemical Engineering  
Chemical Sciences and Materials Engineering  
Clinical Sciences and Experimental Medicine  
Communication, Media and Cultural Studies  
Ecology and Environmental Science  
Education  
Environmental Engineering and Water Management  
Genetics and Genomics  
Human Movement and Sports Science  
Immunology and Infectious Diseases  
Information Systems and Computational Science  
Law  
Literary Studies  
Mathematics and Statistics  
Mechanical Engineering  
Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Mining, Mineral Resources and Processing  
Molecular and Cellular Biosciences  
Nanotechnology and Bioengineering  
Neurosciences  
Performing Arts and Creative Writing  
Physics  
Psychology and Cognitive Science  
Public Health and Health Services  
Social and Political Sciences |
| Research centres include: | Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (AIBN)  
Global Change Institute (GCI)  
Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB)  
Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR)  
Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI)  
Queensland Brain Institute (QBI)  
Sustainable Minerals Institute (SMI)  
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The University of Sydney

The University of Sydney is a leading, comprehensive research and teaching university committed to the transformative power of education and to fostering greater knowledge and understanding of the world and its people.

Located in the heart of Sydney, it is unique among Australia’s universities in the breadth of disciplines it offers its 51,000 students who come from more than 140 countries, and it is proud to celebrate the achievements of its worldwide network of 185,000 alumni.

The University of Sydney pushes the frontiers of knowledge to increase our understanding of the world around us. It consistently ranks among the top 100 universities in the world, and the most recent Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) government benchmarking exercise found that 75 percent of almost 100 academic fields assessed at the University of Sydney performed above world standard. All of the university's research ranked at world standard or above.

University of Sydney researchers also harness new technology to find cleaner fuels and revolutionise computing, identify threats to international security, tackle climate change, and constantly seek to broaden its horizons.

Collaboration is crucial to their success, and undergraduate students are taught by and study alongside top researchers, and in some cases contribute to their research. By doing this, students are exposed to excellence and taught to think critically. The University of Sydney challenges them to succeed as leaders in whatever career field they choose.