Founded in 1910 as the first university in Queensland and the fifth in Australia, the University of Queensland is known internationally as a leader among Australia's 39 universities.

We rank consistently in the top two or three by most performance measures and we are one of only three Australian members of Universitas 21 – an elite global alliance of research-intensive universities committed to best practice and limited to just 39 members worldwide.

Membership of the prestigious Group of Eight universities (whose staff undertake 70 percent of all Australian university research) reinforces our leadership role, along with continuing success in winning national teaching grants and Australian Awards for University Teaching.

In 1911 we enrolled our first 83 students in three faculties – Arts, Science and Engineering. Since then, we have produced more than 155,000 graduates. They include a Nobel Prize winner, an Oscar winner and holders of such prestigious public offices as Governor-General, Governor and Premier.

In 2000 we enrolled 29,717 students in seven faculties. We offered more than 400 programs and 5500 courses with support from 1237 teaching and research staff, 925 research-only staff and 2300 general staff. Our total operating revenue was $574.5 million.

Our heart is the St Lucia campus, a magnificent 114ha site just seven kilometres from the city centre. UQ Gatton, 80km west of Brisbane, offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in agricultural and environmental management and food technology. UQ Ipswich, 40km west of Brisbane, is a new purpose-built campus and makes the most of the latest technology as a leading-edge flexible learning centre.

We maintain the heritage-listed riverside Customs House in Brisbane's CBD as our city base and we operate more than 40 specialist teaching and research centres elsewhere in the State. These include medical and dental schools in Brisbane, a clinical school in north Queensland, marine research stations in Moreton Bay and on the Great Barrier Reef, agricultural and veterinary science farms at Redland Bay and Mount Cotton and our Experimental Mine in the Brisbane suburb of Indooroopilly. Our Experimental Mine in the Brisbane suburb of Indooroopilly, just four kilometres from the St Lucia campus – the only university-owned underground mine in the world located within a capital city.