Our standing
The University of Queensland was founded in 1910 as the first university in Queensland and the fifth in Australia. Now it is known internationally as a leader among Australia’s 39 universities.

We rank in the nation’s top two or three institutions by most performance measures. Nationally, we are one of Australia’s prestigious Group of Eight universities. Internationally, we are one of only three Australian members of Universitas 21, a select alliance limited to 20 research-intensive universities dedicated to world-best practice.

Our mission
Our mission is to achieve national and international recognition for excellence in all aspects of teaching, research and scholarship and to make a leading contribution to the intellectual, cultural, economic and social life of the State of Queensland and the Australian nation.

Our aims and commitments
We aim to satisfy the needs of students, graduates, partner organisations, public bodies and the general community. We are committed to excellence and strive to:
- enhance all outcomes;
- exploit the new technologies; and
- develop world-class infrastructures in teaching, research, management and support services.

Our operational priorities
Our critical operational priorities, backed by a Strategic Initiatives Fund, are to:
- increase international and postgraduate student numbers;
- attract more students from other universities to our honours and postgraduate programs;
- improve research productivity;
- achieve leadership in technology transfer;
- increase mutually-beneficial partnerships with outside organisations;
- increase revenue from non-government sources;
- improve information technology infrastructure;
- improve management practices and systems; and
- enhance the physical environments of our campuses.


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