MESSAGE FROM THE
Vice-Chancellor and President
and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

Building on a strong record of success, UQ researchers aim for international standards of excellence across the spectrum to help make the world a better place.

At UQ, ‘Create change’ is not just a catchphrase, it’s a reality. And it’s clear that exceptional partners and allies are instrumental in taking the benefits of UQ innovation to people all over the world.

So, to all our collaborators and friends in industry, government, philanthropy and the not-for-profit sector: thank you.

Students and young researchers in the talent pipeline take guidance and inspiration from seasoned innovators in the UQ community and – along with their mentors – are recognised for their efforts with UQ Foundation Research Excellence Awards, Partners in Research Excellence Awards, and the Awards for Excellence in Higher Degree by Research Supervision. See uq.edu.au/researchweek and learn more about their efforts to Create change.
The University of Queensland is one of Australia’s premier research institutions, receiving $368 million in research grants and contracts in 2016.

A world-class research institution

- UQ ranks in the world’s top 50 universities as measured by the:
  - Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) Leiden Ranking (38)
  - Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (43)
  - QS World University Rankings (47).
- The University also ranks:
  - 52 in the U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings
  - 55 in the Academic Ranking of World Universities
  - 60 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.
- In 2016 UQ topped the nation in the prestigious Nature Index, and was awarded more Australian Research Council grants than any other Australian university.

Research quality

The third Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) assessment, conducted in 2015, rated 100 per cent of UQ’s research – evaluated across 22 broad fields of research and 97 specialised fields of research – as being at world standard or above.

- 95 per cent of UQ’s broad fields of research were rated above or well above world standard, with 55 per cent receiving the highest rating of five.
- UQ topped the nation in five fields: environmental engineering, environmental biotechnology, industrial biotechnology, tourism and social work.
- UQ was also rated equal first in 58 broad and specialised fields, including engineering, medical and health sciences, statistics, business and management, and cultural studies.

UQ fellowship honours 2016

- Australian Research Council (ARC) Laureate Fellows 15
- NHMRC John Cade Fellowship 1
- Fellows of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia 50
- Fellows of the Australian Academy of Science 40
- Fellows of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering 31
- Fellows of the Australian Academy of the Humanities 34
- Fellows of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences 21

Research funding 2016

$368 million in total sponsored grants and contracts including:

- Australian competitive grants $174.7 million
- Other public sector research funding $48.5 million
- Industry and other funding $139.0 million
- Cooperative Research Centres (two new centres) $5.7 million

Sources of UQ research support 2016

- Commonwealth Government research funding $188.0 million
- Commonwealth Government research block grants $176.8 million
- State/Local Government $30.8 million
- Australian industry and other contract/grants $55.1 million
- All Australian donations, bequests, trusts, foundations $42.4 million
- All international funding $51.6 million

UQ revenue 2016

- Total Operating Revenue $1.75 billion
- Total Research Support $544.7 million

Education impact and training 2016

- Higher Degree by Research students enrolled 4573
- PhDs awarded Domestic 369 731
- International 362
- MPhils awarded Domestic 68 91
- International 23

Research engagement

UQ has a long history of successful research partnerships with local businesses, multinational corporations, governments, NGOs, non-profits, and other research institutions:

- 400+ international partner institutions
- Flagship research partnerships with multinational corporations such as Boeing, Dow Chemical Company, Baosteel, Rio Tinto and Pfizer
- 8804 research publications published in 2016 that included 4390 with international co-authors from 157 countries
- Co-authors from more than 1600 academic institutions, 54 major corporations and 231 health organisations.
From science and sustainability to health and humanities, UQ research has impact. Learn more, be inspired, and find out how we create change – right across the world, every day.

Learn more about the impact of UQ research across the world:

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Find out about our exciting research in five general areas:

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HEALTHY AGEING

“Early de-tech-tion”

Having enough food for the billions of people living on Earth is a problem we take seriously at UQ. For example, we are helping farmers produce better yields and then ensuring the food they grow lasts longer once it hits the market.

FEEDING THE WORLD

“Growing ideas for a better future”

Good health and plenty of food are no use if our world disappears. UQ researchers are on a mission to discover the real impact of climate change and human behaviour, and how we can fix any problems.

RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT

“We as the international community have a lot to learn”

UQ expertise is transforming the world of science – from skin cancer and scramjets to sewer systems and outer space. And remote Australia will soon see a new industry: stripping spinifex to produce super-latex.

TECHNOLOGY FOR TOMORROW

“Turning science into employment”

To live together harmoniously, we need some rules, and we should learn from the past. UQ’s humanities and social science researchers show us how to make life better – in housing, heritage, helping out, and having a say.

TRANSFORMING SOCIETIES

“A place to call home”

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