



THE UNIVERSITY
OF QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA

POSTGRADUATE PROSPECTUS 2011

for international students





Above: UQ St Lucia – the historic Forgan Smith Building

Cover photo (from left to right): students Mingyan Li (People's Republic of China), Preston Ng (Malaysia), Amanda Bourgeois (USA) and Ivar Kvalsvik (Norway)



UQ CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY

In the 100 years since The University of Queensland was established, we are proud to have delivered teaching and research to not only the people of our State, but also to Australia and the world.

From a cancer vaccine and new generation jet technology, to winning an Academy Award and penning several best-selling works of literature – this is just a tiny fraction of the achievement and success from the many wonderful people who have worked and studied at UQ.

Be part of our second century, and join us as we continue to deliver learning and discovery that is making a difference, globally.

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Academic calendar 2011

SEMESTER 1	
Orientation	21-25 February
Semester 1 begins	28 February
Mid-semester break	25-29 April
Semester 1 resumes	3 May
Revision period	6-10 June
Examination period	11-25 June
Semester 1 ends	25 June
Mid-year break	25 June-25 July
Graduation week	18-22 July
SEMESTER 2	
Mid-year Orientation	18-22 July
Semester 2 begins	25 July
Mid-semester break	26-30 September
Semester 2 resumes	3 October
Revision period	31 October-4 November
Examination period	5-19 November
Semester 2 ends	19 November
Graduation weeks	5-23 December
SUMMER SEMESTER	
Summer Semester	28 November-11 February 2012
QUEENSLAND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
New Year's Day	3 January
Australia Day	26 January
Good Friday	22 April
Easter Monday	25 April
Anzac Day	25 April
Labour Day	2 May
Queen's Birthday	13 June
Royal Queensland Show	17 August
Christmas Day	26 December
Boxing Day	27 December

University facts and figures

STUDENTS AND STAFF	
Academic staff	2408
Total students	40,512 from more than 110 countries
International students	8813
Postgraduate students	10,643
Top three international source countries	China, Singapore, Malaysia
Top three programs by enrolment	Bachelor of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy, Bachelor of Engineering
Graduate job rate	79.9% (average full-time rate for Bachelor degree); national average 77.1%
Graduate salary	\$42,000 (male/female average) (\$40,000 national median)

Statistics are accurate as at April 2009. Monetary amounts are in Australian dollars.

Rankings (2009)

UK's *Times Higher Education*-QS World University Rankings: 41st

Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Rankings of World Universities: top 20 in the Asia Pacific and top 150 worldwide

The Australian *Good Universities Guide*: maximum five-star rating for research grants and research intensity – the only Queensland university to receive this highest rating – and a further five stars for student demand, staff-student ratio, and toughness to get in (St Lucia campus). UQ also earned four stars for getting a job, positive graduate outcomes, graduate salaries, equity group access, and international enrolments.

On a variety of measures UQ is one of the top three or four research universities in the country.

WELCOME

The University of Queensland (UQ) gives you opportunities to study with teachers and supervisors who drive and are informed by cutting-edge research, in a vibrant environment that reflects the Australian culture.

The UQ advantage provides access to Australia's most awarded teachers and a range of outstanding facilities, as well as researchers who are at the forefront of their fields.

At UQ, we challenge and encourage your thinking. We provide our students with dedicated support, accessible teachers and supervisors, industry and professional engagement, international connections and a variety of extra-curricular opportunities.

Our range of postgraduate programs is one of Australia's most comprehensive, and offers specialised knowledge as well as opportunities for you to update and upgrade your qualifications. With a UQ postgraduate degree, you can strive to achieve more in your profession, or gain the skills and confidence you need to change careers.

Our world-class research institutes and research higher degree programs provide outstanding opportunities to fulfil the potential of the next generation of innovators.

When you choose to study at UQ – at St Lucia, Gatton, Herston or Ipswich – you will join a safe and diverse environment with the most active campus life of any Queensland university. UQ is a multicultural community of more than 40,000 students, with almost 9000 international students from more than 110 countries.

UQ attracts high achieving students from Australia and around the world. Our graduates are in demand throughout Australia and the world, and have strong employment rates.

I invite you to explore this prospectus, and I look forward to welcoming you to UQ in 2011.



Professor Paul Greenfield AO
VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT



WHY CHOOSE UQ?

The University of Queensland enjoys a long tradition of success. Here are 10 reasons to make UQ your university in 2011.



GLOBAL REPUTATION

When you choose UQ you are choosing a truly world-class university.

In 2009, UQ was ranked as one of the top 50 universities in the world by the United Kingdom's prestigious *Times Higher Education Supplement-QS*. It was also ranked among the top 20 universities in the Asia Pacific and the top 150 worldwide by the 2009 Academic Rankings of World Universities study conducted by Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

As a founding member of the Group of Eight and one of only three Australian members of *Universitas 21*, UQ prides itself on its long-standing reputation for quality and excellence and is at the forefront of tertiary education.

QUALITY PROGRAMS

UQ has the most comprehensive range of high-quality programs in Queensland, with over 350 programs and 4000 courses offered at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

UQ offers both coursework and research postgraduate degrees. Through practical study options, UQ degrees equip graduates with the skills and knowledge required to meet emerging workplace and career challenges across a range of disciplines.

UQ is a destination of choice for international research higher degree students, having one of the largest cohorts of international PhD candidates in Australia.



“Choosing The University of Queensland for my postgraduate studies has by far been the easiest decision of my life given that it is an international leader in education and research. It offers excellent teaching, superior career prospects, global reputation and world-class facilities.

UQ provides a nurturing and warm environment for students to realise their potential.”

KIRTI MISHRA
INDIA
MASTER OF BUSINESS (ADVANCED)

EXCELLENT TEACHERS

In 2009, UQ's National Teaching Awards and Citations totaled 53, cementing UQ's record of winning more national awards for teaching than any other Australian university since the national awards system began in 1997.

UQ has:

- a 100 percent success rate in the Carrick Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning, which recognise teaching excellence in higher education
- a student-centred approach to learning, enhanced by flexible options, a strong online program, and innovative teaching modes
- more than 2600 highly qualified academic staff dedicated to teaching and research, many of whom are recognised internationally as leaders in their fields.

VIBRANT CAMPUSES

As well as being a great place to study, UQ is a great place to meet new people, enjoy a range of sporting and cultural activities, and relax in a diverse and welcoming environment.

Our four main campuses, at St Lucia and Herston (in Brisbane), Ipswich, and Gatton, boast beautiful grounds in which you can relax, eat, drink and shop. Our campuses also offer:

- 150 social and academic clubs and societies
- 33 sports clubs
- world-class sporting facilities
- cultural activities and performances, including theatre, dances, concerts, movies, debates, barbecues, markets, and art exhibitions.



Commerce student Tomas Pineda Vasquez (Colombia), Bioscience student Sandy Pineda Gonzalez (Guatemala), Arts student Axal Huskisson (Australia) and Social Work student Sarah Dakhili (Sweden)

RELAXED BRISBANE LIFESTYLE

UQ's campuses are in or around Brisbane, the capital of Queensland. Brisbane is widely considered one of Australia's most liveable cities, offering a safe, friendly, and multicultural environment.

The city is close to beaches, rainforests, and other tourist attractions, such as theme parks. While relaxed, Brisbane is a modern city that boasts a mix of cafés, restaurants, bars, galleries, museums, sporting events, and shopping districts.

FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES

We are dedicated to developing state-of-the-art teaching facilities in response to student needs and industry expectations.

Our campus facilities are supported by one of the fastest and most advanced information networks in the world.

New specialist facilities, such as the Centre for Advanced Animal Science (CASS) and the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE) precinct, enrich learning through cutting-edge technology, and grant students access to industry and research professionals.

Our advanced teaching spaces, with individual touch screens and devices for iPods and recording mechanisms, enhance student interaction, while facilities such as the UQ library provide valuable resources and ongoing support for students.

VALUABLE ONGOING CONNECTION

We love to hear success stories from our graduates, and maintaining excellent relationships with past students is mutually beneficial.

Whether you studied here for a semester on exchange or completed a full degree, we are proud to call you one of our alumni.

Graduates can stay in touch with their discipline and colleagues through a variety of events and activities organised by UQ Alumni groups throughout the world.

As a member of the UQ Alumni community, you will enjoy a lifetime of experiences, with opportunities to maintain and renew friendships and engage in social, educational and intellectual activities within the UQ community.

DEDICATED SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We aim to make every student's arrival in Australia as smooth as possible, by providing services from arrival to departure.

Services include:

- airport pick-up
- comprehensive orientation programs
- academic and English language support programs
- accommodation assistance
- health services
- pre-departure advice
- IT support
- career assistance.

LEADING RESEARCH

UQ is one of the top three research universities in Australia.

Our researchers constantly push the boundaries to achieve internationally acclaimed breakthroughs. We are leaders in industry collaboration and research funding for Australian universities.

At UQ, you will have the opportunity to study with some of the world's best researchers.

Research highlights include:

- the world's first cervical cancer vaccine, co-founded by Professor Ian Frazer and the late Dr Jian Zhou, available in more than 110 countries
 - UQ-developed Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) exported throughout the world
 - development of a clean energy source from solar-powered bioreactors and micro-algae.
- UQ has created more world-class research institutes than any other Australian university, which have attracted a community of more than 1500 scientists, social scientists, and engineers from Australia and around the world.

OUTSTANDING CAREER PROSPECTS

UQ qualifications are highly regarded by Australian and international employers.

In the 2008 Employer Review of the *Times Higher Education-QS* rankings of world universities, UQ was ranked 38th for graduate employability.

In Australia, our graduates enjoy an employment rate higher than the national average.

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