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The University of Queensland enjoys a long tradition of success  
– here are some excellent reasons to make UQ your university in 2010.

## GLOBAL REPUTATION

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

UQ is:

- consistently ranked alongside the best universities in the world, and in 2008 was ranked one of the top 50 universities in the world according to the World University Rankings, (compiled by the United Kingdom's *Times Higher Education Supplement-QS*)
- developing world's-best practice and quality through strong research and development initiatives, excellent academic programs and affiliations with other internationally renowned universities
- a founding member of the leading Australian universities' Group of Eight (Go8), which collectively enrolls a third of all university students in Australia, conducts 70 percent

of all university research in Australia, and boasts a full-time employment rate almost five percent higher than other Australian universities

- one of the only Australian members of the select international network of research-intensive universities, *Universitas 21*
- ranked among the top 20 universities in the Asia Pacific and the top 150 worldwide by the 2008 Academic Rankings of World Universities study conducted by Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- one of Australia's best universities, according to the independent analysis by The Good Universities Guide, and the only Queensland university to be awarded the maximum five-star rating for research grants and research intensity.

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**Group of Eight**  
[www.go8.edu.au](http://www.go8.edu.au)  
**Universitas 21**  
[www.universitas21.com](http://www.universitas21.com)

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Students at UQ St Lucia



The magnificent Great Court at the St Lucia campus

## EXCELLENT TEACHERS

**UQ's award-winning teachers employ innovative methods to meet the academic and professional needs of students.**

We have won more national teaching awards than any other university in the country. In 2008, UQ was presented with two more Australian Teaching and Learning Council Awards for Teaching Excellence, and Awards for Programs that Enhance Learning.

UQ has:

- more than 2400 highly qualified academic staff, many of whom are recognised internationally as leaders in their field
- a student-centred approach to learning, enhanced by flexible options, a strong online program and innovative teaching modes
- teachers with a 100 percent success rate in the Australian Teaching and Learning Council's Citations for Outstanding Contributions, which recognise teaching excellence in higher education.

**UQ Teaching and Learning**  
[www.uq.edu.au/teaching-learning](http://www.uq.edu.au/teaching-learning)

## QUALITY PROGRAMS

**UQ offers one of the most comprehensive ranges of world-class programs in Australia.**

The University boasts:

- seven faculties
- 33 schools
- postgraduate coursework study options, including graduate certificates, graduate diplomas and masters, supported by innovative and engaging courses (subjects)
- two research higher degree (RHD) options; Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- career-focused programs that are relevant to industry and give graduates the competitive advantage in the job market
- practical study options, such as industry placements, field trips and exchange opportunities.

**Programs and courses**  
[www.uq.edu.au/study](http://www.uq.edu.au/study)  
**English language studies**  
[www.icte.uq.edu.au](http://www.icte.uq.edu.au)

## EXCITING CAMPUS LIFESTYLE

**There is more to life than study at UQ.**

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.

We offer:

- 150 social clubs, including 33 sports clubs
- world-class sporting facilities (see page 22)
- cultural activities, including concerts, museums and art collections (see page 23)
- beautiful grounds in which students can relax, eat, drink and shop at each of our four main campuses – UQ St Lucia, UQ Ipswich, UQ Gatton and UQ Herston (see page 25).

**UQ SPORT**  
[www.uqsport.uq.edu.au](http://www.uqsport.uq.edu.au)  
**UQ Experience**  
[www.uq.edu.au/experience](http://www.uq.edu.au/experience)

## FIRST-CLASS SERVICES

**UQ provides excellent academic and personal support services.**

The University's most recent Student Experience Survey confirmed high levels of student satisfaction with the University and the academic facilities available to students, thanks to:

- the UQ Library, Queensland's largest academic library, with extended opening hours and more than 1400 computers (see page 18)
- Student Centres on each campus providing assistance with a range of administrative matters (see page 19)
- a range of free and confidential personal support services (see page 21)
- free IT support services, which are available to assist students throughout their studies (see page 18).
- the University's Health Services (UHS), an accredited general practice, which delivers high quality healthcare to The University of Queensland community.

**UQ Library**  
[www.library.uq.edu.au](http://www.library.uq.edu.au)  
**Student Services**  
[www.uq.edu.au/student-services](http://www.uq.edu.au/student-services)

## VALUABLE ONGOING CONNECTION

**UQ encourages graduates to keep in touch through the alumni networks.**

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.

**UQ Alumni**  
[www.alumni.uq.edu.au](http://www.alumni.uq.edu.au)

## DEDICATED STUDENT SUPPORT

**UQ provides excellent support for international students.**

We aim to make every student's arrival in Australia as smooth as possible, by providing:

- first-class services prior to arriving, during and after graduating from UQ
- free airport pick-up for new students
- International Student Advisors and support services for all UQ students (see page 21)
- academic and English language support programs offered at no additional cost (see page 20)
- information through UQ's Accommodation Services to assist students in finding a home that fits their individual needs.

**Accommodation Services**  
[www.accommodation.uq.edu.au](http://www.accommodation.uq.edu.au)

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2006 Australian of the Year, and Director of Diamantina Institute for Cancer, Immunology and Metabolic Medicine Professor Ian Frazer



*“I believe my UQ degree will definitely assist me in securing a job as it is indeed a unique university which prepares you aptly with a strong foundation in your studies. I have access to lecturers who are active researchers as well, and there has been plenty of support from lecturers and peer-assisted study sessions to complement my learning.”*

ERNEST HOCK LYNN TEE, MALAYSIA  
(BACHELOR OF BIOTECHNOLOGY STUDENT)

## LEADING RESEARCH

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

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

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

Recently celebrated research achievements at UQ include:

- the world's first cervical cancer vaccine, co-founded by Professor Ian Frazer, which will save the lives of millions of women around the world
- nanotechnologist Professor Max Lu's listing by *Phoenix Weekly* in 2006 as one of the top 50 most influential Chinese in the world.

UQ has created more world-class research institutes than any other Australian university (see pages 14-17) and has one of the highest participation levels of any academic institution in Australia in the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program.

**UQ Research**  
[www.uq.edu.au/research](http://www.uq.edu.au/research)

## OUTSTANDING CAREER PROSPECTS

**UQ graduates enjoy one of the highest rates of employment in Australia.**

UQ qualifications are highly regarded by Australian and international employers, and our graduates are in demand throughout the world.

UQ was recently ranked 38th out of all the world's universities for graduate employability by the 2008 Employer Review, a survey of 2000 international employers, which contributes to the *Times Higher Education-QS* survey analysis.

In the 2008 *Australian Graduate Survey*, conducted by Graduate Careers Australia, UQ's full-time employment rate averaged 86.6 percent over a four-year period, compared to the national average of 85.2 percent (based on 25-year-olds finding work within four months of graduating).

Our prestigious alumni network includes leaders in fields such as business, government, the judiciary, the arts and academia. Notable graduates include:

- Professor Peter Doherty, 1996 Nobel Laureate for Medicine and 1997 Australian of the Year
- Her Excellency Quentin Bryce, AC, Governor General of Australia
- The Honourable Anna Bligh, Premier of Queensland
- Dr Nick Earls, acclaimed Australian author
- Bill Hayden, AC, KSJ, a Governor-General of Australia (1989-96)
- Geoffrey Rush, Academy Award winner
- Dr Lee Boon Yang, Singapore's Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts
- Loh Hoon Sun, the first president of Australia's Certified Practising Accountants Singapore base
- Dr Andrew Liveris, President and Chief Executive Officer of the \$40 billion US-based The Dow Chemical Company.