Message from Professor Bronwyn Harch  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)  
2019

During the past 12 months, the Research and Innovation portfolio has achieved significant milestones, celebrated some outstanding achievements and have made significant progress towards our five strategic imperatives.

We have also introduced the Town Hall meetings this year, designed to allow management to share important information, allow employees to ask questions and ensure everyone understands the goals of the portfolio and The University of Queensland (UQ). I hope that all staff find them useful and we will continue to communicate openly in 2020.

The leadership team will continue to work with all teams to respond and action the Voice Survey results for both UQ and the Research and Innovation Portfolio. Our “dialogue” sessions are providing great input to our strategy and implementation adjustment. Likewise our cross-unit collaboration with other UQ portfolios and UniQuest continues to be important for the research support services we provide to UQ’s academics and students.

Looking forward –  
2020 and beyond

Research at UQ is supported holistically across five strategic imperatives:

- High-quality and impactful research
- Entwined partnerships
- State-of-the-art infrastructure
- Game-changing researcher development
- Facilitating the research enterprise

Our focus for 2020 will be to increase our outreach to UQ researchers and external partners by:

- Creating “One Researcher” toolkit/s - A dashboard that minimises the number of “touch-points” for researchers to access research-management systems.
- Research Partnerships - Appointment of Global Change Institute Director, Innovation Brokers and changes to contract administration, Research Partnerships Managers Network and business development function.
- Communications Strategy & Change Management - Increase understanding of research priorities across UQ, internal portfolio communications management, easily updateable websites and enhanced transitions via connection, convening and catalysing opportunities for improvement.
- HDR Program Delivery Priorities - Positive partnerships, Advisor training and development, connectedness of HDR candidates and improved processes and transparency of scholarship selection.
Our research reputation is paramount to our success

#1
in Australia
Nature Index tables (2019)

$396.4
million
in research funding
(2018)

95%
of UQ research is
above world standard
ERA (2018)

31%
increase
in global partners
since 2013

765
PhDs awarded
in 2019

180
fellows of learned
academies are UQ staff
and professors emeriti
UQ’s reputation for creating change through research and commercialisation means we are a hub for curious minds who innovate and explore.

Our strong focus on innovation-led entrepreneurship and commercialisation, facilitated largely by our commercialisation company UniQuest, ensures we have clear pathways to develop these ideas into real products and assets that create positive change.

Some of our research achievements to date include:

• More than 100 companies have been created based on intellectual property from UQ research since 1988.
• Developing the world’s first cancer vaccine that could save an estimated 250,000 lives per year.
• Empowering four million families to create the kind of environments where children can flourish.
• Developing superconductor technology used in two-thirds of the world’s MRI machines.
• Start-up company Inflazome raised $63 million to advance development of drugs for inflammatory diseases.
• Microba, a genomic-based healthcare business that helps people take charge of their well-being has been identified as one of Australia’s top start-ups.
In April 2019, the Australian Research Council (ARC) released its Excellence in Research Australia 2018 report. It reveals that 100 per cent of UQ’s broad fields of research have been rated ‘above’ or ‘well above’ world standard.

UQ was confirmed as the highest or equal highest-rated institution nationally across 10 broad research fields (Mathematical Sciences; Physical Sciences; Chemical Sciences; Environmental Sciences; Biological Sciences; Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences; Medical and Health Sciences; Studies in Human Society; and Psychology and Cognitive Sciences).

UQ’s research was recognised as ‘above’ or ‘well above’ world standard in more specialised fields of research than any other Australian university - 93 specialised fields of research.

Following on from an outstanding result in Excellence in Research Australia, UQ’s achievement in the ARC’s Engagement and Impact Assessment was spectacular. UQ submitted 23 Engagement Narratives and 25 Impact Studies (the maximum possible) to the national 2018 Engagement and Impact Assessment, across 25 Units of Assessment.

UQ received ratings of High or Medium across all 25 Units of Assessment. No other institution achieved this comprehensive and outstanding set of ratings.

“These results are a resounding affirmation of the exceptional quality of work being done by UQ’s researchers across all disciplines”

Professor Bronwyn Harch, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Trusted research practice

This year we commenced a review of all of our policies and a number are currently under review and consultation, including the Responsible Conduct of Research Policy [4.20.02], Managing Complaints about the Conduct of Research Procedure [4.20.02] and Authorship Procedure [4.20.08]. Several policies are in advanced stages of consultation including: Animal Ethics Procedure, Administration of Research Projects Policy, Intellectual Property Policy and Procedure, Research Project and Consultancy Costing and Pricing Procedure, Consultancies, Secondary Employment and Internal Work Policy and Procedure. This work will continue into 2020.

We also conducted a review and update of the Conflict of Interest Policy and associated procedures, including the launch of a new conflict of interest disclosure management tool, to assist with the management of actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest at UQ.

Centres of Excellence

We also celebrate the announcement in October 2019 that UQ was awarded three ARC Centres of Excellence for Innovations in Peptide and Protein Science led by Professor David Craik; Children and Families over the Life Course led by Professor Janeen Baxter; and Plant Success in Nature and Agriculture led by Professor Christine Beveridge. Our UQ colleagues are also key supporting participants on a further four externally-led Centres announced this round.

National Health and Medical Research Council

In 2019, UQ was awarded more than $65 million in funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and an additional $28 million from the Medical Research Future Fund. UQ currently has 149 active research projects involving more than 200 lead investigators funded by the NHMRC, including five projects each valued at more than $6 million.

Australian Laureate Fellowship

Over the course of this prestigious scheme, UQ has celebrated 27 ARC Australian Laureate Fellows - more than any other Australian university.

In 2019, UQ secured the largest share of funding in the competitive grants and Professor Debra Bernhardt, Professor Lianzhou Wang and Professor Sara Dolnicar were awarded the 2019 ARC Laureate Fellowship and attracted more than $9.8 million in funding over the next five years for their research projects.

Advance Queensland Industry Research Fellowships

UQ’s performance in the Queensland Government’s Advance Queensland Industry Research Fellowships scheme was notable, with 22 Fellowships being awarded and an increase of nearly 30 per cent compared to 2019. The scheme supports early and mid-career researchers to engage with industry to undertake innovative projects of benefit to Queensland. The 22 AQIRF 2019 awards total more than $5 million in State Government and industry partner funding to support research and development between UQ and industry.

L-R Professor Peter Høj AC, Professor Sara Dolnicar, Professor Debra Bernhardt, Professor Lianzhou Wang and Professor Bronwyn Harch at the recent ARC Laureate Fellowship celebratory event
Entwined partnerships

Global research partners are vital to our success

Through an extensive network, UQ’s researchers connect with dozens of Australian and international industry partners, achieving innovation through collaborative partnerships. These partnerships are helping to build capacity for UQ to deliver impact to society through the establishment of research collaborations, academic programs, endowed chairs and industry-funded scholarship schemes.

UQ’s flagship research partnerships include: Boeing, The Dow Chemical Company, Baosteel, Rio Tinto, HBIS and Pfizer.

In 2019, we have been working closely with the Academy of Humanities, Wageningen University Research, CSIRO Agriculture and Food, KPMG, Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program, UQ’s Health Research Accelerator and the Aigrifood/Energy/Advanced Bio manufacturing: Toowoomba Innovation Precinct. Apart from constructing and contributing strongly to shaping the exciting collaborative research partnership with IIT Delhi, we have been driving business development and partnership activities with Google India, Microsoft India, Department of Biotechnology, the Institute for Social Science Research in New Delhi, Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys, Boeing India, AIIMS and many more organisations. We are currently pursuing partnerships with Cisco, Field Orthopaedics, Rio Tinto, Infosys, Stanwell and Siemens. The Siemens partnership, which commenced through the grant of the Siemens PLM software will, in 2020, transform into a research partnership involving the Energy Test Lab.

In 2020, our partnerships team will continue to work towards major new investment to support contract research including addressing levels of administration and contract processing resourcing and mobilising new transdisciplinary research development function resourcing.

Launch of Industry Connect

This new initiative was launched during Research Week 2019 and created a pathway for generating strategic industry-UQ partnerships by ensuring industry has access to a simple, coordinated entry point to support collaboration discussions and interaction with UQ’s wide range of expertise and infrastructure. Almost 60 industry representatives attended and we hope to continue to foster these relationships into 2020.

“Nothing excites us more than seeing our research creating impact in the real world”

Professor Mohan Krishnamoorthy, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research Partnerships)
UQ’s Consulting and Research Expertise

The Consulting and Research Expertise (CoRE) unit is now located in the GCI Building alongside the Research Partnerships Office and remains the go-to place at UQ for negotiation and management of consultancy contracts where UQ is providing expert advice to external clients and partners.

CoRE has been busy building new relationships with professional colleagues and researchers in faculties and institutes and honing its processes to be able to offer the best possible service as UQ prepares for the release of the new Consultancy and Secondary Employment Policy.

CoRE is contributing to the development of the new Research Management System and a new pricing and costing tool which will include functionality for consultancy projects in addition to research projects.

Contract research support

A new model to support increasing contract research was developed including investment in administration and contract processing resources. In addition to this investment, the new Innovation Broker positions have been created to support the reinvigorated Global Change Institute (GCI) and mobilise new transdisciplinary research development.

Intellectual Property

2019 saw improvements to the management of intellectual property (IP) at UQ. A new Intellectual Property Policy and Procedure has been drafted and a broad consultation is underway. In addition, the Commercialisation Pathways Advisory Group undertook a review of commercialisation pathways.

“Thanks for the work, the report was high quality and it was well received, thanks very much for looking into this for us”

Dylan Hrstich, Aurizon

CoRE’s UQ Materials Performance (UQMP) unit has had a great year carrying out an increasing number of materials failure consultancy investigations and contributing to the research effort of the university. CoRE contributed to the Industry Connect launch and UQMP had a stand at the inaugural Research Capabilities Showcase.
UQ Research Infrastructure plays a crucial strategic and operational role in shaping the University’s state-of-the-art research infrastructure. Throughout 2019, the office continued to make great strides towards achieving its priorities of:

- Advancing research through world-class capabilities
- Empowering users to deliver world-class outcomes
- Driving the Team Queensland approach for attracting investment.

2019 has seen the team grow in size and welcome key capabilities around business development, compliance and accreditation, and communications. This core team will capitalise on the portfolio’s existing strengths and work collaboratively with the Central Research Platforms (CRP) and the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) facilities to further sharpen the portfolio’s competitive advantage.

One-UQ Research Infrastructure Investment Scheme (oneUQ-RIIS)

A very notable success was the launch of the 2020 One-UQ Research Infrastructure Investment Scheme (oneUQ - RIIS). This new initiative streamlines the process for seeking infrastructure investment across UQ and replaces the UQ Major Equipment and Infrastructure (UQMEI) and UQ Research Facilities and Infrastructure Grants (RFIG) schemes.

State-of-the-art infrastructure

Research Capabilities Showcase 2019

Held during Research Week in September 2019, this event featured a host of presentations, tours, workshops, capability displays and networking opportunities. The showcase welcomed over 350 researchers, facility managers and staff from every part of UQ as well as external stakeholders to celebrate UQ research.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to see the whole picture in terms of what is available and how the facilities operate, great way to network”

Event attendee
UQ Genomics

UQ Genomics worked with Australian Genome Research Facility (AGRF) and the Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB) sequencing facility to establish a national UQ-AGRF genomics facility providing specialised genomic library and long-read sequencing technology capabilities for all UQ researchers. This will also see the installation of a cutting-edge Sequel II instrument. This facility will provide access to the novel technologies developed by the Genome Innovation Hub and will enable researchers at UQ and elsewhere to generate full chromosome level genome assemblies and full-length transcriptomes for genome annotation and comparative genome analyses of our biodiverse flora and fauna.

Centre for Geoanalytical Mass Spectrometry

The Centre for Geoanalytical Mass Spectrometry (CGMS) developed methods for geochemical analysis of mine tailings and iron ores that are particularly difficult to prepare and analyse. Tailings from mining operations are potential future sources of critical and other metals but also a source of acidity and metals in discharging waters. This work is a step towards minimising environmental impact and facilitating the development of a circular economy through sourcing of metals from mining waste.

Centre for Microscopy and Microanalysis

The Centre for Microscopy and Microanalysis (CMM) Structural Biology Lab refurbishment is nearing completion with the delivery of two new Cryogenic Electron Microscopes (CryoEMs) and the setup of a pipeline for protein structure determination utilising MicroED, X-ray crystallography and CryoEM. UQ research also recognised Dr Barry Wood from CMM for providing 50 years of expertise, support and service to UQ research infrastructure.

Genome Innovation Hub

The Genome Innovation Hub (GIH) held its first competitive call for projects and has since engaged in collaborative projects with 16 primary investigators and their research groups across 6 different institutes and schools at UQ.

TetraQ

TetraQ was confirmed as the provider for rodent toxicology studies to support the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) vaccine program led by Professor Paul Young and Dr Keith Chappell from the School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences at UQ with the first studies planned for Q1 2020.

National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy Facilities

UQ is the lead node for Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network (TERN), Research Data Services (RDS), and National Imaging Facility (NIF) National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) facilities, in addition to being a participant in a dozen other NCRIS facilities.

UQ Protein Expression Facility

UQ Protein Expression Facility (PEF) has partnered with Queensland Health’s Forensic and Scientific Services to develop safer Flavivirus diagnostic tests, with a total project value of $367,000. UQ PEF has also partnered with Australian Veterinary Serum Laboratories under the Queensland Biomedical Voucher Program for paralysis tick vaccine development. Through this project, UQ PEF will have the opportunity to engage in strategic partnerships with Queensland-based biotech companies to achieve greater impact for the bio-economy locally and nationwide.

Research Computing Centre

UQ Research Computing Centre Director, Professor David Abramson, has been recognised with the 2019 Pearcey Medal for his contribution to Australia’s information and communications technology industry. The lifetime achievement award from the Pearcey Foundation honours Professor Abramson as a world leader in the design, implementation and application of parallel and distributed computing systems including supercomputers.

Centre for Advanced Imaging

The Centre for Advanced Imaging (CAI) Director, Professor David Reutens, has been elected to the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences in recognition of distinguished professional achievements and outstanding leadership in health and medicine. Professor Ian Brereton, Director Research and Technology, retired from UQ after 32 years of service.

UQ Biological Resources

This year UQ Biological Resources (UQBR) welcomed two facilities into its fold in alignment with its scope as a central research platform. Queensland Animal Science Precinct (QASP) operations at Gatton and Australian Equine Genetics Research Centre (AEGRC) align with and complement UQBR’s research support.
2019 has been an exciting and busy year for the Graduate School with more than 979 HDR candidates commencing this year, the award of 640 UQ HDR scholarships and the conferral of 839 degrees.

**HDR administration**

With the transition to the new model for HDR administration becoming more embedded, this has been a year of further developing partnerships across UQ as well as improving upon our systems, processes, knowledge and skills. Development work in the online applications and candidature management systems to further digitise and automate processes, along with ongoing training and development of our HDR Administration Officer (HAO) and HDR Liaison Officer (HLO) teams saw an improvement in efficiency and accuracy across many aspects of HDR administration. For example, turnaround times for HDR requests was reduced from weeks to an average of five days. The Graduate School has also developed a number of resources to assist both candidates and advisors in the delivery of HDR programs, such as the HDR Essentials Guide for Supervision, Staff Development courses, online resources to support Oral Exams, the development of the Career Development Mentoring program and HDR Connections for candidates. The Graduate School also redeveloped some of their online content both on the website and intranet pages to improve clarity and accessibility.

In 2019, the Graduate School continued to offer exceptional opportunities to our HDR candidates with record numbers participating in our Career Development Framework (CDF) with 37 new workshops added to the CDF and 4500 sessions attended. A record 75 placements were also facilitated for HDR candidates from across UQ in 2019. 30 HDR candidates also had the opportunity to take part in the Global Scholars Program which aims to foster future research leaders and change agents by developing a deep understanding of global trends and solutions for positive change. This program included a number of high profile guest speakers, a research showcase and a field trip to Lady Elliot Island.

**Collaborative Partnerships**

The Graduate School also supported the development and growth of a number of collaborative partnerships with industry and international institutions. The UQ Industry PhD Partnership (UQIPP) scheme provides a way for industry partners to support a cohort of PhD students to work on a program of research, and new partnerships with Newcrest, CSIRO and Ecotourism Australia were activated this year. In addition, the joint PhD program with the University of Exeter under the QUEX scheme had a second intake of 10 students join the program. The UQ-IITD Academy of Research (UQIDAR) partnership also attracted another two intakes of students participating in the joint PhD program. The collaborative supervision partnerships with the Southern University of Technology, China (SUSTech) and the Technical University of Munich. The Graduate School also signed a joint PhD agreement with the Go8 and this will be activated in 2020.
Our world-renowned Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition helps students learn how to effectively communicate their research to a non-specialist audience, while our industry placements and mentoring program allows them to experience current practice and building their networks. In addition to our development workshops, our candidates also engaged with the UQ 3MT competition with the highest number of participants at UQ ever with more than 307 HDR candidates taking part, a 25 per cent increase on the previous year.

“As we look towards 2020, our focus will be on the continued expansion and promotion of development opportunities for candidates and continuing to build on the development program for advisors. We look forward to continuing to partner with key stakeholders across UQ to ensure we continue to develop best practice and an excellent experience for our graduate researchers” Professor Alastair McEwan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research Training) and Dean of UQ Graduate School

Mike Lanzing, General Manager, Unibank presenting the winning cheque to Cody Frear

“The freedom to dedicate oneself so completely to a narrow field of research is one of the joys of pursuing a PhD”

Cody Frear, 2019 UQ 3MT and U21 Universitas21 competition Winner
Facilitating the research enterprise

Research Management Business Transformation Program

The Research Management Business Transformation (RMBT) Program encompasses a broad range of targeted projects designed to streamline, enhance and support research, researchers and research training through the provision of new digital solutions in partnership alongside the Library and ITS.

Impact Tracker

Measurement of research engagement and impact is a relatively novel concept to institutions nationally and globally, with the first Australian Engagement and Impact Assessment occurring in 2018. The Impact Tracker project will deliver a system allowing researchers to understand and track the impact of their research. The Impact Tracker system has a unique framework to guide researchers methodically through a process that will help them capture evidence of engagement and impact as it occurs, making it easier to plan, record and report on these parameters.

Non-Traditional Research Outputs

The Non-Traditional Research Outputs (NTRO) project has delivered robust infrastructure within UQ eSpace to support the comprehensive collection and description of all types of NTROs. This includes a metadata schema to support decision-making about the scope and ‘quality’ of work, as well as user-friendly forms for data entry by researchers. A library guide has also been developed to provide information on each NTRO type and support self-deposit of NTRO records.

There are 5 NTRO types now available in UQ eSpace:

- CW1 Original Creative Works
- CW2 Live Performance of Creative Works
- CW3 Recorded or Rendered Creative Works
- CW4 Curated or Produced Substantial Public Exhibitions and Events
- CW5 Research Report for an External Body
Research Data Manager

The Research Data Manager (RDM) system is a robust, world-leading system designed and developed here at UQ. RDM has pioneered and adopted the highest standards of excellence in research data management.

It provides, for the first time, the means for all UQ researchers and their collaborators to ensure their research data is managed in line with best practice.

“It is a truly functional innovation to move the storage of research data from individual researchers seeking a variety of solutions to a well-designed, One-UQ solution.”

Professor Jenny Seddon, Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Science

Open Researcher and Contributor ID

The Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID®) is a persistent digital identifier that uniquely distinguishes academic authors and contributors. UQ currently has 3382 ORCIDs and 8755 unique digital object identifiers for UQ staff with linked ORCIDs. The many benefits of ORCID include:

• Protecting researcher identity and intellectual property
• Seamless ORCID integration
• Promoting UQ researchers and UQ research
• Streamlining the collection of research outputs
• Tracking career progression

Digital Research Notebooks

Digital Research Notebooks (DRNs) are available for all researchers as a component of the RMBT Program’s Integrated Data Management Plan (iDMP). DRNs are provisioned through UQ Research Data Manager (RDM), and offer a mobile, connected and secure alternative to paper-based notebooks. DRNs can be used to document all aspects of research.

1094 User accounts since June 2019
539 Notebooks created in 2019
39 DRN training and presentations
6 Focus groups offered in Q3 and Q4

HDR Candidature Management System

During the course of the project, the management of HDR candidates moved from a predominantly paper-based system to an online system with automated workflows and a user-friendly dashboard allowing candidates and advisors to have self-service access to monitor candidature and lodge requests. The thesis examinations process has also moved from an email and paper-based system to the new HDR CMS platform, with examiners invited to examine via UniTask. To date, processes have been improved by:

• 20 paper-based forms (adding up to more than 30,000 submissions a year) into online processes, which has increased efficiency for administrative staff
• Improved visibility of request progress and candidature status for HDR students, advisors, and Post Graduate Coordinators (PGCs).

Policy Review

January 2019 saw the commencement of a two-year project focused on the review of research policy. The focus of the review is on the PPL documents housed within 4.10 Research Management and Administration and 4.20 Research Conduct and Integrity. The review will assess the current state of these policies and procedures and consider recommendations for revision, deletion, demotion, creation and consolidation of documents. The aim of the project is a robust, concise and ever-evolving policy and procedure suite that supports UQ researchers.
Transdisciplinary research

A vision to be a collaborative solutions hub

To be renowned as global change makers by:

- addressing grand challenges that build a strong Australia, within a competitive global economy
- solving complex problems through transdisciplinary collaboration
- delivering translation by nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit of researchers and students
- inspiring a generation to recognise the myriad of career pathways for problem focused research practice
- facilitating dialogue that is inclusive and harnesses diverse perspectives

Research Impact Themes

UQ is one of Australia’s top research-intensive universities, not just for research quality and output, but also for the scale of our operations and breadth of our impact across disciplines.

Research at UQ is about solving global challenges for our future by designing and supporting impactful research outcomes, across the five research pillars.

Building Better Bioeconomies

Achieving Resilient Environments and Livelihoods

Designing Technology for Tomorrow

Transforming Societies

Leading Healthy Lives
The Global Change Institute (GCI) was established in 2010 to draw together the knowledge and experience of UQ, our partners and collaborators, to develop solutions to address the grand challenges facing global society. Based in a $32m ‘Living Building’, the GCI building generates more energy than it consumes and is a flagship for sustainability. The 6 Star Green Star rated structure was made possible by a generous $15 million donation from UQ alumnus and philanthropist Graeme Wood AM.

During 2018 to 2019 consultation across the university, with our partners and collaborators, and with senior university leadership has informed a program to reinvigorate the GCI as a hub for transdisciplinary research. Being able to address global challenges requires collaboration across various partners, with common goals and a shared vision for the impacts and outcomes to be delivered. These collaborations need to draw on complementary capabilities, diverse disciplinary knowledge and practice and be conducted through inclusive approaches. Collaborative multidisciplinary approaches such as these, with the focus on solving end-user community problems is known as transdisciplinary practice.

The University of Queensland Strategic Plan 2018–2021 recognises that “ambitions such as enabling healthy ageing, ensuring food security, supporting a resilient environment, developing technology for tomorrow, and positively transforming societies demand a breadth of involvement and knowledge beyond the confines of any single discipline”.

**GCI MISSION**

To draw together expertise from across UQ, industry, government and the community to address grand challenges and build a strong Australia within a competitive global economy.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Forum

This inaugural event was prompted by the University of Queensland’s Reconciliation Action Plan, which included the deliverable:

13.3 Pilot an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research forum during Research Week to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations about key research question and opportunities to collaborate with UQ.

55 attendees listened closely to an invigorating and memorable panel consisting of five UQ researchers discussing “What are the key research impacts that you have experienced in your research discipline?”

A showcase consisting of UQ researchers specialising in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research had the opportunity to exhibit their research at the beginning of the event along with a networking opportunity for all attendees.

We look forward to making more connections and showcasing more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research at this event next year.

“...The event brought people together and shared very important messages about research being carried out by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers at UQ and working with the right communities to achieve legacy outcomes”

Event attendee
Research Week

Research Week is a celebration of the incredible research and researchers that are based at UQ. Research Week aims to raise awareness of UQ researchers across key stakeholders, including staff, current and prospective students, graduates, industry, government, media and the wider community.

A variety of events are held to celebrate and promote research at UQ including the Research Awards, Research Capabilities Showcase, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Forum, 3MT, Industry Connect and many more.

Research Week awards night

This year was our biggest Research Week awards night yet. Twelve researchers, three research teams and five research supervisors were acknowledged across three categories – UQ Foundation Research Excellence Awards, Partners in Research Excellence Awards, and Awards for Excellence in Higher Degree by Research Supervision.

This year we also expanded the awards to include the UniQuest Commercialisation Deal of the Year and Indigenous Partnerships and Engagement in Research awards and are thrilled to support Indigenous engagement and partnerships.