# Benefits of an Australian Higher Education

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# World class universities

QS World University Rankings 2010

| Country | Number in Top 50 | Number of Universities in Country | % in top 50 |
|---|---|---|---|
| USA | 20 | 2474 | 0.81% |
| Great Britain | 8 | 136 | 5.88% |
| Australia | **5** | **39** | **12.82%** |
| Canada | 3 | 83 | 3.61% |

# World class universities

**Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2010**

| Country | No. in Top 100 | No. in Top 500 |
|---|---|---|
| Australia | **8%** | **43%** |
| US | 8% | 22% |
| UK | 9% | 33% |

# Quality in every discipline area

**Engineering & Technology**

| Country | Top 20 | 21-50 | 51-100 | Total | Proportion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| US | 10 | 5 | 14 | 29 | 1.1% |
| UK | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 6.6% |
| **Australia** | **0** | **4** | **3** | **7** | **17.9%** |
| Germany | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 7.5% |
| Canada | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6.0% |
| China | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0.2% |
| India | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1.0% |
| Japan | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0.6% |
| Netherlands | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10.0% |
| Singapore | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 66.7% |
| Switzerland | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 16.7% |

**Social Sciences & Management**

| Country | Top 20 | 21-50 | 51-100 | Total | Proportion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| US | 12 | 9 | 8 | 29 | 1.1% |
| UK | 3 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 11.0% |
| **Australia** | **1** | **4** | **1** | **6** | **15.4%** |
| France | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 6.2% |
| Germany | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6.3% |
| Netherlands | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 20.0% |
| Japan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0.4% |

# Quality in every discipline area

## Arts and Humanities

| Country | Top 20 | 21-50 | 51-100 | Total | Proportion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| USA | 11 | 5 | 9 | 23 | 0.9% |
| UK | 3 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 13.9% |
| **Australia** | **2** | **2** | **3** | **7** | **17.9%** |
| Germany | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7.5% |
| Canada | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3.6% |
| France | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3.7% |
| Japan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0.4% |

## Natural Sciences

| Country | Top 20 | 21-50 | 51-100 | Total | Proportion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| US | 10 | 6 | 7 | 23 | 1.0% |
| Germany | 0 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 13.7% |
| UK | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 6.6% |
| **Australia** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **6** | **15.4%** |
| France | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 7.4% |
| Canada | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6.0% |

## Life Sciences & Medicine

| Country | Top 20 | 21-50 | 51-100 | Total | Proportion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| USA | 8 | 18 | 10 | 32 | 1.3% |
| UK | 5 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 10.3% |
| **Australia** | **2** | **4** | **3** | **9** | **23.1%** |
| Canada | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6.0% |
| Germany | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6.3% |
| Japan | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0.5% |
| Singapore | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 33.3% |

# Robust quality assurance

The quality of Australian education is underpinned by a rigorous quality assurance system at all levels

- International Student Strategy – protecting & promoting student welfare, education quality, rights of students as consumers & provision of reliable information
- New Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

# Research excellence

A recent survey of the quality of research undertaken in Australian universities found that

**TOP MARKS**

Percentage of research above world standard

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | University of Melbourne | 79.6% |
| 2 | Australian National University | 78.5% |
| 3 | University of Queensland | 76.2% |
| 4 | University of NSW | 63.6% |
| 5 | University of Sydney | 57.8% |

- 65 per cent of research was rated at world standard or above
- Fields in which four or more institutions were rated as being well above world-standard included cardiovascular medicine, oncology, immunology, astronomical and space sciences, and quantum physics.

# A culture of innovation

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# High levels of student satisfaction

A recent survey of international students, conducted on behalf of the Australian Government, found that:

- 86% satisfied or very satisfied with their overall living experience in Australia
- 84% satisfied with their study experience
- Safety and security recorded high satisfaction levels of 85%

# Passport to a global career

- Most international graduates of Australian institutions are either working or studying or combining work and study
- The majority of graduates are working in an occupation in the same field they had studied or in a related field
- 92% of international graduates who have returned to their home countries have achieved positive employment outcomes as a result of their Australian education
- Employers are interested in employing international graduates who have studied in Australia

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