Griffith University is a leading Australian university with a blend of innovative and traditional disciplines addressing global issues and challenges. Studying at Griffith is the ideal environment to inspire learning and discovery, and with access to first class facilities, it is the perfect place to begin a rewarding career.

Griffith's history

Elements of Griffith University began in 1881 in Brisbane with the establishment of the Queensland College of Art (QCA), Queensland's oldest art institution. In 1957 the Queensland Conservatorium (QCGU), one of Australia's leading music schools, was established. Then in 1971, Griffith University was formally established by the Queensland Parliament as a comprehensive university. Griffith has grown to five campuses: Nathan, Mt. Gravatt, Gold Coast, Logan and South Bank (comprising QCA and QCGU).

Griffith today

Griffith University is one of Australia's most innovative and dynamic public universities located in the nation's fastest growth region, the Brisbane–Gold Coast corridor. It is ranked in The Times HES-QS World University Rankings, November 2007 as 309th in the World, placing it in the top 4% of the World's universities. It is home to 36,000 students studying one of 239 undergraduate or 372 postgraduate programs. Griffith is Australia's 9th largest higher education institution by student load (in 2007) and 14th by research income (latest “Universities Australia” report on 2005 total research income) generated through 40 Research Centres.
Griffith’s strengths

Excellence in Teaching
- Griffith’s record for teaching excellence is recognised with winning three of the prestigious Australian Government Carrick Awards for Teaching Excellence in 2007 and one award for Programs that Enhance Learning. Griffith is one of three universities in Australia to receive the maximum number of Carrick Institute Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning and enjoyed 100 per cent success rate for its ten submissions in Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. In addition, one of Griffith’s academic staff won the 2007 Australian Prime Minister’s Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year, announced at the Carrick Awards held at Parliament House, Canberra.

Arts, Education and Law
- Australia’s first Centre of Excellence for Policing and Security will be hosted by Griffith University with funding of $15.4 million. Announced in 2007, the five-year project will create an internationally-regarded centre of research excellence to help prevent crime and build new responses to the challenges of the 21st century facing Australia and the Asia Pacific.

Law Graduates rate Griffith with outstanding employment results.
- Griffith Law School has been ranked Australia’s leading public university law school in the Good Universities Guide (2006). An independent “Course Experience Questionnaire” survey of graduates compiled by the Graduate Careers Council of Australia, Graduate Destination Survey (2005) attests to the outstanding satisfaction rates of Griffith graduates, who also enjoy an employment rate of 97% to 100%.

- In 2004, Griffith established the Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law (IEGL), a joint initiative with United Nations University (UNU). The United Nations University, through a worldwide network of research institutes and scholars, conducts policy-relevant research to assist the United Nations in the resolution of pressing global problems. Through the establishment of IEGL, Griffith was the first in Australia to become a United Nations University Associated Institution and is now one of only a dozen of this kind in the world. IEGL is today a network-based institution that focuses on global projects in research and capacity building in institutional and community governance.

The largest Film School in Australia
- The Griffith Film School, a part of the Griffith Queensland College of Art, is now the largest film school in Australia (by enrolment) with close links to Warner Roadshow Productions on the Gold Coast and excellent international industry partnerships, including the Innovative Studios, and Whirling Woods International Institute for Film, Television and Media Arts, in the heart of Film City Studios, Mumbai, India.

- Through the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University offers the most comprehensive range of public events and academic programs in music of any Australian institution, with state-of-the-art performance venues and recording studios. In 2006, Griffith won the national award for “Outstanding Contribution by an Organisation” from the Australian Performing Rights Association and the Australian Music Centre, for the Tasmanian. “Meetings in Australian Music” event hosted by the Queensland Conservatorium Research Centre.

Business
- Griffith is a leader in the emerging areas of tourism and hotel management including event, tourism, sport and hospitality and as an 8-time winner of the Queensland Tourism Award for Excellence in Industry Education, Griffith has won the award more frequently than any other provider and was a finalist in 2007. Griffith is at the forefront of Tourism Management research and hosts the Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Tourism established under the Australian Government’s Cooperative Research Programmes to underpin the development of a dynamic, internationally competitive, and sustainable tourism industry.

- Five stars out of six. Six years out of six. One leading MBA out of hundreds.
  - The Griffith MBA has received a 5-Star rating from the Graduate Management Association of Australia (GMAA) for 6 consecutive years from 2002-2007. Griffith is the only Queensland university to have consistently been rated 5-Star since the GMAA began its independent rating six years ago. This is a significant achievement for the Griffith Business School and has resulted in a very positive learning experience and employment outcomes for our graduates.

- The first in Australia to offer International Business and Asian studies. A pioneer in this field. A gateway to Asia.

- Griffith is the first in Australia to offer an undergraduate degree in International Business and Asian studies and remains the pioneer in this field with its own centre, the Griffith Asia Institute, committed to providing specialist education in politics, economics, societies and cultures of the Asia and South Pacific region.

- Griffith’s Accounting research is ranked at seven in Australia and 72 in the World, according to a study of publication rates in one of the top Accounting journals, Accounting & Finance (Vol 47, No 2, 2007, “Global Ranking of Accounting Programmes and the Elite Effect in Accounting Research”). The study covered a 15 year period and during this time Griffith was one of the most rapid upward movers in its comparative ranking.

Health
- In 2006 the Queensland State Government announced a 1.4 billion dollar investment in health infrastructure on the Gold Coast. Included in this investment is a commitment to build a new 750-bed tertiary teaching hospital on land adjacent to Griffith University’s Gold Coast campus. The hospital, to be completed by 2012, is to be named the “Gold Coast University Hospital”. The Queensland Government will fund Griffith to deliver education to 235 medical students who, upon completion of their degrees, will work throughout Queensland.

- In 2005, Griffith established the new Oral Health and Dentistry School in 57 years, as well as one of the newest Medical Schools in Australia.

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- The Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention (ASRMP) at Griffith has been officially designated a World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Suicide Prevention, making it the second only centre of its kind in the World to hold this distinction.

Science, Environment, and Technology
- Almost three decades ago, Griffith had the foresight to establish Australia’s first Environmental Studies program. Today, it has the largest group of environmental professionals in any university in Australia, and is amongst the largest in the World.

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- Griffith established the Australian Rivers Institute (ARI) in 2006, to provide a focus for Australia’s largest group of university-based scientists with expertise in river, catchment and coastal research and education.

- Strategic research programs in drug discovery.

- The Eskitis Institute for Cell and Molecular Therapies is a flagship research institute at Griffith with world-class researchers and state-of-the-art facilities. It focuses on finding new ways to diagnose and combat disease across the five research themes of cancer, adult stem cell biology, neurological diseases, infection and immunity and neglected diseases. Eskitis also includes: the National Institute for Adult Stem Cell Research which was established with $2.2 million from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, the Queensland Compound Library, a purpose-built facility for storing and retrieving compounds created by chemists across the country, the Queensland node of the Cancer Therapeutics CRC Ltd established in 2007, funded by $1.48 million from the Australian Federal Government and other participants, and the “Nature Bank”, a unique collection of more than 400,000 plant and marine compounds.

- The first aviation education alliance in Australia.

- The Queensland Premier announced a new aviation training alliance in 2007 between Griffith University and Qantas Airways, the first of its kind in Australia. This is a landmark partnership that will enable Qantas to recruit work-ready graduates with skills and education tailored to meet the needs of today’s airline industry, while Griffith students gain real-life experience with one of Australia’s most iconic companies.

Major Research Grants
- Griffith University’s major research grant successes in 2006 – 07 include:
  - $50 million National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility
  - $22 million National Adult Stem Cell Centre
  - $16 million Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge Research Hub
  - $18 million “Smart Water” Research Facility
  - $15.4 million Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security
  - Selection as Queensland node of the Cooperative Research Centre for Cancer Therapeutics
  - $1.8 million grant to Eskitis Institute (Malania and African Sleeping Sickness)

International
- Griffith's commitment to academic excellence has set new benchmarks for international education both in Australia and overseas. We have a diverse international profile, now home to 7300 international students from over 123 countries.

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- The most predominant source countries of international students at Griffith include: China (excludes SAR’s & Taiwan Province), Canada, Hong Kong (excludes China), India, Korea, Republic of (South), Japan, Taiwan, United States of America, Zimbabwe, Norway, and Singapore.

- The number of international students at Griffith continues to increase at a rate of 4% each year. With our international students now coming from so many different countries we are pleased to see such cultural diversity and will continue to welcome those who choose Griffith University as their number 1 education provider.

- Griffith is a member of the “111” group of Innovative Research Universities in Australia which is linked with the Innovative Research Universities European Union (IRU-EU) Centre, providing a national platform for increased collaboration between Australian and EU researchers.

Griffith’s strengths