Role and functions

Basis of authority
The University is a body corporate governed by the University of Queensland Act 1998, as amended (the ‘Act’). The University was founded in 1910.

Functions
The University:
- disseminates knowledge and promotes scholarship
- provides education at university standard
- provides facilities for and encourages study and research
- encourages the advancement and development of knowledge and its application
- provides courses of study or instruction (at levels of achievement Senate considers appropriate) to meet community needs
- confers higher education awards
- confers professional degrees
- operates the following controlled entities:
  - UQ Holdings Group
  - JKTech Pty Ltd
  - UniQuest Pty Ltd
  - UQ College Limited
  - UQ Health Care Limited
  - UQ Holdings Pty Ltd
  - UQ Sport Limited
  - University Controlled Trusts
  - UQ Foundation Trust
  - UQ Investment Trust Group
  - UQ Investment Trust
  - IMBCom Pty Ltd
  - UniQuest Group
  - JKTech Group
  - SMH ICE-CHILE SpA
  - Other Controlled Entities
    - Global Change Institute Pty Ltd
    - UQ Jakarta Office Pty Ltd

Our mission
UQ positively influences society by engaging in the pursuit of excellence through the creation, preservation, transfer and application of knowledge. UQ helps shape the future by bringing together and developing leaders in their fields to inspire the next generation and to advance ideas that benefit the world. UQ strives for the personal and professional success of its students, staff and alumni.

Our vision
UQ’s Strategic Plan 2018–2021 outlines our objectives to achieve our vision of knowledge leadership for a better world.

Long-term objectives
UQ’s vision has been translated into these long-term objectives:
1. Transforming students into game-changing graduates who make outstanding contributions and address complex issues with a global perspective
2. Delivering globally significant solutions to challenges by generating new knowledge and partnered innovation
3. Developing a diverse community of knowledge seekers and leaders who embody a One UQ culture and use collaborative partnerships to connect and co-create.

Our values
Pursuit of excellence
We strive for excellence, seeking to apply the highest standards to benefit our communities.

Creativity and independent thinking
We welcome new ideas from our staff and students as well as from our alumni and our external partners. We support intellectual freedom, courage and creativity. We encourage the pursuit of innovation and opportunities.

Honesty and accountability
We act with integrity and professionalism and uphold the highest ethical standards. We are committed to transparency and accountability. Our decisions ensure responsible stewardship of the University’s resources, reputation and values. We lead by example in all areas, including our approaches to sustainability.

Mutual respect and diversity
We promote diversity in the University community—through our people, ideas and cultures. We create a vibrant, inclusive environment in which ideas flourish and future generations, regardless of background, are empowered. We respect our colleagues and work together for shared success.

Supporting our people
We ensure the safety and wellbeing of our people. We create an inclusive and supportive university community in which achievements are celebrated and rewarded. Our people have the opportunity to enrich their lives and pursue their goals.

Queensland Public Service (QPS) values
UQ’s values align neatly with the five Queensland Public Service values, guiding our behaviour and the way we do business:
- Customers first
- Ideas into action
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