Year at a glance

January
- UQ Diamantina Institute researchers acknowledge outstanding research may be stopped by cutting off their blood supply.
- The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) provides UQ with $14.7 million funding to develop vaccines against emerging infectious diseases.
- Several UQ staff are recognised in Australia Day Honours list.

February
- More than 1,000 new postgraduate and undergraduate students are welcomed to UQ during Orientation Week.
- Two UQ postgraduate students, Sachinfrid Umana Madaguile and Matthew Page, are named as 2019 Westpac Future Leaders Scholars.
- UQ signs Memorandum of Understanding with Queensland tour operator to undertake joint research and development projects.
- Medical Research Future Fund awards UQ $76 million in grants for research into rare cancer.
- UQ ranks first in Australia for Agriculture, Environmental Sciences and Sports-related subjects in QS Subject Rankings.
- 2018 Australian Awards for University Teaching are announced.
- ‘Get your Geek on’ all-day event is held.
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- Hand Heart Pocket Alzheimer’s Gala is held at Parliament House to raise money for dementia research.
- UQ Warwick Solar Farm is officially launched on site.
- Artist Lara Merrett begins a 10-day outdoor studio for her High Stakes project at the UQ Art Museum.

May
- CURT Lieder Rankings rank UQ as top* university in the southern hemisphere for global research quality.
- Max Whisson and Jamie Hiscock win Great Court Race at UQ St Lucia.
- Create Change Scholarship Match is launched to support students with financial need.

June
- Newly refurbished food complex opens with seven food outlets.
- UQ Sport awards 57 sporting scholarships.
- Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Peter Høj, AC announces his retirement with effect from 31 July 2020.
- Reconciliation Action Plan is launched.

July
- More than 4000 new students are welcomed to UQ during Mid-Year Orientation Week.
- With 1417 participants, UQ breaks Guinness World Record for Largest Mindfulness Lesson (single venue).
- UQ sportswoman Melissa Lucashenko wins the NSW, Franklin Literary Award for Too much lip.

August
- UQ signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilization to introduce an extended major in Western Civilization in two UQ programs.
- UQ moves from 50th to 54th globally in Academic Ranking of World Universities.
- UQ partners with PNG’s UNITECH to train future mining engineers.
- UQ Sunshine Coast Student Services building opens.
- Open Days are held on UQ St Lucia and Gatton, attracting 24,934 visitors.
- UQ receives $29.7 million in funding from the National Health and Medical Research Council for Health research.

September
- Inaugural Mental Health Symposium for service providers.
- UQ Research Week acknowledges outstanding researchers.
- A Taste of BIGSOUND Festival is held.
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October
- 10 graduation ceremonies are held on the St Lucia campus for more than 5000 graduates.
- UQ law students win the 2019 International Maritime Law Moot.
- 100 high school students attended UQ’s Experience Science program at St Lucia.
- UQ Minerals Week is held on St Lucia.
- UQ Volunteer Expo is attended by almost 1700 students and 50 for-profit organisations.
- Student protest activity occurs at St Lucia.

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