DEAKIN AT A GLANCE
DEAKIN’S VISION

Deakin University aspires to be Australia’s premier university in driving the digital frontier – to enable globally connected education for the jobs of the future, and research that makes a difference to the communities we serve.

THE DEAKIN PROMISE

As a globally joined university, informed by its Australian context, and engaged locally in the communities it serves, Deakin promises to advance:

LEARNING – offer a brilliant education where you are and where you want to go

IDEAS – make a difference through world-class innovation and research

VALUE – enhance our enterprise, strengthen our communities and enable our partners

EXPERIENCE – delight our students, our staff, our partners and our friends.
We live in a fast-changing, connected world and digital innovation brings universities remarkable opportunities for global collaboration, co-creation and interaction in teaching, research and community engagement.

Deakin is a university on a strong trajectory; it is making a distinctive contribution to higher education nationally and globally and continues to contribute significantly to the economic, environmental and cultural life of each of its local communities.

Professor Jane den Hollander
Vice-Chancellor

Deakin has a rich history of developing meaningful partnerships linking academia with industry, government, research institutions, NGOs and connecting with likeminded universities around the world.

The University continuously seeks new opportunities to build connections both locally and globally.

IN AUSTRALIA – Deakin contributes significantly to the economic and cultural life of its local communities. Because of Deakin’s reach into regional cities like Geelong and Warrnambool, the University is able to have a direct positive impact across the Australian State of Victoria.

AROUND THE WORLD – Deakin was an early leader among Australian universities in developing international relationships, particularly throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Deakin’s committed international outlook is exemplified by the dozens of research and industry partnerships developed over the last two decades:

• In 1994 Deakin was the first Australian university to set up an office in India. Since then, Deakin has developed more than 40 strategic research/academic partnerships and 15 corporate partnerships in India.
• The Deakin India Research Initiative aims to enhance India’s research capacity, with a strong connection to Australia in areas that are of critical importance to both countries, including health and food security.
• Deakin was the first Australian university to establish permanent offices in Beijing and in Wuhan.
• Deakin’s many research ties include partnerships with the Beijing Pharma and Biotech Centre and the Sino-Australian Initiative for Automotive Materials with steel giant WISCO.
• In Indonesia, Deakin has forged links with over 40 Indonesian universities to support joint research programs and to foster the upskilling of Indonesian academics through Deakin PhD programs. Deakin’s Pre-Departure Centres in Indonesia provide English language and research skills training to potential PhD candidates.

We invite you to join us, and explore the many opportunities Deakin University offers.
Established in 1974, Deakin was Victoria’s fourth university and the first in regional Victoria.

1974

1976

Deakin enrols its first students at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus.

1977

The Institute of Koorie Education offers its first programs to indigenous students through Deakin University.

1984

The historic Geelong Woolstores building is acquired and developed into a new campus, which opens in 1996. Deakin’s Waterfront Campus helps rejuvenate the Geelong foreshore.

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Deakin is named ‘University of the Year’ for leadership in imaginative and innovative uses of new information and communications technology.

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1990/1991

After merging with the Warrnambool Institute of Advanced Education and Victoria College, the Warrnambool (1990) and Melbourne Burwood (1991) campuses are established.

1995

Victoria Premier Jeff Kennett opens the International Fibre Centre, saying the facility has ‘no equal in the world’.

2009

Deakin Professor Peter Hodgson awarded highly prestigious Australian Laureate Fellowship.

2012

The new strategic plan L.I.V.E – Learning, Ideas, Values and Experience – renews Deakin’s commitment to excellence in research, a strong student community and education with direction.

2014/2015

Deakin named as one of the top 50 universities in the world under 50 years of age by both QS and Times Higher Education world university rankings.

Deakin launches the IBM Watson Student Adviser, a world first initiative that provides personalised advice to students 24/7/365.
A GROWING REPUTATION

In a complex and unequivocally global higher education sector, succeeding in international rankings is important. Global rankings influence student decision making and are the basis of our reputation.

Deakin has had great success in international university rankings in recent years:

- Deakin is now ranked among the top 3% of universities worldwide.*
- Deakin is among the top 50 universities under 50 years of age (Times Higher Education and QS)

Deakin’s success in various rankings demonstrates the University’s growing reputation as a young, dynamic institution with international aspirations and a commitment to exploring the cutting edge of research.

In recent years Deakin has made a strong push to enhance its research capacity through the development of world-class research facilities and innovative research arrangements. These efforts led to:

- a tripling of international research publications by Deakin researchers between 2009 and 2013.
- Deakin entering the research-driven Academic Rankings of World Universities (ARWU) and CWTS Leiden rankings for the first time in 2014.

And Deakin’s continuing commitment to internationalisation has led to consistently strong growth in international student enrolments and the development of one of the most internationally diverse faculties in Australia.

As Deakin’s academic reputation, research output, international presence and employment reputation continue to improve, the University continues to look for opportunities to engage with partners in industry, government, NGOs and higher education.

* According to all major international university rankings – Times Higher Education, QS and ARWU"
Deakin has a student-focused culture with a reputation for being accessible, helpful and friendly. The University has been rated first in the State of Victoria for student satisfaction for five consecutive years (Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015). The University has created a technology-rich learning environment, systematically reviewing its courses for delivery in a digitally leveraged environment, whether ‘in the cloud’ or on campus. Deakin’s libraries and learning spaces are media-rich and have a flexible design that supports both individual and collaborative learning.

Deakin aims to develop work-ready graduates prepared to meet the challenges of a complex and often ambiguous future. Deakin students have the opportunity to undertake work-based learning in professional settings, enabling them to apply and consolidate knowledge learnt in their course and to develop new skills valued in the workplace.

Graduates need the cultural awareness, global contacts and skills essential for a global marketplace, and Deakin encourages its students to participate in overseas study, volunteering programs and internship experiences. Deakin is preparing capable, confident and skilled graduates with a global mindset and the capacity to skilfully manage change.
Deakin researchers are making a positive impact on the lives and well-being of communities in Australia and around the world through exceptional innovation and research. Using our industry, government and institutional networks, we are building our global research footprint across four key themes, supported by two world-class Research Institutes and 13 Strategic Research Centres.

Improving health and wellbeing

Research at Deakin is making a difference across the health spectrum, in areas such as medicine, ageing and chronic illness, physical activity, infant and child health, nutrition, disability, social and mental health.

- Deakin is a key partner in the Geelong Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases – Australia’s first ‘One Health’ facility, which is taking a new, multidisciplinary approach to managing infectious diseases in people, animals, and the environment. The Centre is set to play a leading role in protecting Australia and other nations from emerging and zoonotic infectious diseases.
- In a world-first, Deakin researchers have pioneered the industrial production of high-value short nanofibre materials that will be manufactured with commercial partners for domestic and export markets. The potential of these tiny fibres is only just being explored, but already, discoveries in stem cell expansion are set to improve leukaemia treatment across the globe.
- Deakin’s ground-breaking research in autism has led to the adoption of improved diagnostic and treatment guidelines by the international medical community.

Designing smarter technologies

Whether it be creating the remotely controlled OzBot robots used by special operations units or using big data to assess the mental health of whole populations, Deakin researchers are working to solve 21st century problems through cutting edge smart technologies.

- Deakin is a world leader in carbon fibre, nano fibre, metals research, nanotechnology and composite materials. Deakin’s unique, open-access carbon fibre/composite research facility, Carbon Nexus, is supporting the transition to advanced manufacturing in industries such as aerospace, automotive, and construction.
- Deakin is home to some of the best future-focused engineering and design facilities in the Australian university sector. Deakin’s new Centre for Advanced Design in Engineering Training (CADET), for example, houses a unique Universal Motion Simulator – the first haptically enabled robot-based motion simulator in the world.
- Our engineering and IT researchers are providing robotics, simulation modelling and haptics solutions to clients such as the Australian Department of Defence and the aerospace, automotive, logistics and health industries.
Enabling a sustainable world
Deakin supports one of the world’s most prestigious environmental and marine science research programs. Our ecologists are helping to protect Australia’s vulnerable flora and fauna from disease, rapid development and climate change.

• Marine researchers have developed Deakin’s purpose-built research vessel Yolla – which houses the most advanced sonar system in the world – and have created a detailed continuous map of Victoria’s sea floor habitats. This data is playing a key role in supporting fishery and conservation management of the state’s marine environments.

• The global aquaculture industry is being supported by Deakin nutritionists, who are investigating the effect of farmed fish diets on human nutrition.

• Researchers at the newly-expanded TERI Deakin Nanobiotechnology Research Centre in India are working with colleagues in Australia to develop solutions to global issues such as food security, sustainable agricultural practices and environmental sustainability.

Advancing society and culture
Our strong research focus on contemporary histories, heritage, society and international development is advancing global understanding of intercultural relations, migration, racism, religion, democracy, politics and governance.

• Deakin is a research hub on the Middle East. The University has recently created a Chair in Islamic Studies and Intercultural Dialogue, and leads the Australian Intervention Support Hub – a new national centre that aims to counter radicalisation and violent extremism.

• In education, Deakin researchers are cultivating society and culture by informing policy across all educational sectors through developing partnerships, transforming pedagogies and working toward achieving equity and social justice.

• Across the Asia-Pacific, Deakin research projects range from identifying strategies to improve equity for children with disabilities, to building ‘Asia Literacy’, to close involvement in the United Nations’ annual economic and social index for all countries within the region.
Deakin has five campuses – one in Melbourne, two in Geelong and one in Warrnambool. The fifth and fastest growing campus is in the cloud (online). Each campus has a distinctive character, rich culture and strong presence in its local community.

Deakin also has seven media-rich learning centres across regional Victoria and contemporary multipurpose facilities in Melbourne, Burwood, Geelong and Warrnambool. Internationally, Deakin has offices in India, China and Indonesia.

Melbourne Burwood Campus
Distinguished by its striking modern architecture, the Melbourne Burwood Campus is Deakin’s largest, attracting more than 27,000 students. The campus features state-of-the-art facilities including:
- Motion.Lab professional motion capture facility
- A professional television studio
- Industry standard food nutrition lab
- IT game design facilities.

Geelong Waterfront Campus
The Geelong Waterfront Campus is positioned in the centre of Geelong’s business district. Originally built as woolstores in the 1890s, the buildings have been transformed to create impressive learning spaces. The award-winning campus includes:
- Purpose-built architecture and creative art studios
- Moot law courts and an occupational therapy labs.

Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
Set on expansive, landscaped grounds, Geelong Waurn Ponds is Deakin’s second largest campus. The Waurn Ponds Campus is home to:
- Deakin Medical School and Regional Community Health Hub (REACH)
- Centre for Advanced Design in Engineering Training (CADET)
- The Institute for Frontier Materials and other research centres of the Geelong Technological Precinct.

Warrnambool Campus
Deakin’s Warrnambool Campus is set along the banks of the picturesque Hopkins River, close to surf beaches. The unique marine and freshwater environments make it a premier destination for marine biology study and research. The campus is home to Deakin’s leading aquaculture facilities as well as the Yolla, Deakin’s sophisticated research vessel engaged in sonar mapping and other marine research.

Cloud Campus
Deakin’s cloud (online) learning environment is our fifth campus, which provides a flexible study option for students. This campus enables students to study where and when they want.

Cloud (online) learning highlights Deakin’s commitment to driving the digital frontier and ensuring all students have access to a quality education, no matter where they live.