



University of the  
Sunshine Coast  
Australia

**Opportunity | Capability | Sustainability**



**For a better tomorrow**

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# Enriching our regions. Creating opportunity.

UniSC is one of the Asia Pacific region's newest, most relevant, most agile universities.

Opened to the world in 1996, UniSC was created to respond to the unique challenges and opportunities of our time and place.

Today, UniSC comprises 5 campuses across a region many will tell you is the best place in the world to live, learn and work.

To create new opportunities. To build vibrant communities. To ignite innovative industries. To spark brilliant partnerships. To foster rich and resilient lifestyles. To celebrate cultural heritage. To embrace the natural environment. To elevate sustainability.

To better balance what we do, where we live, how we live and where we're going.

## Our campuses

- UniSC Fraser Coast
- UniSC Gympie
- UniSC Sunshine Coast
- UniSC Caboolture
- UniSC Moreton Bay

## Our schools

- Business and Creative Industries
- Education and Tertiary Access
- Health
- Law and Society
- Science, Technology and Engineering

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## Our research institutes and centres

- Thompson Institute
- Forest Research Institute
- Centre for Bioinnovation
- Centre for Human Factors and Sociotechnical Systems
- Australian Centre for Pacific Islands Research
- Forest Industries Research Centre
- Tropical Forests and People Research Centre
- National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life



**120+** ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



**17,500+** STUDENTS



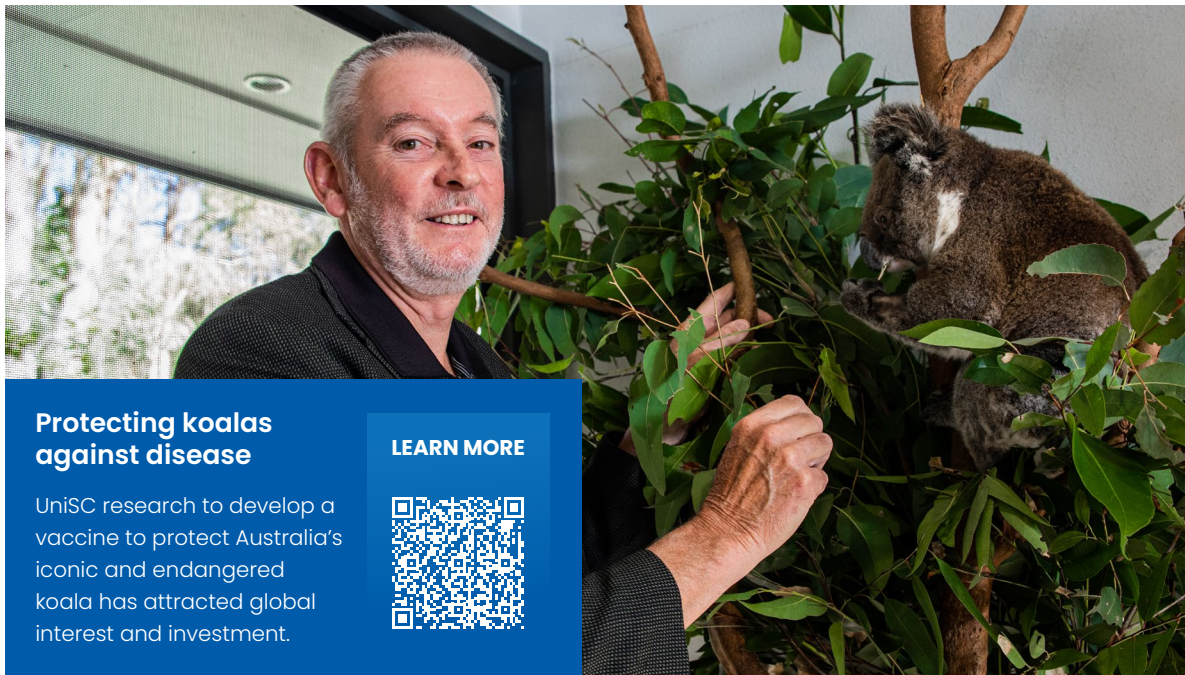
**1,900+** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM 70+ COUNTRIES



# In pursuit of a better tomorrow

## Responding to local and global challenges


Across our campuses, the next generation of researchers are exploring human behaviour, work and society. Creating better outcomes for health and wellbeing. Advancing our understanding of ecology and environment. And helping make agriculture, aquaculture and forestry more sustainable. Together, we're answering some of today's most pressing issues for a better tomorrow.



**Protecting koalas against disease**

UniSC research to develop a vaccine to protect Australia's iconic and endangered koala has attracted global interest and investment.

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**Brain imaging sheds new light on health and wellbeing**

UniSC is exploring what the future of youth mental health care might look like, as a brain study reaches a five-year milestone.

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**A dedicated centre for PTSD research**

In an Australian first, UniSC is developing a National PTSD Research Centre – building upon successful international models to deliver breakthrough research into the causes, impacts and treatments of post-traumatic stress disorder.

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# Leading clinical education and healthcare

UniSC is at the forefront of quality health and clinical education, preparing graduates with skills to diagnose and treat health issues from nutrition, public health, occupational therapy, prosthetics and orthotics, through to pathology and medical science to name a few.



UniSC medical and health science students undertake clinical placements, treat patients under supervision and use cutting edge technology and simulators to hone their knowledge and skills.

We are the top ranked public university in Australia for teaching quality in Health Services and Support, according to the Good Universities Guide 2023/24.

Our students undertake clinical placements in hospitals across Queensland, and our partnership with the Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) provides opportunities for hands on clinical training just a short drive from our campus. Co-located with SCUH is the Sunshine Coast Health Institute (SCHI), a shared facility where UniSC and partners undertake research and deliver education programs.



# A natural choice for living and working more sustainably

For so many reasons, our South East Queensland region is one of the most rapidly growing in Australia. It's also one of the most sustainably developed.

Our state capital Brisbane will host the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

It's only natural more and more people want to live, work, holiday and do business here.



## Spanning 3 UNESCO Biosphere Reserves

The campuses of UniSC uniquely span 3 UNESCO Biosphere Reserves:

- **Noosa Biosphere Reserve** – designated in 2007
- **Great Sandy Biosphere Reserve** – designated in 2009 and encompassing RAMSAR wetlands and World Heritage K'gari
- **Sunshine Coast Biosphere Reserve** – designated in 2022

The UNESCO Biosphere Reserves are internationally recognised learning places for sustainable development – special places for exploring and broadening our understanding of social and ecological interactions.

## Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings



**HIGHEST  
RANKED**  
UNIVERSITY IN  
QUEENSLAND



**#8**  
IN AUSTRALIA

THE Impact Rankings assess more than 2000 universities internationally against the United Nations' sustainable development goals.

### A healthy teaching and learning environment

UniSC has close working relationships with the traditional custodians of K'gari (formally known as Fraser Island) and the Fraser Coast region, Heron Island, Stradbroke Island, the Atherton Tableland, Cape York and Central Australia.

Our teaching and research activities connect with the Moreton Bay Marine Park, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital and Kingfisher Bay Resort.

UniSC has international linkages with Harvard Forest (Harvard University's 3,500 acre laboratory), Bonne Bay Marine Station of Canada and Florida Gulf Coast University.



### Powering innovation with clean energy

In partnership with Veolia, UniSC has installed more than 6,000 solar panels and a 'water battery' or thermal energy storage tank to reduce energy consumption on its main campus by 40 per cent. In a first for an Australian university, the initiative is projected to save \$100 million and 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions over 25 years. The initiative is a key stepping stone in UniSC's longstanding goal to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2025.

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'Australia Zoo and Wildlife Warriors are proud to partner with the University of the Sunshine Coast to honour our shared commitment to education, conservation and sustainability. Through our joint efforts, our goal is to involve and educate more people about the importance of preserving the natural world while maintaining a minimum carbon footprint on the planet. One way we are honouring this commitment is by joining forces on groundbreaking research for koalas and sea turtles at Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. We are confident that this partnership will continue to grow, allowing us to ultimately achieve a world where humans and wildlife can prosper together.'

**Dhwani Chandra**  
Senior Public Relations Executive  
Australia Zoo

# Five star learning and teaching

Based on the latest graduate and student experience surveys, the 2023-24 Good Universities Guide has rated UniSC as Australia's number one public university for overall postgraduate student experience, and the second best nationwide for undergraduates. It is also Australia's highest rated public university for postgraduate teaching quality, skills development and student support.

**UniSC has made a world-class university education more accessible to more people.**

- Around half of our students are the first in their family to attend university.
- We have broken down barriers to learning for mature age students.
- We have brought big world thinking to regional communities, enabling people to learn closer to home.
- We're building knowledge, developing capabilities and creating opportunities for our communities and industries.

UniSC alumni are making a difference on the world stage in the fields of health, behavioural sciences, business, creative industries, science, technology, engineering, education, law and social services. To date UniSC has produced more than 30,000 graduates. Our graduate employment rates are well above the national average.





# Learning with industry

UniSC welcomes strong engagement with business and industry. Together we can broaden industry experience opportunities with our diverse partners coming from the private, public, government, start-ups and global partners.

## Novel industry placement tackles aged care workforce crisis

As Australia's aged care sector struggles with critical workforce shortages, UniSC has partnered with leading aged care provider Lutheran Services to offer nursing students final year clinical placements in an aged care setting. By enabling nursing students to participate in supervised practice at a registered nurse level, they have an unrivalled opportunity to experience what it's like to work as an RN in aged care, fast-tracking their development into work-ready graduates. Following a successful pilot project, the program is now delivered twice yearly across three Lutheran Services aged care sites, with potentially many more to follow. Several of the UniSC nursing participants in the pilot program secured employment with Lutheran Services on graduation – again with potentially many more to follow.



## Boosting IT graduate credentials

UniSC is building job-ready skills and credentials for technology students by embedding industry certifications into their coursework and assessment – so students can gain additional certifications as part of their degree, at no additional cost. Industry certifications and badges are available with Microsoft, ITS, CISCO and EC-Council. The added skills and credentials are helping our IT graduates to secure highly competitive internships and jobs.



'The Microsoft and University of the Sunshine Coast partnership is a leading example of education and industry collaboration to enhance the employability of graduates. By including Microsoft certifications in curriculum, the University of the Sunshine Coast is ensuring that graduates have the combined knowledge and skills they need to stand out to employers and contribute from day one. Microsoft is proud to support this vision and commitment to graduate and employer outcomes.'

**Yasminka Nemet**  
Future Skills Lead, Microsoft Australia and New Zealand

# Join us. Partner with UniSC.

As one of the newest, most relevant and most agile universities in the Asia Pacific region, UniSC has strategic partnerships with national and international industry leaders and service providers, where we collaborate, share knowledge and move forward together.

Our international partnerships take many forms, including joint research and development centres, licensing arrangements, scholarships, internships, graduate employment programs and philanthropic foundations.

UniSC is perfectly positioned – geographically and academically – to attract great minds and build brilliant partnerships. We welcome the opportunity to work with you.

## Connecting people, places and opportunities

UniSC's global engagement agency CIDSEL – the Centre for International Development, Social Entrepreneurship and Leadership – is delivering positive impact by developing competency and building capacity. Through critical collaboration with our international partners, CIDSEL builds economic resilience, fosters social integration, attracts talent and drives innovation.

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## Sowing the seeds of forestry research

Our Tropical Forests and People Research Centre is helping communities throughout the Asia Pacific Region to make better use of forest resources to improve livelihoods and the environment.

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The University of the Sunshine Coast acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and study. We pay our respects to local Indigenous Elders past, present and emerging and recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.





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**To discuss how UniSC could partner with you,  
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