We’re Australia’s
University of Enterprise

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When we became a university 31 years ago, we were tasked with providing educational programs to enhance the diverse cultural life of the wider community. In essence, we were to welcome everyone, no matter where they came from. All that mattered was where they were going. Our job was one of enabling success, and that’s one of our greatest strengths. The success of our students, our staff and our industry and professional partners is paramount, and whatever we can contribute to that success we’ll be sure to do.

This is an institution that’s dedicated to improving the economic and societal circumstances of our stakeholders; the information we create through our research and teach to our students is also used by our community for everything from education to health, from defence to food supplies. We use it to build wealth for the economy by creating expertise in industry and the professions. The circle is complete when the people we graduate go on to make invaluable contributions to all of those industries and professions.

Let us know how we can help you.

Professor David Lloyd
Vice Chancellor and President
University of South Australia

Ideas.
UniSA creates knowledge and brings ideas to current issues.

Solutions.
UniSA applies its knowledge to solve problems. It’s a university for new industries.

Connections.
UniSA partners with industry and is actively involved with the communities in which it operates. UniSA staff are people you can work with.
One of the world's top young universities
Ranked #21, 2021 QS Top 50 Universities
Agent Under 50, Ranked 4th, 2022 THE Young University Rankings.

South Australia’s number one university for graduate careers
15 years running
Graduate Destination Survey 2007-2015 and Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016-2021 Australian Undergraduate Full-time Employment indicator for SA public universities.

More than 6,800 international students from 60 countries

37,000+ students from the most diverse backgrounds in the state

230,000+ alumni with chapters in China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and the United Kingdom

Australia’s leading young university for industry collaborations
Collaborating with 2,500+ industry partners
2022 THE Young University Rankings – Industry Income Indicator.

Most satisfied students in the state
Ranked #1, Compass – QILT Course Experience Questionnaire 2020-21 – Overall Satisfaction Indicator for undergraduate SA public universities.

20,000+ students from the most diverse backgrounds in the state

Leading world-class research with 30+ research institutes and concentrations

Student Library at City West Campus.
OUR PROGRAMS

Educating and preparing global learners.
Trailblazers in higher education

Since 1991, we have graduated thousands of students from across 140 countries. UniSA has been a true trailblazer in providing industry-focused education, producing world-class research, investing in new infrastructure, and creating new opportunities and pathways for greater access into higher education.

We’re South Australia’s largest university and a leading provider of education internationally. We’re ranked amongst the best young universities in the world and are recognised for our overall excellence, approach to teaching, research, international outlook, facilities, innovation, and more.

Our products

We offer more than 200 world-class degrees designed in partnership with industry and in areas of current and emerging demand. This includes, health, education, business, engineering, information technology, visual effects, aged care and the creative industries.

Tomorrow’s professionals

Our graduates are highly adaptable to the changing global landscape because we embed practical learning opportunities and experiences into every program. This includes internships and placements, real-world projects, industry masterclasses, as well as volunteering and community-based programs. Our health students alone, complete more than one million placement hours each year. And, in total, our students complete around 270,000 placement days across 2,500 locations each year.

Our dedicated Career Services team also provides mentoring to students when mapping their future careers and provide resources to help build their personal portfolio. In addition, the UniSA+ and ASPIRE Awards help students to explore the practical skills needed in modern leadership, entrepreneurship, cultural understanding and self-awareness.

Going global

We provide our students with opportunities to broaden their thinking through a range of global and virtual experiences, including student exchanges, study tours, overseas internships and projects, and volunteering. Providing an international perspective enriches the overall study experience and provides insight into industries, cultures and new practices around the world.

Improving access

Access and inclusion are in our DNA. They’re a cornerstone of our foundation and future, underpinned by our Founding Act (1990). In fact, we were the first university to appoint a Pro Vice Chancellor with the task of improving access to tertiary education back in 1993. Since then, we have made university study a reality for the most diverse student community in the state. We’re South Australia’s leading university for students with a non-English speaking background, disability and low socio-economic status. We also have the largest cohort of regional and Aboriginal students, along with female students completing studies in non-traditional areas (2020 Department of Education, Skills and Employment Data – Equity Groups). The introduction of UniSA College has been a key pillar to our success. Through a suite of alternative entry programs, students are able to access pathway options into university. The Education Futures Outreach Team also engages with schools and the community to further encourage students to pursue tertiary learning.

Higher degrees

Research degrees at UniSA are project-based, focused on producing new knowledge, providing solutions to global challenges, and preparing candidates for competitive careers. Our research environment is supported by strong connections to industry, government and communities, built upon a culture of collaboration that brings the best minds together to solve real-world problems with a multidisciplinary approach.

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5 Star Plus rating for overall excellence 2022 QS Stars Ratings

No.1 in South Australia for graduate employability 2021 QILT Employer Satisfaction Survey – Graduate Employability Skills Indicator

Top 5 in Australia for producing the greatest number of CEOs Ranked #4, Forbes List of Global Companies – MBA News February, 2022.

“At UniSA, we’re focused on curriculum innovation – developing our courses and programs with industry to ensure our students are in step with the latest and emerging workforce needs. We collaborate with more than 2,500 companies worldwide to bring our students the best work integrated learning opportunities and access to leading research.” Joanne Cys, Provost & Chief Academic Officer
Student experience

Student life is all about experience.
We support our students by providing a wide range of services, including academic learning support, personal and financial counselling, access and inclusion services, mentorship initiatives, health and medical services, and free legal advice. We’re there to help build their confidence and success at university and beyond.

Campus life

We create an energetic campus life so that our students can make the most of their time at university. This includes cultural and wellbeing events throughout the year, sporting competitions, breakfast on campus, live music sessions, and more. They can also get involved with 80+ student clubs, access health and fitness facilities, hang in the student lounge and dedicated social spaces, and enjoy different food options on campus.

unisa.edu.au/studentlife

Our heart

Pridham Hall is our heart, a venue where our people can come together and where thousands of memories will be made. This state-of-the-art facility is based at City West Campus and has the ability to transform into a graduation and event space, performance hub, exam centre, sports ground and social destination for all students. It also features a fully equipped gym and swimming pool.

“We want our students to thrive, so we provide a comprehensive suite of support services and student experience programs to enable academic, personal and career success. It’s about providing support to our students, when they need it, and encouraging connection with a wider community.”

Tom Steer, Chief Academic Services Officer

No.1 in South Australia for student experience

ComparEd (QILT) Student Experience Survey 2019-20 – Quality of Entire Educational Experience (Undergraduate) – SA public universities
Business

UniSA is one of Australia’s premier universities for business, recognised nationally and internationally for its quality education, career outcomes and research. We’re the only Business School in South Australia accredited by both AACSB International and EFMD (EQUIS) — the world’s leading accreditation bodies. We offer programs in business, accounting, finance, marketing, management, tourism and events, entrepreneurship, HRM, digital business, property, logistics, and more.

UniSA Business is in the top 1% worldwide
UniSA Business is one of just 12 institutions in Australia and approximately 200 globally to be EQUIS accredited (from over 25,000 universities) EFMD March 2022.

World top 150 for business and economics
2022 THE Subject Rankings

Creative, film, journalism and arts

UniSA is the home of creative. We have more than 600 connections to industry through partnerships, teaching and placements. We collaborate with some of Australia’s best creative outlets, including Rising Sun Pictures, Matchbox Pictures, KJOJ, Mighty Kingdom, Epic Games, Adelaide Film Festival, Channel 44, Festivals Adelaide, Guildhouse, Solstice Media, and all major TV networks. We teach programs in arts, creative industries, film and television, visual effects, journalism, and communication and media.

Top 10 in Australia for overall educational experience in creative arts
Ranked #10 ComparED (QILT) Student Experience Survey 2019-20 – Quality of Entire Educational Experience (Undergraduate and Postgraduate). Public universities.

Top 10 in Australia for teaching quality in communications
Ranked #6 ComparED (QILT) Student Experience Survey 2019-20 (Undergraduate) Public universities.
Art, architecture, planning and design

We have more than 160 years of experience teaching within the visual arts. This incorporates the South Australian School of Art (one of Australia’s oldest art schools), which became part of UniSA in 1991. We’re known for our rich history in the art world and have produced some of the country’s best artists and creative practitioners. We connect our students and alumni with the broader community through public galleries and spaces, exhibitions, events and partnerships. Our degrees include contemporary art, architecture, interior architecture, communication design, illustration and animation, game art, product design, and urban and regional planning.

Top 5 in Australia for educational experience in architecture
Ranked 4, CompleteED (DEE) Student Experience Survey, 2019-20 – Architecture and Built Environments (undergraduate) Public universities.

Top 12 in Australia for art and design
Ranked equal 12th, 2022 QS Subject Rankings.
Education

UniSA is known for its teacher training, with decades of experience educating the next generation of education professionals. We offer the state’s only undergraduate degrees with professional honours built into the programs to ensure our graduates are classroom ready and can adapt to changes in contemporary education practice. Our degrees span early childhood, primary and secondary education, along with programs focused on adult teachers and professionals seeking further qualifications in the field.

No.1 in South Australia for education degrees

2022 QS Subject Rankings

World top 150 for education

2022 QS Subject Rankings

Nursing, health and medical sciences

UniSA was the first in allied health education in South Australia and has more than 50 years of experience in teaching and research in this field. Our health portfolio also includes the health and clinical sciences, along with areas of human performance. We’re the forefront of educating new health professionals and frontline workers, who play an important role in shaping the backbone of our healthcare system and services. Our degrees include areas like nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, medical radiation science, public health, exercise and sport science, nutrition, pharmacy, speech pathology, biomedical science, clinical exercise physiology, and human movement.

World top 100 for nursing

2022 QS Subject Rankings

World top 100 for exercise and sport science

2022 QS Subject Rankings – Sport-Related Subjects
Information technology, mathematics and science

Big data, algorithms, new scientific discoveries, environmental leadership, augmented reality, games design and cybersecurity are just some of our focus areas. As we see digital and technological advancements increase across industries, our graduates are at the forefront of finding new ways of knowing and doing.

Top 15 in Australia for computer science
Ranked #1, 2022 THE Subject Rankings.

Top 10 in Australia for work-ready graduates in mathematics and science
Ranked #10, CSIR (QILT) Student Experience Survey 2019–20 – Skills Development Indicator, Undergraduate Public universities.

Engineering, construction and aviation

Our students see infinite possibilities in the areas of engineering, construction and aviation — developing new innovations, shaping built environments and taking to the skies. Our state-of-the-art facilities provide collaboration spaces for students, researchers and industry, including an Industry 4.0 TestLab where we trial, explore and showcase new technologies, with a focus on advanced digitisation of manufacturing.

Well above world-class research in engineering
2018 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA)

Home to South Australia’s only aviation degrees

Mechanical Engineering Lab

Boeing 737 Flight Simulator

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Psychology, social work and human services

Empowering individuals and creating more socially engaged communities are the key focus within these disciplines. We’re helping to drive better social outcomes and an understanding of mental health across different pockets of society, as well as exploring social policy, research and education to help improve existing systems and contemporary practice. We offer degrees in psychological science, psychology, social work, human services, ageing and disability, counselling, and cognitive neuroscience.

Top 15 in Australia for psychology
Ranked equal 14th, 2022 QS Subject Rankings.

Top 5 in Australia for teaching quality in social work
Ranked #5, ComparED (QILT) Student Experience Survey 2019-20 (Undergraduate), Public universities.

Law and criminal justice

We’re recognised on a global scale for our education in law. Our teachers are also researchers, who partner with more than 200 organisations worldwide to create real solutions that shape business, industry and policy. We’re always contributing to new knowledge and global understanding, and then share these insights in the classroom. Our law degrees are practical in nature and have honours embedded into the program, ensuring our graduates have the professional skills needed for an impactful career in the legal system and more broadly.

Top 15 in Australia for law
Ranked equal 15th, 2022 QS Subject Rankings.

World top 150 for law
2022 THE Subject Rankings.
Flexible and online learning

We have more than 25 years of experience in delivering online and distance education. In fact, we’re one of Australia’s largest online universities. We’re focused on supporting our students to be modern-day learners, with the skills to effectively learn through online delivery, and to become highly capable and agile professionals within the digital age.

Our custom online learning platforms provide students with a fully integrated digital learning experience, which are supported by the latest technologies. We have a sector-leading digital library that provides any-time access to 100,000+ eBooks and eJournals, along with more than 150,000 video-based resources. We also provide personalised online support services to ensure students can achieve their best.

We know that flexibility is important to meet the demands of current and future students within the changing tertiary landscape, so we also offer part-time, blended and accelerated learning across our programs.

Our virtual campus

Our student learning extends beyond the physical campus footprint with custom online learning platforms that support flexible study options. Our online campus is supported by the latest industry software providing students with access to a fully online learning experience.

Within this globally accessible learning environment, students can access virtually delivered lectures, join interactive tutorials and discussion groups, download course materials, and call on support services from the Library, IT Helpdesk, Campus Central and online tutors. Even exams and assessments can be completed online. The digital learning experience also features the UniSA mobile app and an extensive range of online study help resources.

Studying on demand

A significant part of our digital growth has been the launch of UniSA Online. In 2018, we developed a suite of 100% online degrees in high demand areas such as aged care, psychology, public health, digital media, financial planning, construction management, data analytics, digital business, and more.

UniSA Online offers full flexibility for students, helping to meet the demands of modern life. Students are able to Study On Demand with the ability to learn in short blocks and access an online learning environment anywhere, any time and on any device. Students can also access personalised support services over extended hours, seven days a week.

The fully interactive, media-rich experience is designed to enhance learner engagement. There are online communities for support and discussions, capabilities to build an e-portfolio, sit an exam online and participate in virtual classrooms with dedicated course facilitators. We’re transforming online learning and leading the digital learning experience.

UniSA Online has achieved great success and has most recently teamed up with LinkedIn as its exclusive Asia Pacific pilot partner. This strategic partnership provides students with the opportunity to complete LinkedIn Learning courses that can be counted towards their UniSA degree.

UniSA Online is rated above the national average for teaching quality, student support and learning resources.

Commencing UniSA Online Students, 2020 ComparED (QILT) Student Experience Survey (Undergraduate, External Study Mode).

UniSA is one of Australia’s largest online universities

Community clinics and public service

We give back to our community and provide valuable learning experiences for our students through a range of public-facing clinics and services.

At the heart of health

Our community health clinics provide our students valuable clinical practice and the public with quality, low-cost exercise physiology, physiotherapy and podiatry services. We also have two city-based medical clinics that offer general practitioner and allied health services to the wider community. UniSA’s joint venture with Breastscreen also helps to provide highly accessible mammography services.

Supporting a strong society

Seeking justice and supporting equality as the foundations of a strong and fair society, our Legal Advice Clinic offers confidential, free advice on wills, power of attorney and personal injury matters. Our Tax Clinic also allows our students to provide support to unrepresented taxpayers under the supervision of qualified tax professionals. Located at Magill Campus, our Psychology Clinic delivers affordable, high-standard psychology and counselling services.

Giving good advice

Home to the Ehrenberg-Bass Institute for Marketing Science and leaders in brand management research, we established a Marketing Clinic based at City West Campus. Under the supervision of qualified marketing practitioners and academics, the Marketing Clinic is staffed by students who provide free and confidential marketing advice to small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Areas of expertise include advertising, brand management and development, marketing strategy, market analysis, and buyer and consumer behaviour.

Our complete range of community clinics and services include:

- Dietetics Clinic
- Exercise Physiology Clinic
- General Practitioners
- High Performance Sports Centre
- Legal Advice Clinic
- Mammography Clinic
- Marketing Clinic
- Midwifery Clinic
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Physiotherapy Clinic
- Psychology Clinic
- Podiatry Clinic
- Tax Clinic

unisa.edu.au/communityclinics

1 million+ placement hours completed by health students each year

$2 million+ pro bono legal advice provided to the community since 2011
Celebrating culture and expanding knowledge

Our education and research goes beyond the classroom walls. We act on our social mission to enrich and contribute to our community through a range of collaborative spaces and initiatives.

Samstag Museum of Art
This is one of Australia’s leading university art museums, known for its bold contemporary art exhibitions and moving image commissions. Samstag aims to stimulate, challenge and engage its audiences through diverse and innovative programs. It’s a reflection of our determination to make a dynamic contribution to the intellectual and cultural life of South Australia and the higher education sector more broadly.

unisa.edu.au/samstag

SASA Gallery
A space where our students can showcase their creative works through inspiring exhibitions of contemporary art, architecture, design and visual media. Open to the public, the gallery hosts community events, gallery talks, workshops and guest lectures.

unisa.edu.au/SASA-Gallery

Architecture Museum
A unique public space featuring more than 200,000 items that capture South Australia’s rich architectural history. The collection was formed in the mid-1970s and was the first local repository of drawings, practice records, photos, slides, books and periodicals.

unisa.edu.au/architecture-museum

Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre
The Hawke Centre, as it’s known, promotes the role of healthy democracies in a fragile world through regular public lectures on topical issues in line with three key themes: strengthening our democracy, valuing our diversity and building our future. The Hawke Lecture Series has been at the centre of stimulating discussions and debates for over twenty years, and has included influential speakers such as the Hon Julia Gillard AC, The Reverend Canon Mpho A. Tutu, Professor Ross Garnaut AO and the late Hon Bob Hawke AC.

unisa.edu.au/haukecentre

MOD.
MOD. is one of the nation’s leading interactive hubs, celebrating the intersection of science and art. The only one of its kind in South Australia, this award-winning futuristic museum of discovery features revolutionary exhibitions and programs designed to build a greater understanding of the role that science plays in our lives and to inspire young people to study STEM. It provides a window into new thinking and innovation through six dedicated gallery spaces and two studios. MOD. is also home to Australia’s first Science on a Sphere – a three-dimensional video projection that displays planetary data onto a room-sized sphere giving visitors an astronaut’s view without leaving the ground.

unisa.edu.au/MOD

Adelaide Planetarium
UniSA is home to Adelaide’s only planetarium, with public and school events offered all year-round, celebrating astronomy and all there is to know about the constellations, stars and planets.

unisa.edu.au/planetarium
OUR PARTNERSHIPS
A connected culture of innovation.
We collaborate with more than 2,500 companies worldwide to bring together the best knowledge, opportunities, collaborations and research.

Research that you can put to work

Our researchers are thought leaders and change makers. We have big ideas and we ask big questions. We translate our discoveries into solutions that benefit our economy and community.

Our approach to research has always been strongly aligned with industry, engaging in partnerships with end-users who help to shape the questions we ask. Through our research partnerships, we’re developing future industries, growing brands and revolutionising cures for cancer.

Driven by curiosity

Our research is curiosity-driven, whether it’s applied research that can be put to work immediately, or fundamental research that will create new knowledge.

A better world

Because we’re a young and agile university, and we’re good at what we do, we have built a culture of collaboration that brings our brightest minds together to solve problems in a multidisciplinary environment.

We’re working on hundreds of research projects to make the world a better place. Our research is centered around key industry sectors. Our focus is on connecting through a culture of innovation to develop cutting-edge research and breakthrough thinking.

located in Adelaide’s TheMed City, the Bradley Building is a leading destination for health research and teaching. It’s home to one of the most significant concentrations of cancer researchers in the state, and features the latest tools and technologies to support improvements in patient diagnostics and treatments.

"We believe that the best results come from breaking down traditional approaches to thinking. Our track record for inventive research that solves real-world problems is achieved by working in partnership with our business, industry, government and community collaborators to deliver exceptional outcomes."

Henry Hughes-Warrington AO
Deputy Vice Chancellor Research and Enterprise

UniSA has more than 30 research institutes, centres and concentrations, including our flagship Future Industries Institute and our significant alliance – the Centre for Cancer Biology.
Our enterprising research and partnerships

Advanced Manufacturing
Laser focused
Minerals processing machinery is expensive and endures extreme levels of wear and tear induced by competitive impact. Researchers from UniSA’s Future Industries Institute have teamed up with industry to develop some of the world’s most resilient minerals processing equipment through the use of composite coatings and laser cladding.

Community and Social Services
Healing potential
Aboriginal Peoples were the first to research and understand the effects of Australian plants, with thousands of years of accumulated knowledge about their properties and how to best use them. A long-term partnership between UniSA researchers and Chaulaugan Aboriginal Corporation is leading the way in understanding the healing potential of plant species used in Aboriginal medicine, while also creating a model for equitable partnerships and benefit sharing between Aboriginal and Western scientific researchers.

Healthy ageing
Investigative work conducted by UniSA researchers was instrumental in building the foundation for the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety—a deep dive into the aged care sector in Australia, focusing on systemic failures of care. Researchers was instrumental in building the foundation for the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety—a deep dive into the aged care sector in Australia, focusing on systemic failures of care.

Defence
The best defence
We’re one of Australia’s leading defence universities. It’s part of UniSA’s strategy to partner with defence companies to support their education and research needs. We collaborate with large defence companies such as BAE Systems, Saab, Lockheed Martin and the Defence Science Technology Group, along with hundreds of small-to-medium companies who are critical to the nation’s defence industry. UniSA has also signed an MoU with leading defence contractor, Babcock Australasia, to provide soldiers with ‘best of breed’ products, systems and emerging technologies to defend the nation with the latest advances in modern warfare. The partnership will offer opportunities in the LAND125 Phase 4 Project, with a focus on technology development, postgraduate research and graduate pipelines.

Prepare for combat
Saab Australia and UniSA are collaborating on the design of new combat consoles for Australia’s fleet of submarines and ships, bringing together the knowledge and design of defence technologies with industrial design capabilities and expertise in human factors. Saab has been selected to provide the combat management system and tactical interfaces for all ships in the Royal Australian Navy and the research group will be based on campus.

Data driven
The world has seen a rapid increase in the amount of data available on everything from our health and education, to our national security. While this huge bank of information holds enormous potential, finding a way to present it in a usable format is a key challenge shared across a range of sectors. UniSA is working with BAE Systems and IMCRC to develop simple visual methods for representing complex data to map the operational and service histories of warships.

Education and Training
Voices for a better future
Decisions that affect children’s lives are made every day, often with little input from children themselves. In partnership with Australian Department of Education, local communities and most importantly, children, we have found a better way. Through this partnership we have developed Children’s Voices Principles, which involves talking with children about their lives and needs, and encouraging them to become involved in the decisions that impact them most.

Energy, Resources and Mining
On-track for big savings
Software developed by UniSA and industry partners, TTC and Modawa, uses information about a train, its route and schedule to calculate efficient driving strategies and advises drivers when to accelerate and brake to ensure they are on time with minimum energy use.

This trademarked software known as Engineering, is now on trains across the UK, Belgium, France, Spain, Germany, China, India, Australia, New Zealand and Africa, saving rail companies up to 20 per cent of their energy costs.

Engineering and Construction
Shatterproof
UniSA has partnered with Adelaide-based company, SMR Automotive, to deliver the world’s first shatterproof plastic car mirror. By combining materials already available to the car industry, the new design capitalised on existing technology, while also simultaneously assembling, weighing 50 per cent less than a conventional glass mirror, the plastic mirror has reduced fuel consumption and emissions. Its durability has also increased safety and reliability for the automotive industry, with a significant drop in mirror failure.

Food, Wine and Agriculture
Riding strong
Equine gastric disease affects millions of horses worldwide. Standard treatment is a daily oral paste, but it can be ineffective in some cases and many horses don’t accept it willingly. An eight-year joint project between UniSA and animal health industry partner, Luoda Pharma, has produced a long-acting gastric ulcer medicine, which is injected weekly and provides much faster relief and healing.

Health, Medical and Care
Pandemic drone
UniSA partnered with the world’s oldest commercial drone manufacturer, Dragonfly Inc, to develop world-first technology that can remotely detect and monitor key symptoms of COVID-19, including breathing and heart rates, temperature and blood oxygen levels. Within months, the technology was adopted by security companies and police, capable of scanning vital signs in 15 seconds.

500+ international research collaborations across 45 countries
100% of assessed research rated at or above world-class
2018 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA), 4-digit Fields of Research

Cancer hope
In partnership with medical device company, Ferrovon, a team of experts from UniSA have developed a biodynamic system to refine cancer detection. It consists of a magnetic probe (which is the size of a ball-point pen) and injectable tracers, that can detect the spread of cancer less invasively than existing methods. It also delivers a more accurate and affordable system for the staging of deep or complex cancers, such as head and neck, gastrointestinal and oesophageal cancers.

A silver lining
Vaccinations are the world’s frontline defence against infectious diseases. UniSA researchers have revolutionised vaccination and drug delivery through the development of self-sterilising microneedle patches, which not only sterilise the injection site, but are also fully disposable. This is a giant step in providing safer vaccinations and reducing infections from improperly sterilised syringes and needles.
Viral expert
The COVID-19 global health pandemic has fundamentally changed the way we live. Epidemiologist and UniSA Professor, Adrian Esterman, has been a guiding voice to the community. He’s conducted regular interviews and stories with local, national and international media about the virus, our vaccination program, and ways to manage the disease as Australia moves towards a new COVID-normal lifestyle.

A mind for mental health
One in five Australians will be impacted by a mental health condition during their lifetime and suicide continues to be the leading cause of death among people aged 15–49. That’s why UniSA is taking a seat at the table to tackle Australia’s mental health crisis. Professor Nicholas Procter is the only South Australian representative on the National Suicide Prevention Taskforce, charged with developing a country-wide suicide prevention plan. Professor Procter’s research and experience shows that suicide is still the most stigmatised experience in public health, which creates the biggest barrier for people seeking help.

Healthy cells
Using advanced computing simulation, UniSA’s world-leading radiation oncology and radiobiology researchers can analyse and predict the combination of treatment for hard-to-treat cancers. Our technology allows us to grow biologically correct tumours that represent a patient’s cancer, to measure how quickly it will grow and how aggressively it may spread. By predicting the best treatment plan and providing the right schedule and dose that will target the cancer while sparing healthy cells, we’re one step closer to winning the war on cancer.

Flying high
UniSA has proudly sponsored and partnered with the Adelaide Football Club since 2018, celebrating a powerful collaboration between two South Australian brands, both focused on reaching new heights in human performance. The partnership provides opportunities for student placements, research collaborations and study access to the men’s and women’s rooster squads with a focus on increasing knowledge in sport science and the business of sport.

Professional and Commercial Services

Digital business
UniSA has joined forces with global powerhouse, Accenture, to transform business education and digital skills in Australia. The Innovation Academy in Digital Business will combine industry best practice with our proven leadership in business teaching and research, delivering innovative curriculum and training programs, including the first offering – the Bachelor in Digital Business.

Marketing gurus
Creativity is often considered an art rather than a science, yet both are needed to deliver advertising success. The Ehrenberg-Bass Institute for Marketing Science is leading research that focuses on the development of empirically grounded knowledge that helps brands to understand the mechanics behind marketing and how to spend their advertising dollars in the right way. The Institute’s multi-million-dollar corporate research and development program delivers world-leading marketing insights to companies such as Proctor & Gamble, CBS and Nestlé.

Space
Smart satellites
UniSA is proud to lead the largest investment in space industry R&D, along with a network of national and global partners. The Cooperative Research Centre for Smart Satellite Technologies and Analytics (SmartSat CRC) is aiming to lift Australia’s space industry to $12 billion and generate an extra 20,000 jobs by 2030.

Safe work
UniSA is leading the world’s first study into the psychological safety climate of workplaces through the Centre for Workplace Excellence (CWeX). A national and international research platform will be established to explore the global trends in increased anxiety and depression and the rise in psychologically unhealthy workplaces with the aim of improving conditions and productivity.

Business growth
The Australian Centre for Business Growth works to help small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) reach their potential with the latest research, training and advice.

Out of this world
As humanity looks to expand its presence beyond Earth, the wellbeing of women and men who undertake off-plane activities remains a top priority. With space missions likely to become longer over the coming years, developing reliable ways to monitor the health of astronauts is crucial. UniSA is working with NASA to develop non-invasive sensors to monitor health through the testing of bodily fluids, such as sweat and saliva, to identify potential issues quickly and easily.

Technology, Computing and AI
Virtual realities
Our Australian Research Centre for Interactive and Virtual Environments (IVE) is a world leader in augmented and virtual reality technologies, partnering with companies such as Google, Saab, Amazon and Siemens to solve large-scale industry challenges.

Partners in IT
UniSA has partnered with global IT giant, DXC Technology, to support the next generation of IT innovators, by connecting students with industry to explore and exchange new ideas. This partnership was the first of its kind in Australia and incorporates internship opportunities where students can learn from world-class experts in their field.

Tourism, Arts and Creative Industries

A new dawn
UniSA has partnered with one of Australia’s most successful visual effects companies, Rising Sun Pictures, giving film and television students the opportunity to complete part of their degree in professional film studios, working alongside some of the best in the movie business. They also provide student placements and mentorships, investing back into the growing and ever-evolving industry.

Data made easy
UniSA’s spin-off company, Myriata, is changing the game of data distribution raising A$82 million in funding, the company is growing its satellite network to support billions of devices and make data more accessible for all Australians.

Elderly care
To address widespread apathy and to improve mental health in aged care, UniSA is collaborating with Helping Hand to introduce residents to virtual reality (VR) technology. The innovative tool enables seniors to relive happy memories through a 360-degree experience. Residents with the highest apathy showed the most improvement, suggesting VR may be part of ongoing care solutions.
Enterprising minds

The UniSA Enterprise Hub will provide an online gateway and physical shopfront in Adelaide’s CBD, where industry can directly connect with our researchers, educators and students on activities that solve real problems, drive progress, and shape business and community growth in South Australia and beyond. It will also incorporate UniSA Ventures, Research and Innovation Services (RIS), and the Innovation and Collaboration Centre (ICC), who are all focused on supporting startups to mature business regeneration and commercialisation.

unisa.edu.au/enterprisehub

Big ventures

UniSA Ventures creates business opportunities by leveraging the needs of industry against the core capabilities and intellectual assets of our world-class research. It creates opportunities for industry to engage with us and secure commercial interest in innovative technologies that have commercial applications.

unisa.edu.au/ventures

Innovation incubator

The Innovation and Collaboration Centre (ICC) is a strategic partnership between UniSA and the South Australian Government, aimed at supporting technology-based incubation and business growth for startups and new ventures. The ICC provides a unique environment, offering services and expertise in business management, strategy, marketing, commercialisation, design and technology.

icc.unisa.edu.au

No.1 in Australia for research impact and engagement

2018 ARC Engagement and Impact Assessment (EI) Combined Impact – Approach to Impact and Engagement on Assessed Fields

No.1 young university in Australia for industry research income

2022 THE Young University Rankings

No.2 young university in Australia for research quality

2022 THE Young University Rankings

Transforming our world in partnership

The UniSA Visiting Research Fellows Scheme brings some of the world’s most talented minds and practitioners to Adelaide to work in partnership with our researchers, business and the community. Over five years, 50 fellows from top 100 ranked institutions will join us to tackle big issues, including COVID-19, child protection, mental health, information security, user-friendly design, economic transformation, and more.

unisa.edu.au/research-fellowships
Academic partnerships

We're taking on the world with a global academic community that includes partners in:

China
- Discovering new approaches to healthcare through a partnership with Shandong University and the formation of the China-Australia Centre for Health Science Research.
- First Australian university to have a technology transfer office in China's most vibrant industrial development hub, Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP).

Germany
- Working with Geisenheim University to offer a dual PhD in wine marketing.
- Providing a unique opportunity for students to learn how to apply business principles to support the most marginalised groups move out of poverty in collaboration with the global organisation – Yunus Social Business.

India
- Conducting research into transport and water management systems with the India Institute of Technology (IIT Bombay).

Indonesia
- A groundbreaking A$1 million Australia Awards-funded training program in data analytics for public policy for Indonesian public servants.

Korea
- Establishing a King Sejong Institute in Adelaide as a hub for Korean Culture, business and language education – the only one of its kind in Australia.

Ireland
- Setting the stage for exciting new research in identity, with Trinity College Dublin’s Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute.

Japan
- Working to better understand and identify social theory issues with a research network including Keio University and other top Japanese universities.

Malaysia
- Learning more about how languages and linguistics work with the University of Malaya (UM).

Philippines
- Assisting the University of Santo Tomas (UST) to develop the Philippines’ first Master of Physiotherapy program.

South Korea
- Launching a successful micro satellite mission for Earth observation through an ongoing agreement with Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST).

London connection

UniSA has a strong partnership with the University College London’s (UCL) Faculty of Engineering. A new home base has been opened for UCL engineering staff at our Mawson Lakes Campus to strengthen our research links, develop greater external partnerships, and advance and fast-track new industries.

Engineering possibilities

In an Australian first, UniSA has established a joint college offering both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in engineering and information technology with Xi’an University of Architecture and Technology (XAUAT) – one of China’s highest ranked universities for civil engineering. The XAUAT UniSA AnDe College has been endorsed by the Chinese Ministry of Education and will deliver quality engineering education on an international scale.
OUR PEOPLE

At the core of what we do.
We’re unstoppable

We look for those with the right knowledge, who’ll thrive in an agile environment, unconstrained by convention. We value creativity and people who are inspired by challenges. We’re determined to make new ideas come to life.

Our people ask questions, propose solutions, are authentic and engaged in their pursuit for excellence. Partnerships and collaboration are in our DNA, along with a shared sense of pride and ambition.

Our teaching advantage

Our teaching staff are focused on providing students with global knowledge and the most current insights and practices. Our approach to teaching and learning is highly practical and our curriculum is influenced and co-developed with industry to align with the latest trends, needs, challenges and innovations. Our teachers bring expertise from their professional life, working across many industries and sectors. In fact, we’re ranked number one in South Australia for teaching quality (ComparED Student Experience Survey 2019-20) and top 10 in Australia (2022 THE Young University Rankings).

Uniqueness is our strength

At UniSA, we celebrate uniqueness and foster inclusion as the driver of innovation and change. Our aspiration is to create a culturally and physically safe environment for our entire community. Our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework provides our roadmap to building this culture which is based on the key pillars of safety, empowerment, opportunity and inclusion.

“Our people are core to our success. We’re connected by purpose, driven by curiosity, and together we’re defining people’s futures through meaningful work. We value creativity and an enterprising spirit; people who are inspired by challenge, ask the big questions and push through to create the best solutions.”

Jane Booth, Executive Director: People, Talent and Culture

“It’s a big positive that students get exposed to working in the field and with industry throughout their degree. Our approach is to provide students with as many opportunities as possible to learn in a hands-on way. Connecting what we teach to real-world issues is really important – we want our graduates to be confident problem-solvers who are fully prepared for their professional careers.”

Professor Tom Raimondo, UniSA STEM

Named in the Top 5 Researchers Under 40 by ABC Radio National and UNSW, and recipient of a 2016 Young Tall Poppy Science Award.

76% of our academic staff hold a PhD

2021 Department of Education, Skills and Employment Staff Data

UniSA proudly holds Anthea Swan Bronze Accreditation from SAGE

A movement aimed at improving gender equity and diversity in STEM across universities world.

Our people are creative and innovative thinkers, communicating with clarity, conviction and enthusiasm. We’re authentic, resilient and influential, and we deliver on results.
Members of the Hetzel Group at the 2017 Alumni Awards (L–R): Wolf Blass AM, Gayle Cowan, Bob Cowan, Associate Professor Margaret Davy AM, Dr Ian Gould AM, Tom Pearce and the late Professor Kym Adey AM.

Inspiring alumni

We have an impressive alumni community, with more than 220,000 graduates around the globe. We celebrate some of our most distinguished members through our Alumni Awards, recognising our innovators and pioneers — people making a real difference in the world.

This includes Tirana Hassan (Director of Crisis Response at Amnesty International); Mike Burgess (The Director-General of ASIO); Senator The Hon Penny Wong (Minister for Foreign Affairs); Glenn Cooper (Chairman of Coopers Brewery); and Professor Tom Calma AO (Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia and Chancellor of the University of Canberra).

Honorary greats

UniSA has recognised many champions through Honorary Doctorates. The recipients are leaders in their field and are honoured for their varied contributions to society, spanning the arts, health, business, sport, human rights and higher education. Some of our most notable Honorary Doctorates include: Neil Gaiman (international author); Adam Goodes (Aboriginal leader and AFL legend); Gill Hicks AM, MBE, FRSA (London bombing survivor); Maggie Beer AO (food icon and inspirational business woman); Dr Nelson Mandela (champion for social justice); Thomas Keneally AO (Australian author); Professor Fiona Stanley AC (advocate for children’s health); and Anna Meares OAM (Australian sporting great).

The gift of giving

Through the generosity of major donors and supporters, we’re able to further invest and build our capacity in delivering quality education, graduate outcomes and research. We have established the Chancellor’s Club, Hetzel Group and College of Benefactors to honour these contributions and their significance.

In 2016, we received our single largest private donation from The Pridham Foundation—which administers the philanthropic activities of Australian investment banker and UniSA property alumni, Andrew Pridham, and his family. To acknowledge this historic contribution, our signature building was named Pridham Hall. Home to graduation ceremonies, sporting activities and events, this building has become our new heart.

To further celebrate this unique space, alumni, staff and supporters have the opportunity to become part of the building’s DNA by having their names and three words to live by, permanently etched into sculptural features, serving as inspiration for generations to come.

Thank you to all our donors. Your generosity and thoughtfulness allows our research and academic community to continue to contribute to the social, cultural and economic fabric, both locally and around the world.
Culture of reconciliation

UniSA has a proud history in Aboriginal education and is a strong advocate for reconciliation.

The UniSA Act 1990 established the University, and set as its core legislative commitments to support Aboriginal Peoples and tertiary education.

In 2014, we released our first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which laid the groundwork to become the ‘University of Choice for Aboriginal Peoples’ based on building greater respect, awareness and visibility of Aboriginal Peoples and culture.

Then in 2018, we released our first Stretch RAP, which set new commitments that would see Aboriginal voices and knowledges inform and guide UniSA’s education, employment, research and engagement.

We’re now working towards a second Stretch RAP, which sets new commitments to support respectful and meaningful conversations with First Nation Peoples. This was a collaboration between UniSA and our Elders in Residence, with recognition to Uncle Lewis O’Brien for his knowledge of language and bringing Yurirka – the Kaurna word for attentive Power of language.

UniSA’s APY Hub in Ernabella is deeply connected with Anangu (Pitjantjatjara) and Yankunytjatjara) communities through specialised language and culture courses. The APY Hub has developed a strong partnership with Iwiri Aboriginal Corporation (a member-based organisation for Anangu living in Adelaide). Through the COVID-19 pandemic, UniSA partnered with the Department for Education and Iwiri to produce online modules (including film and digital content) as professional development resources for local and non-local educators working in Anangu schools.

Meaningful mentorship

In 2017, UniSA announced a 10 year partnership with CareerTrackers – a non-profit organisation that creates internship opportunities for Aboriginal university students, which align with their degree and career goals. It’s aimed at supporting students by linking them with private sector employees to participate in paid multi-year internships, and full-time employment upon completion of their degree.

Pathway to the future

The Aboriginal Pathway Program is offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through UniSA College as an alternative pathway into a bachelor degree at UniSA. The program is free and provides additional support to help students succeed at the tertiary level.

First university in Australia to issue a statement of commitment to reconciliation

Purkarninthi in Residence

UniSA is fortunate to have the guidance of seven senior Aboriginal Elders, who have kinship ties across South Australia, to form our Purkarninthi in Residence (Elders in Residence, EIR).

The EIR play a critical role in growing and developing relationships between local Elders and the University. The group provides opportunities for Elders to share their knowledge and leadership with all UniSA staff and students, and enables the positive contributions that Elders can make to daily life on campus. Elders hold a wealth of experience and values that can be applied across the UniSA community on an ongoing basis.

Through UniSA’s new Aboriginal Knowledges Centre, we’ll create a hub for collaboration based on respectful two-way knowledge sharing. It will help to respectfully embed Aboriginal knowledges and cultures at UniSA and also help to strengthen the university experience for Aboriginal students.

“Meaningful mentorship and Pathway to the Future programs are the only way in which students can be encouraged to pursue the full range of career programs which are offered, but also that they’re successful and leave with the knowledge and skills to build both strong self-determining careers and strong communities.”

Professor Irene Watson, Pro Vice Chancellor for Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy

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Professor David Lloyd, Vice Chancellor and President

Doing it proppa

Our Yurirka: Proppa Engagement with Aboriginal Peoples was developed as a guide for UniSA staff and students to support respectful and meaningful conversations with First Nation Peoples. This was a collaboration between UniSA and our Elders in Residence, with recognition to Uncle Lewis O’Brien for his knowledge of language and bringing Yurirka – the Kaurna word for attentive Power of language.

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“We’ve made significant commitments to support student and staff success, combat racism and build cultural safety, and to enable Aboriginal knowledges, values and advancement to inform our work. But, there’s still more work to do. We’ve commenced our next RAP – another Stretch Plan – to allow us to build and expand, and in particular, to see through the delivery of the Aboriginal Knowledges Centre, which is a significant milestone in our journey to become the University of Choice for Aboriginal Peoples.”

Professor David Lloyd, Vice Chancellor and President
OUR PRECINCTS

Welcome to our campus community.
Adelaide. Designed for Life.

UniSA is based in the heart of Adelaide, Australia’s most liveable city. Adelaide is a city shaped by stories. The first of these stories were created by the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. Adelaide is a celebration of diversity and inclusion with a strong sense of community. Its unique layout makes it the world’s only true ‘city in a park’.

Adelaide is also a global study destination and has been ranked in the top 35 best student cities worldwide by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). Adelaide is known for education excellence, balanced lifestyle and the ability to turn career ambitions into a reality through global industry connections, support of startups and leadership in growth areas such as health, engineering, food and wine, creative and high technology, advanced manufacturing, space, minerals and energy.

Australia’s most liveable city

2021 Economist Intelligence Unit’s Global Liveability Index
City West
Set on the western end of the city’s central business district, this campus is home to our programs in business, law, contemporary art, design, architecture, and creative industries. It’s also the backdrop of the impressive Pridham Hall, Samstag Museum of Art, Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre, the South Australian School of Art Gallery (SASA), the award-winning Jeffrey Smart Building and the nation’s first Architecture Museum. The Bradley Building in Adelaide’s BioMed City and our futuristic museum of discovery, MOD., also form part of this campus community.

City East
Home to our health-related programs, this campus features the very latest in teaching and research facilities, including purpose-built laboratories, simulated learning spaces and community health clinics, fitted with industry-standard equipment and technologies. The unique Horizon Hospital and Health Service (HHHS) is modelled on real-world settings, providing nursing and midwifery students with vital experience in a clinician-led simulated health environment and connecting them with a virtual health community.
Magill

Nestled within the lush foothills of Adelaide’s eastern suburbs, this picturesque campus is a meeting place of the arts and social sciences. It’s here that our future teachers, social workers, psychologists, journalists and filmmakers begin their journey. Featuring industry-standard facilities like fully equipped TV and radio studios, it’s also home to one of the largest green screens in South Australia and the Samsung SMARTSchool – a high-tech teacher training facility powered by the latest learning technologies.

Mawson Lakes

Positioned next to South Australia’s Technology Park, this campus is the natural fit for staff and students within the disciplines of STEM. Located on campus are the multi-million-dollar Future Industries Institute (FII), immersive virtual teaching environments, and laboratories focused on robotics, augmented reality, geotechnical engineering, and more. Mawson Lakes Campus is also home to its own solar power research field and has over 5,000 solar panels, reducing around 1,275 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions every year.
Mount Gambier

Located on the scenic Limestone Coast and in South Australia’s largest regional city, this campus brings together collaborative learning spaces and specialist teaching facilities for education, health and social work students. The recently constructed Mount Gambier Learning Centre has tripled the size of our facilities and enabled up to four times as many students to participate in our programs.

The Mount Gambier Campus is also home to the National Institute for Forest Products Innovation Hub – a partnership between UniSA and the state and federal governments, focusing on new research and solutions for the forest industry that will fuel greater economic growth in regional South Australia.

Whyalla

This is the largest regional university campus in South Australia, serving the local community of Whyalla and extending to the western and northern parts of the state. Situated on a 22-hectare site, it boasts excellent teaching, research and on-site accommodation facilities.

The Whyalla Campus also hosts UniSA’s Innovation & Collaboration Centre (ICC) regional incubator program, opening doors for local business owners and entrepreneurs through commercial knowledge sharing, business advice and networking.
Future Industries Institute

Industry 4.0 Robotics Lab

Anatomy Lab

No.1 in South Australia for campus facilities

ComparEd (QILT) Student Experience Survey 2019-20 – learning resources indicator (Undergraduate and Postgraduate) Public SA-founded universities only.

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