

STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC AMBITION

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University of
Southern
Queensland

UniSQ is Southern Queensland's University. We are shaped by our communities, driven by innovation, and committed to creating opportunities that transform lives locally and globally. We are committed to fostering inclusive learning and research environments that honour and celebrate the rich diversity, wisdom and cultures of First Nations people.

VISION

The future we want to create

We will be Australia's most transformative university
- where ambition, community, creativity, and
excellence lead to a better tomorrow.

MISSION

What we do to achieve our vision

We will meet the evolving needs of our students and communities by fostering industry-connected learners, creating opportunity, and addressing the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Respect for People, Place and Purpose

We value the diverse cultures and ideas that enrich our communities and acknowledge the lands where we learn, work, and build futures.

We respect, protect and promote human rights in everything we do.

VALUES

What we stand for

Integrity in Action

We act with honesty, transparency, and accountability, choosing what's right over what's easy, to build trust with our people and communities.

Excellence in Practice

We pursue excellence, adapt to change, and measure success by the impact we create today and the future we shape.

Our Foundations

Founded in 1967, we were established to deliver accessible, industry-focused education in commerce, science, and technology for students across Southern Queensland's country regions.

Our Present

Today, we support more than 20,000 students, many through first-in-family and equity pathways, with a global network of 122,000 alumni. We are recognised for inclusive education and research that drives innovation and impact across agriculture and climate, advanced engineering and space, health, and regional development.

Our Future

Community and place remain at our core. We work alongside students, staff, alumni, industry, Southern Queensland communities, and globally, to shape a future that reflects shared values and aspirations.





STRATEGIC PILLARS

Focus areas that support our vision and mission

Increase demand for and participation in tertiary education across our regions

Take a proactive, place-based approach to increasing the future student pipeline by partnering with schools, VET providers, industry and community organisations. Provide personalised support and learning models that enable every student to succeed.



Provide a market-oriented program portfolio and future-ready graduates

Ensure our education offerings align with student needs, employer and industry demand, and emerging workforce opportunities. Build flexible, contemporary curricula that align with regional priorities, national skills agendas, and future industries.



Deliver global impact through community-engaged research

Scale-up research that provides practical solutions to international, national and local challenges, co-designed with industry, government, university partners, First Nations communities, and the broader region. Demonstrate the public value of university research through measurable social, economic, and environmental impact.



Be a catalyst for regional prosperity

Activate partnerships and work closely with government, industry, and community leaders to establish place-based solutions that strengthen local economies, create new jobs, attract investment, address social issues, and enhance the life of the community; positioning UniSQ as a civic and economic anchor in its region.



QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES



Safety where you live



Health services where you need them



A better lifestyle through a stronger economy



A plan for Queensland's future

STRATEGIC RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

UniSQ faces several interconnected challenges: aligning courses with market needs, maintaining enrolments amid competition, ensuring financial stability amid funding shifts, responding to developments in generative AI, growing research investment, and attracting and retaining skilled staff. To address these issues, UniSQ is focusing on increasing demand for university in our regions, strengthening student support, providing a market-oriented program portfolio, improving and streamlining process across our operations, strategic adoption of AI, engaging locally and globally with stakeholders, and embracing digital and physical transformation. These efforts aim to build resilience, encourage innovation, and ensure the university continues to provide a high-quality experience for students and staff into the future.

STRATEGIES

How will we reach our goals?

Build a student-centred, values-driven culture

Empower partnership, voice, and collaboration across students, staff, and communities.



Improve access and participation in Southern Queensland

Increase student numbers and load by stimulating demand and increasing inclusive pathways, non-traditional pathways and pre-commencement transition support.



Improve retention and progression

Provide engaging learning and co-curricular experiences, personalised wraparound support, careers guidance and learning conditions that foster student success.



Focus on applied, industry-engaged education and research

Deliver practical solutions with both local and global economic and social benefits.



Drive economic and social impact

Collaborate with government, industry, and communities to strengthen regional prosperity and resilience.



Develop flexible, future-ready industry engaged education opportunities

Use next-generation teaching strategies and seamless digital, personalised learning including AI and high-quality online synchronous learning that elevates success, wellbeing, engagement, graduate outcomes, and enables continuous upskilling, career mobility, and lifelong and life integrated learning.



Provide a culturally safe, and inclusive environment

Foster belonging and wellbeing for all students and staff.



Empower and support our staff to reach their potential

Develop and leverage skills, resources, and culture that enable innovative teaching, impactful research, exceptional engagement, and high performance.



Embed health, wellbeing & safety in everything we do

Ensure these principles are integral to our culture, curriculum, and daily practices.



Enhance digital and physical infrastructure

Create smart, sustainable, and future-focused environments that enable learning, discovery, and community connection.



SUCCESS MEASURES

What will we use to measure progress across our strategies?

Alumni and Industry network events

Campus Master Plan, Digital Strategy, Cyber Strategy, and Sports Strategy

Co-located partners at our campuses

Field Weighted Citation Index

First Nations workforce representation

Gender-based employment outcomes and measures

Harassment, discrimination, bullying and victimisation complain data

Higher Degree by Research student completions

Partnerships with Schools and VET providers

Representation of people in our regions

Staff satisfaction and employer of choice measures

Staff Wellbeing Survey

Student accommodation on-campus

Student population (Headcount & EFTSL)

Student representation in decision-making

Student retention, progression, & completion

Student satisfaction

THE World University ranking

Total research income