

Strategy

UTS 2030 strategy

This annual report is the first to be delivered under our new UTS 2030 strategy.

We remain steadfast in our vision of being a leading public university of technology recognised for our global impact.

To achieve this vision, we will focus on 4 strategic priorities.

A creative and innovative university

As a research-intensive university creativity and innovation are an essential part of what we do, but we must ensure we are in the best position to elevate and use these intrinsic attributes. We have an opportunity to further differentiate ourselves as a leader in this space. To achieve this we must succeed in harnessing, using and embedding creativity and innovation in everything we do.

A connected and engaged university

Deep connections with industry and community have always been part of our unique history and identity. We understand that mutually beneficial collaborations with the end-users of our education and research – businesses, governments, NGOs and target communities both locally and globally – are the best way to magnify and accelerate impact, today and into the future.

A student-centred university

Through this work we will support our students to thrive in all stages of their educational journey. We will provide pathways to our high-quality education and, in partnership with our students, provide a supportive learning environment where all our students feel safe, valued, respected and able to learn.

A resilient and agile university

Our excellence in teaching and research is underpinned by how we operate. We will continue to evolve to provide an environment that meets the dynamic needs of our students, staff, industry and global community. We will continue to invest in the modernisation of our workforce, systems, data and property to support excellence in teaching and research.

Strategic outcomes

The UTS 2030 strategy embeds outcomes for each strategic priority. These outcomes aim to build on our reputation and distinctive identity, supporting our aspiration to become a globally connected, resilient university that responds effectively to changes and challenges in the higher education sector.

You can read more about our outcomes and performance in the Operations and performance section on page 14.

2025 performance

This year we lay the foundational steps towards delivering UTS 2030 and made progress across our 4 strategic priorities.

Highlights for the year include:

- ranking 1st in NSW for student success with a rate of 93.07%
- 10 of our researchers being named in the Clarivate Highly Cited Researchers 2025
- embarking on a comprehensive whole-of-institution response to gender-based violence that is trauma-informed and person-centred to align with the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence
- launching the UTS Pathways Plan dedicated to advancing educational access and equity
- becoming the first Australian university to deliver online postgraduate programs entirely in Modern Standard Chinese
- winning the International Green Gown Award for Sustainability Institution of the Year.

Rankings

Consistently ranked as Australia's top young university, UTS is now recognised among the world's top 100 institutions and performs strongly across all key discipline areas nationally.

- 9th in Australia and 96th in the world (QS World University Rankings 2026)
- 7th in Australia and 145th in the world (Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026)
- 2nd in Australia and in top 50 worldwide for research quality (THE World University Rankings 2026)
- 1st in Australia and 3rd in the world for our global partnerships that support sustainable development (THE Impact Rankings 2025).