

Member Universities:

Australia	University of Melbourne University of Queensland University of New South Wales (UNSW)
Canada	University of British Columbia McMaster University
Chile	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
China & Hong Kong (SAR)	Fudan University Shanghai Jiao Tong University University of Hong Kong
India	University of Delhi
Ireland	University College Dublin
Japan	Waseda University
Mexico	Tecnológico de Monterrey
New Zealand	University of Auckland
Singapore	National University of Singapore
South Africa	University of Johannesburg
South Korea	Korea University
Sweden	Lund University
Switzerland	University of Zürich
The Netherlands	University of Amsterdam
United Kingdom	University of Birmingham University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Nottingham
United States of America	University of Connecticut University of Maryland University of California, Davis

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Universitas 21 (U21) Network Overview

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Overview

Universitas 21 (U21) is a leading global network of research-intensive universities that empowers its members to share excellence, collaborate across borders and nurture global knowledge exchange.

We value cultural difference, connect perspectives from around the world and harness the collective expertise of our exceptional members to deliver programmes, activities and initiatives, which could not be delivered through a single university or via bi-lateral agreements.

Through **Researcher Engagement**,

we support early career academics promoting the development of new international opportunities. We strive to realise the benefits of innovative approaches to teaching and learning, curriculum design and staff development through **Educational Innovation**. Through **Student Experience** we aim to deliver internationally-focused innovations and opportunities, both actual and virtual, which enhance student engagement, mobility and employability.

By bringing people together, across borders and cultures, we enable our members to achieve more.

The Benefits of U21 Membership

1. Opportunity for institutions to build partnerships and collaborate in one of the foremost global networks of prestigious research-intensive universities committed to the development of internationally focused higher education and research.
2. Opportunity for students and staff to participate directly within a variety of education and research initiatives developed across U21's key strategic areas - Educational Innovation, Researcher Engagement and Student Experience.
3. Opportunity to share best practice, key educational resources, data and tools including access to bespoke benchmarking data as supplied by and shared between members.
4. Opportunity to enhance students' awareness, engagement, mobility and employability skills from an international perspective.
5. Opportunity for people to form global working relationships with like-minded academics and professionals within a respectful and constructive environment, which values different perspectives and cultural diversity.

U21's Strategic Areas of Focus:

1. **Encouraging Educational Innovation:**
Enabling members to realise the benefits of research-inspired teaching and facilitate the development of innovative approaches to teaching and learning, curriculum design and staff development.
2. **Supporting Researcher Engagement:**
Supporting early career academics and graduate students to develop international collaboration, benchmarks and share best practice.
3. **Enhancing the Student Experience:**
Delivering internationally focused opportunities, both actual and virtual, which enhance student engagement, mobility and employability and help prepare students for life and work across international borders and cultural boundaries.

If you would like to find out more about Universitas 21 please visit:
www.universitas21.com or email u21@universitas21.com

Notable U21 Groups, Collaborations & Initiatives

U21 Ranking of National Higher Education Systems

The only ranking in the world to assess national higher education systems, meeting a long-standing need to shift discussion from the ranking of the world's best universities, to the best overall systems in each country.

www.universitas21.com/rankings

U21 Health Sciences Group

Established in 2000 to provide a framework for Health Sciences faculty, within some U21 member universities, to explore opportunities for more specialised collaborative projects, information exchange and sharing of resources.

www.u21health.org

U21 DS³

The DS³ Collaborative Group was established in 2017 to explore the potential of sharing 'big data' across U21 institutions.

www.universitas21.com/ds3

U21 / PwC Innovation Challenge

Started in 2018 to create mutually beneficial links between U21's global student groups and PwC's top clients across its international network of companies.

www.universitas21.com/pwc