Western Sydney University is a world-class university with international reach and a reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research.

Located in the heart of one of Australia's fastest growing economic region, the University is ideally placed to provide students with a global perspective and unlimited opportunity for success.

In 2014, Western Sydney University was ranked in the top two per cent of universities worldwide by the prestigious Times Higher Education World University Rankings. Since then it has continued to strengthen its international profile and research standing, building on the innovative work it has already undertaken in technology-enhanced learning and teaching.

Emboldened by a belief in remaining agile to best serve our community, Western Sydney University is pioneering a model of flexible learning that treats students as partners and our strategic partners as co-creators in education.

Working closely with our community – Western Sydney University is committed to unlocking the potential of our students as future leaders, change-makers and leaders in the community.

As we become an even more integral part of Western Sydney and the global community, we continue to focus on changing lives through excellence in research, teaching and scholarship.

We invest heavily in providing new study options, pathway programs and support services to ensure our students have access to a broad range of quality undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities. As we look to the future I invite you to join with us on the journey.

Professor Barney Glover
Vice-Chancellor
Western Sydney excellence

GLOBAL RANKINGS
Western Sydney University ranks in the world’s top 100 young universities. The Times Higher Education Top 100 Under 50 years list ranks modern universities from around the globe based on their research and teaching quality, international outlook, connections with industry, and innovation. Western Sydney University is now ranked at 56 out of the top 100.

TOP 2% IN THE WORLD
The University is now in the top 2% of universities worldwide.

Western Sydney University has been named one of the world’s top 400 universities (Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2014–2015). The University now sits at 361 in the world rankings.

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS
- Top 200
  Agriculture and Forestry
  Education
  Psychology
  Sociology
- Top 300
  English Language and Literature
- Top 350
  Medicine

RESEARCH
Western Sydney University is consistently ranked in the top 20 of prestigious research council (ARC) grants awarded.

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WELL ABOVE WORLD STANDARD
- Plant Biology, Forestry Sciences, Complementary Medicine

ABOVE WORLD STANDARD
- Applied Mathematics, Macromolecular and Materials Chemistry, Soil sciences, Ecology, Mechanical Engineering, Performing Arts and Creative Writing, Cultural Studies, and Literary Studies

WORLD STANDARD

THE ONE HUNDRED UNDER FIFTY
RANKED WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2014/15
LEARNING AND TEACHING

PRIME MINISTER’S AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY TEACHER OF THE YEAR
- Professor Roy Tasker 2011
- Professor James Arvanitakis 2012

2014 OFFICE FOR LEARNING AND TEACHING (OLT) FELLOWSHIPS
- One quarter of the national fellowships awarded to Western Sydney University academics:
  - Emeritus Professor Geoff Scott
  - Professor Roy Tasker
  - Professor Pauline Ross

STUDENT SATISFACTION
Western Sydney University has significantly increased student satisfaction in the last five years.

In the most recent national course experience survey, overall student satisfaction with their Western Sydney University experience was 85.2%, which is above the sector average.
At Western Sydney University we are unlocking the potential of the next generation of global citizens, leaders and change-makers.

With a focus on equipping our graduates to be workplace ready. Our curriculum reflects the needs of the world we live in. We acknowledge that in today’s fast-paced and changing world, universities don’t have the monopoly on knowledge or education. In pioneering a model of learning that treats our strategic partners as co-creators in education, we work with business and industry leaders to develop course content that meets the needs of employers, the jobs of the future and responds to the challenges of a global workplace.

Our approach recognises that learning doesn’t just happen in the classroom. Instead, we offer a combination of on-campus, online and clinical learning environments, with real-life work experience in professional and community settings.
UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS
FROM ADVANCED DEGREES AND THE ACADEMY, TO THE COLLEGE AND ALTERNATIVE ENTRY PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS AND STUDENT EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES, WE PROVIDE MULTIPLE PATHWAYS FOR ENTRY AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

JAY MANLEY.

ENGINEERING PROJECT MANAGER, TESLA MOTORS.
GRADUATED: BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (ROBOTICS AND MECHATRONICS)

In 2012, as an undergraduate student in Engineering (Robotics and Mechatronics), Jay Manley led the University’s inaugural solar car team in the prestigious World Solar Car Challenge. Starting with just $500 and the support of two fellow students, Jay grew the team to more than 20 students with a budget of $300,000 by the time race day came around. That same determination to succeed has taken Jay from Western Sydney to Silicon Valley for a dream job as an Engineering Project Manager for Tesla Motors. Under the leadership of its CEO, Elon Musk, the innovative electric car manufacturer has earned a reputation for its disruptive technologies in the renewable energy industry in the same way Steve Jobs did with the computer industry.

Before joining Tesla, Jay worked as a Project Support Officer in the School of Computing Engineering and Mathematics at Western Sydney University, where he said that leading the University’s solar car team provided him with an international network of contacts.

“Working on the solar car team gave me the skills and confidence to chase a career in the world’s most competitive market for engineers. I’m grateful for the support and encouragement that the University provided. In putting their faith in me as a student to initiate a challenging project that came with enormous risk, but also the potential to be a great learning opportunity, they made my resume more attractive for the role at Tesla Motors,” Jay said.
Western Sydney University is a world-class university with a growing international reach and reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research.

Ranked amongst the top two per cent of universities in the world by the prestigious Times Higher Education World University Rankings, we are globally focused, research-led and committed to making a positive impact – at a regional, national and international level.

Located in the heart of one of Australia’s fastest growing economic regions with a large and diverse multicultural population, Western Sydney University also offers unlimited potential for graduate research students to participate in research that produces career-ready, solutions-focused students who can solve problems and adapt to new opportunities.

Our research doesn’t just happen in the lab. We work with regional, national and international partners to deliver research outcomes that contribute to the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of their communities.

Responding to the challenges faced by those communities, our current research themes are:

- Urban living and society: people, culture, economy and the built environment
- Health and wellbeing: translation, service and innovation
- Education and aspirational change: access, equity and pathways
- Environmental sustainability: climate, agriculture and resource.

Already boasting a world leading research output, we are transforming research education through the development of a frontier research training program. We’re also continuing to invest in areas of research strength, our facilities and high quality research education.

**RESEARCH INSTITUTES**
- Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment
- Institute for Infrastructure Engineering
- Institute for Culture and Society
- MARCS Institute

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTRES**
- National Institute for Complementary Medicine (NICM)
- Centre for Educational Research (CER)
- Centre for Health Research
- Centre for Research in Mathematics
- Religion and Society Research Centre
- Urban Research Centre
- Writing and Society Research Centre

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GROUPS**
- Artificial Intelligence Research Group
- Digital Humanities Research Initiative
- Family and Community Health Research (FaCH) Group
- Justice Research Group
- Molecular Medicine Research Group
- Nanoscale Organisation and Dynamics Research Group (Nano)
- Solar Energy Technologies (SET) Group
Outreach – ‘A University of the people’

Engagement is a defining characteristic of the University’s identity, and of our academic culture and scholarship. As a key community partner, the University excels in the development and application of knowledge in a regional context.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Western Sydney University develops sustainable partnerships with local organisations, residents, government, industry and business. This collaboration enriches and strengthens both the University and our community through the advancement and transfer of knowledge, improving the quality and vibrance of life across Western Sydney.

Our goals are achieved through a diverse range of outreach programs and research projects. We also support commercial initiatives and provide access to continuing and professional education opportunities.

BUILDING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS
The development of student engagement programs at the University includes feedback from government, Catholic and independent schools, as well as education priority areas determined at both state and national levels.

The University now has direct relationships with 850 schools.

WIDENING PARTICIPATION
Since its inception, the University has led the sector on widening participation in higher education, and it continues to be one of our priorities.

Our widening participation strategy focuses primarily on those disadvantaged in socioeconomic terms, but also encompasses Indigenous communities, Pacific Island communities, Out of Home Care students and other groups.

As a result the University’s student body reflects the region, with:

> 76% coming from Western Sydney
> 65% being the first in their family to attend university
> 15% entering university on the basis of a TAFE qualification
> Over 170 different countries of birth represented
> A growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

SOCIAL INCLUSION
Inclusiveness and equity of access are central values of the University, while diversity is one of our great strengths. The University reflects the wider Australian community, with students and staff of Indigenous Australian heritage, different ages, races, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion, political beliefs, disabilities and life experiences.
DENG THIAK ADUT.
DEFENCE LAWYER.  
GRADUATED: BACHELOR OF LAWS
In 1985, the Sudanese government began destroying villages eventually leading to the rise of the People’s Liberation Army. Two years later, six-year old Deng Thiak Adut was taken away from his family’s banana farm in South Sudan and conscripted into the Army. After undergoing military training, several years of army service and witnessing numerous atrocities, Deng was still a boy when he was shot in the back while running through a village.

A further two years later, a chance meeting led to Deng reuniting with his brother who helped smuggle him out of the country by hiding him in a corn sack on the back of a truck. The two brothers befriended an Australian family and eventually arrived as refugees in 1998. After working at a local service station to learn English, Deng enrolled at TAFE and completed his Advanced Diploma in Accounting before deciding to study law. In 2005 he enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws at Western Sydney University and became the first person in his family to graduate with a law degree.

Deng now works as a lawyer in Bankstown, where he is determined to ensure that other Sudanese refugees have the legal advice and support they need before entering the court system.
Western Sydney University has grown to become a truly world-class university, globally recognised for its research strengths and innovations in teaching.

**GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**
Western Sydney University is committed to being an institution of international standing and reputation. The University prides itself on developing sustainable international partnerships, sharing knowledge that enriches and strengthens the quality of our research, curriculum and cultural diversity.

The University has established a rich portfolio of international partnerships to support innovation, research and education. Our global network includes partnerships with overseas universities and key government agencies, collaborations in research, articulation pathways, and engagement with global industry.

Our status as one of the top 100 young universities in the world underscores the significant work undertaken to broaden the University’s international horizons.

International linkages and internationalisation of the curriculum is helping to develop graduates with a strong sense of global citizenship, an attribute highly valued by employers in an increasingly global environment.

As a relatively young Australian university, Western Sydney University is positioned to continue to grow and adapt to meet the needs of our community. To truly serve our region and further enhance its diversity, the University must continue to build on our international profile.

**GLOBAL MOBILITY**
The University is committed to enhancing the student global mobility program and providing opportunities for students to participate in exchange programs at high-quality universities around the world, clinical placements at overseas health care facilities, specialised short-term study experiences, and overseas work placements.

Supported by the Australian Government’s New Colombo Plan initiative to strengthen relationships between Indo-Pacific countries and Australia, our undergraduate students have opportunities for prestigious scholarships and grants for study and internships in the Indo-Pacific region.

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY**
The University’s culturally diverse learning environment is enriched by thousands of international students who choose to study with us each year. Connections between local and international students increase cultural understanding and the development of future international networks.

The University provides a welcoming and engaging environment for international students. We use our links with Western Sydney’s multicultural population to grow and enhance our international student community, further strengthening our international profile and connection with the world.
Over 92 International Partners in 30 Countries.
The Western Sydney region

Western Sydney University is a large, research-led and comprehensive metropolitan university serving a growing and diverse urban region.

Western Sydney covers some 9,000 square kilometres and is the third largest economy in Australia behind the Sydney CBD and Melbourne.

The region includes 14 local government areas, which together generate almost $95 billion in economic output per year – nearly one third of the Sydney Metropolitan Gross Regional Product.

Over 848,000 people work in Western Sydney (as at November 2012*), with employment forecast to grow by 46.5% by 2036.

A number of major multinational companies have operations in Western Sydney, including BHP Billiton, Coca-Cola Amatil, Qantas, Sony and Canon, and 15 of the region’s 17 industry sectors each generate more than $1 billion per year.

With a population of two million, Western Sydney has one of the most diverse multicultural communities in the world, including over 100 nationalities.

Western Sydney is home to the largest urban community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia, including the traditional Aboriginal groups – Darug, Gandangarra and Tharawal.

Western Sydney also has a younger population on average than for Sydney generally, with more than 1 in 3 people in Western Sydney aged 24 years and under.

*Census results for full-time and part-time employment. 66% are working full-time.
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