



The ongoing importance of quality flexible delivery is now more critical than ever, particularly as UQ seeks to position itself as a provider of high-quality lifelong learning to meet the changing needs of our alumni and the broader community.

From a research perspective, tight fiscal conditions and government reforms are increasing the competition for funding, making it challenging to meet the ongoing costs of our research and facilities. While UQ benefited from an additional \$100 million of Research Support Program funding, representing 10 per cent of the national total, and has been relatively successful in attracting industry funding, there is still a critical need to continue to diversify our research funding sources and partnerships.

These partnerships will be critical to addressing major global challenges, which will mean a reskilling of our research strategy and our research management policies, procedures and systems.

**Key initiatives**

See our Summary of Activities on pages 16–31.

**Summary**

The landscape of higher education in Australia is rapidly evolving as the Commonwealth places greater emphasis on employment outcomes, national priorities, and an innovation-led approach to our future economy.

The National Innovation and Science Agenda states, ‘we need to embrace new ideas in innovation and science, and harness new sources of growth to deliver the next age of economic prosperity in Australia,’\* which has major implications for research and research training.

Staff will be an essential part of UQ’s success as we focus on continuing to deliver high-quality service to all members of our UQ community in coming years, and it’s critical that we equip our graduates with the transferable skills that will enable them to be leaders across a range of industries.

