



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

RESEARCH STRATEGIC PLAN

2018 - 2021

**THE RESEARCH STRATEGIC PLAN IS A
SUB-PLAN OF THE UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC
PLAN (2018-2021), AND RECOGNISES THE
OVERARCHING MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY
AS CAPTURED IN THE UNIVERSITY OBJECTS:**

- a) the provision of university education, within a context of Catholic faith and values; and
- b) the provision of an excellent standard of –
 - i) teaching, scholarship and research;
 - ii) training for the professions; and
 - iii) pastoral care for its students.

Section 5 of The University of
Notre Dame Australia Act (1989) WA.

Notre Dame PhD researcher, Dr Diego Milani, is part of a team at the Perron Institute developing a treatment for stroke where a simple injection could potentially reduce brain damage by up to 40 percent.



Research Vision

TO BE NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Research Mission

TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A VIBRANT RESEARCH CULTURE WHICH STIMULATES HIGH QUALITY TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH AND MAKES A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE TO OUR COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE MOST IN NEED.

“We aim to develop strong research teams that engage closely with our industry and community partners to address matters of societal importance.

We have now entered an exciting new phase as we become more renowned for conducting research that makes a positive difference to the communities we serve.”

Professor Greg Blatch
Pro Vice Chancellor Research



Professor Max Balsara, Chair of Biostatistics at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

Research Strategic Plan (2018-2021)

RESEARCH STRATEGIC GOALS	UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC GOALS Detailed p 6 & 7	MEASURES OF PROGRESS	PROGRESS INDICATORS
RESEARCH CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY			
Establishment of strong teams of higher degree by research (HDR) students, Early Career Researchers (ECRs), established researchers and community/industry partners	1B, 2A, 2C, 2D, 4B, 4C	Research capacity	Percentage of designated staff participating in research
Strengthening of internal collaborations, particularly with Research Institutes	2D	Research collaborations	Percentage of total annual research income involving internal collaborations
Establishment of recruitment and support mechanisms for ECRs	2C, 2D, 4C	Research capability	Number of ECRs
QUALITY RESEARCH			
Strengthening of HDR Scholarship Schemes, particularly the Commonwealth Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarships	2A, 2D, 3C	Research training quality	Number of annual HDR student completions
Allocation of research time and other forms of support for staff who are conducting excellent research	2C, 2D, 4C	Research income and outputs	Total research income over three years; Number of reportable research outputs over three years
Improved alignment of the University's research focus areas with the relevant Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) Fields of Research (FoRs)	2D	ERA assessment	Number of 2 digit FoRs with an assessment of "at world standard" or higher
RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT AND IMPACT			
Designing of high quality research projects together with local, national and international industry and community partners	1B, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C	Research partnerships with industry and community	Percentage of annual end-user research income to total annual research income
Provision of an enabling environment for conducting research that will have an impact, and where the impact can be accurately measured	2D	Engagement and Impact (EI) assessment	Number of 2 digit FoRs with an assessment of "medium" or "high" for Engagement; Number of 2 digit FoRs with an assessment of "medium" or "high" for Impact

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC GOALS

1. BEING AUTHENTICALLY CATHOLIC

THE UNIVERSITY WILL STRIVE TO BE AN AUTHENTICALLY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN ALL THAT IT DOES.

- A. To be a community animated by the Spirit of Christ which promotes unity and human flourishing, recognising and respecting the uniqueness, gifts, talents and equal dignity of every person.
- B. To foster in staff and students an appreciation of the richness of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, its historical impact on society and its relevance as a living tradition for the world today and in the future.
- C. To invite students, staff and the community to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith and the Christian worldview/imagination.

2. PURSUING EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ENDEAVOURS

THE UNIVERSITY WILL PURSUE EXCELLENCE IN ITS ACADEMIC ENDEAVOURS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO AND EMPHASIS ON TEACHING, SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH.

- A. To ensure that we attract, enrol and educate students who will thrive in the University's unique environment, who are academically and personally suited to their chosen program of studies (and/or profession), who strive for excellence and who have a commitment to service.
- B. To ensure that the educational experience provided to students equips them with a liberal arts foundation, theoretical knowledge and disciplinary expertise as well as professional skills and attributes which will empower them to realise their potential and serve the community through active participation, engagement and reflection.
- C. To recruit, retain and develop appropriately qualified student-centred staff who strive for professional excellence and have a deep commitment to serve with distinction.
- D. To undertake excellent, high-impact scholarship and research that is aligned to the University's Objects and mission and will make a positive contribution to local, national and international communities.

3. ENHANCING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

- A. To ensure, both independently and in partnership with others, that the University makes an active and positive contribution to the wellbeing of Australia and the Australian community.
- B. To give to and learn from the wider international community, empowering our staff and students to develop a greater understanding of the interconnectedness of all peoples.
- C. To attract and retain the support of the broader community for the endeavours of the University, ensuring that all who do engage feel welcomed and valued as part of the University community.

4. ENSURING RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

THE UNIVERSITY WILL ENSURE THAT IN ALL OF ITS UNDERTAKINGS IT SEEKS, PROMOTES AND EXERCISES PROGRESSIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP.

- A. To provide a framework, structure and means of operating which enables the University to achieve its mission and vision.
- B. To ensure the financial sustainability of the University to enable it to achieve its mission and vision.
- C. To grow sustainably and to provide the facilities, infrastructure and resources which enable the University to achieve its mission and vision.

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