RMIT – A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN

- Australia’s largest and most internationalised tertiary institution
- Founded in 1887
- 82,000 students
- Campuses in Melbourne and Vietnam and a centre in Barcelona
- Partner programs in Singapore, Hong Kong, mainland China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Laos, Spain, Belgium and Germany
- Research and industry partnerships on every continent
- Doctoral, postgraduate, undergraduate and vocational programs
- International Education Provider of the Year 2013 and winner of Excellence in International Education – University award (inaugural Victorian International Education Awards)
- 5-Star university – QS Stars international evaluation system
- Top 15 universities in Australia – 2013 QS World University Rankings
- Top 100 universities in the world for Computer Science and Information Systems, Accounting and Finance, and Communication and Media – 2013 QS World University Rankings
- Top 5 Australian universities for excellence in key research disciplines – Australian Research Council
CHANCELLOR
Dr Ziggy Switkowski

VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT
Professor Margaret Gardner AO
RMIT is a global university of technology and design, and one of Australia’s original and leading educational institutions.

RMIT enjoys an international reputation for excellence in professional and vocational education and outcome-oriented research.

We offer doctoral, postgraduate, undergraduate and vocational programs, enabling students to have the option of work-relevant pathways between qualifications. A range of scholarships is available to support education and research.

With three campuses in Melbourne, Australia, two campuses in Vietnam, a centre in Barcelona, and teaching and research partnerships on every continent, RMIT is a truly global university.

From the design of curriculum to applied research, RMIT works closely with domestic and international partners to equip students with the state-of-the-art knowledge that enables them to excel in their chosen professions.

RMIT’s researchers are engaged alongside our partners world-wide in solving practical problems of our time. Our connections to industry partners, to the urban communities within which we operate and to their governments, are vital.

Strategic alignments on every continent inform the design and delivery of RMIT’s programs. RMIT’s links with employers and universities across the world provide a global passport for students and staff, enabling them to benefit from exchange, work placements, study or research in other countries.

RMIT has made a major commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and is part of the Victorian Government’s Greener Government Buildings Program. RMIT is also a Fair Trade University.
### By the Numbers

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- **40%** international students
  - **16%** onshore
  - **24%** offshore

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**Melbourne campuses**

- **425,080** square metres

**Discovery grants**
- **7th in Australia** for number of Discovery Grants from Australian Research Council (2013)

**Linkage grants**
- **6th in Australia** for number of Linkage grants from Australian Research Council (2013)

**Research collaborations**
- **203** active research collaborations with industry and partners overseas

**Research areas**
- **19** research areas “above” or “well above” world standard (Excellence in Research for Australia 2012)

**Vietnam campuses**

- **40,441** square metres

**Annual revenue**
- **A$926m**

**Total assets**
- **A$2,448m**

**Total equity**
- **A$1,553m**
RMIT’s Strategic Plan, *Transforming the Future*, sets out RMIT’s goals and priorities to 2015 and guides the development of other University plans.

**Our Mission**
The University brings knowledge within reach through education and research to enrich and transform the futures of individuals, cities, industries and nations.

**Our Vision**
RMIT will be a global university of technology and design. As a university of technology and design, RMIT will focus on creating solutions that transform the future for the benefit of people and their environments. We will collaborate with partners to ensure the global impact of our education and research, and we will reach out through our presence in cities across the world to make a difference.

**Our Goals**
To be:

* — global in attitude, action and presence, offering our students a global passport to learning and work
* — urban in orientation and creativity, shaping sustainable cities and drawing inspiration from the challenges and opportunities they provide
* — connected through active partnerships with professions, industries and organisations to support the quality, reach and impact of our education and research
The University’s global vision informs its relationships with industry, community and international partners in Australia and around the world.

Innovation in research projects, teaching methods, curriculum development and work placements are benchmarked against world’s best practice.

The University aims to ensure the portability of its awards, enabling graduates to engage globally in their professions.

RMIT is recognised as one of the world’s most internationally diverse universities. Almost 50 per cent of RMIT’s academics are of international origin, and students benefit from the breadth of knowledge, experience, global awareness and cultural sensitivity they bring to the University.

RMIT has a network of more than 300,000 alumni, including active chapters in Canada, mainland China (Beijing and Shanghai), Hong Kong, India (Chennai and Delhi), Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, the UK and Vietnam.

RMIT’s global reach includes:

— Two campuses in Vietnam. Since RMIT Vietnam was established in 2001 at the invitation of the Government of Vietnam, enrolments have grown to more than 7,000 at campuses in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi.

— European centre. RMIT has opened a postgraduate research and industry collaboration centre in Barcelona, Spain.

— Offshore programs. RMIT enrols 11,000 students through 16 partners in Singapore, Hong Kong, mainland China, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Laos, Belgium, Spain and Germany.

— New partnership in Indonesia. RMIT has developed a significant teaching partnership with Universitas Pelita Harapan, based in Jakarta.

— Onshore international students. RMIT has 12,000 international students – 16 per cent of our Australian campus student population.

— Student mobility. RMIT places significant emphasis on providing opportunities to gain overseas industry and clinical experience. All RMIT students – both domestic and international – have the chance to participate in international experiences including student exchange, study tours, international industry placements and research programs, and inter-campus opportunities at RMIT’s Melbourne and Vietnam campuses.

RMIT’s global standing was reflected in recent QS rankings:

— 20th in the world among universities less than 50 years old
— 12th in the world for the international profile of student cohort
— 28th in the world for the international profile of academic staff
— 87th in the world for employer reputation

RMIT is an international university, committed to providing our students with the learning, teaching and research training to excel in an open world economy.
INTERNATIONAL CENTRES
AT RMIT:

- European Union Centre
- Australia APEC Study Centre
- Chinese Medicine Confucius Institute
- World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine
- United Nations Global Compact Cities Programme
- Asia@RMIT

RMIT is also a research partner of UN Habitat Asia-Pacific.
GLOBAL IMPACT

RMIT enjoys research and industry linkages on every continent:

- Bangalore, India. RMIT initiated a major collaboration with ABB Australia, the ABB Corporate Research Centre in Switzerland, and Global Industries and Services in India, to develop the Australia-India Research Centre for Automation Software Engineering.

- Hyderabad, India. Environmental and industrial research projects are the focus of a joint research centre established by RMIT and the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology.

- Guangdong, China. China’s largest Chinese medicine hospital is backing RMIT researchers to help provide better health outcomes for sufferers of emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

- Shanghai, China. The Global Cities Research Institute has partnered with the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences to explore the challenges of urbanisation.

- Tianjin, China. The Tianjin Government Leaders Training Program supports the next generation of Tianjin leaders through international training at RMIT.

- Wuhan, China. The SPACE Research Centre is partnering with Wuhan University on initial research and testing of next-generation global positioning systems.

- Japan. A collaboration with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency will enhance the integrity of global navigation satellite systems in Australia, and a project supported by the Japan Science and Technology Agency is aiming to boost the efficiency of solar energy conversion technology.

- Indonesia. In a partnership with Adidas, researchers are working to advance sustainable manufacturing of sports shoes and clothing by identifying the capabilities and requirements of suppliers in Indonesia.

- Sepon, Laos. RMIT has trained workers at the MMG LXML mine in a variety of trades through a groundbreaking transnational apprenticeship program.

- Tra Vinh, Vietnam. Training and research development to strengthen local resilience to climate change impacts has been the focus of a UN-supported project in the Mekong Delta.

- Bangladesh and Vietnam. Researchers supported by the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research are working to help two secondary cities – Satkhira in Bangladesh and Hui in central Vietnam – to better understand climate risks and develop adaptation guidelines.

- Scott Base, Antarctica. In a world-first project, RMIT’s Centre for Design is collaborating with the University of Otago to reduce the environmental impact of an Antarctic base.

- Barcelona, Spain. RMIT researchers have been instrumental in untangling the mysteries of Gaudí's compositional strategies for the Temple Sagrada Familia, and have played a vital role in the continuing design and construction of the basilica.

- Germany. RMIT has a research collaboration with the German Aerospace Centre, the Games and Experimental Entertainment Laboratory (GEElab) has a new centre in Karlsruhe, and researchers can undertake placements with partners including Robert Bosch GmbH.

- Ghent, Belgium. An expansion of a pioneering Melbourne-based program, the School of Architecture and Design’s Graduate Research Conference supports innovative postgraduate architecture and design research.

- Grenoble, France. Postgraduate students can undertake study intensives at the Grenoble L’Ecole de Management, one of the top business schools in France.

- USA. As part of RMIT’s long-running internship program, RIIERP, Aerospace Engineering students spend a year working in the Rolls-Royce F136 Fighter Engine Team in Indianapolis.

- Pretoria, South Africa. Research into silicosis among South African gold miners has shed light on the role of authorities in hiding this and other occupational diseases.

- Brazil. Former residents of an urban slum have moved into new community housing, thanks to a long-term project supported by RMIT that established a new precedent for sustainable rehabilitation.
RMIT has cutting-edge facilities and is a world leader in technology, engineering, design, business, communication, global communities, health solutions and urban sustainable futures.

Our City campus has long been part of the fabric of Melbourne’s central business district, presenting an edgy architectural mix of the old and the new that is surrounded by – and integrated with – all that the city has to offer.

As part of a continuing $800 million capital investment program aimed at sustainable urban campus environments and design excellence, RMIT completed several major construction projects in 2012. These included the Design Hub and Swanston Academic Building at the Melbourne City campus, and a striking new academic building at the Ho Chi Minh City campus.

In 2013, the Swanston Academic Building received the Premier’s Sustainability Award and was recognised at the Australian Institute of Architects’ National Architecture Awards, as was the Design Hub.

RMIT plays a vital role in shaping sustainable cities and drawing inspiration from the opportunities they offer. The University aims to reach out and make a difference through our presence in cities across the world.

The first research building of its kind in Australia, RMIT’s Design Hub represents a new era for excellence in design, creativity and sustainability. The Design Hub brings together design academics, industry practitioners and postgraduate researchers within a cross-disciplinary and collaborative urban laboratory.
State-of-the-art technology at RMIT’s Advanced Manufacturing Precinct.
RMIT’s researchers are engaged alongside our partners world-wide in responding to the opportunities and challenges of our time. Our connections to industry partners, to the urban communities within which we operate, and to their governments, are vital.

RMIT’s academic expertise and strong linkages enable us to find practical solutions to critical global problems affecting communities and the environment in five focus areas:

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<td>RMIT is developing solutions to the social, technological and environmental challenges arising from rapidly changing urban environments.</td>
<td>RMIT is an international leader in design research. Our RMIT academics work collaboratively across disciplines from architecture and urban planning to engineering and science, enabling inspired solutions for the future world-wide.</td>
<td>RMIT’s transdisciplinary approach tackles environmental issues such as greenhouse gases affecting water and food sources, potential impacts on biological systems and endangered species, and climate change policy.</td>
<td>Researchers at RMIT are developing innovative solutions to complex technical challenges.</td>
<td>Our academics undertake research in traditional and complementary medicine. They use state-of-the-art technology to develop innovative approaches to preventing and managing lifestyle diseases, in particular cardiovascular diseases, insulin resistance and diabetes, obesity, arthritis, mental illness and stroke.</td>
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Collaboration is integral to the University’s leadership in education and research, and to the development of highly skilled, globally focused graduates. As a result, RMIT graduates are valued by employers around the world for their leadership skills and work readiness.

RMIT seeks advice and input from industry leaders to provide value in the many areas of engagement: skill development, work experience, applied research, consultancies and more. Many of our academics work with global companies, enabling the University to develop an enviable range of industry-aligned courses.

A central component of this strategy is a commitment to work-integrated learning. Most higher education and vocational programs include an assessed element of professional or vocational work in a work context. This may be real or simulated, at RMIT or in a workplace. Feedback from clients and others in industry and the community is always integral to the experience.

Our commitment to industry-relevant education and training includes work placements in Australia and overseas, industry projects, clinical experience, internships and opportunities for overseas study, ensuring that graduates are equipped with the skills and insight that employers value in the ever-changing global economy.

The University is focused nationally and globally across six key industry sectors:

- Aerospace and Aviation
- Automotive, Transport and Logistics
- Built Environment, Construction and Infrastructure
- Energy and Resources
- Health and Community Services
- Media and Communications

For each of these sectors, RMIT exhibits excellence in teaching, research and consultancy, and maintains strategic linkages with leading businesses and institutions locally and abroad.

RMIT’s partners include leading Siemens, Boeing, Deloitte, KPMG, L’Oréal, Alcoa, BMW, Rolls-Royce, Audi, Airbus, Volkswagen, Nestlé, Pacific Brands, Bioproperties Australia, NetApp, China Power, Guess and Baulderstone Hornibrook.

Developing global leaders

The RMIT International Industry Experience and Research Program (RIIERP) is the only one of its kind in Australia. It provides opportunities for students and researchers across all RMIT disciplines to undertake undergraduate work experience, graduate traineeship, bachelor theses and postgraduate research with leading organisations in Europe, North America and Asia.

RMIT is proud of the strong industry links it has forged over its 127-year history.
RESEARCH
RMIT has a global reputation for excellence in professional and practical education, applied and innovative research, and engagement with the needs of industry and the cities in which it is located.

RMIT brings unique capabilities and solutions to research through a transdisciplinary approach that considers both the technological and social dimensions of the work at hand. Research at RMIT is particularly focused on solving the critical global problems affecting communities and the environment.

RMIT has four research institutes that unite researchers from across the University within multidisciplinary teams that address the needs of industry and communities world-wide:

- **Design**: Undertaking transdisciplinary design research at the intersection of education, research and industry.

- **Global Cities**: Understanding the complexity of globalising urban settings, from provincial centres to mega-cities.

- **Platform Technologies**: Investigating smart materials and systems, linking emerging technologies to applications.

- **Health Innovations**: Translating fundamental science discovering into better health outcomes.

RMIT was ranked in the top five among Australian universities in key research disciplines in the 2012 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) assessment by the Australian Research Council.

More than 85 per cent of our publications and other research outputs were rated as world standard or higher. RMIT’s research was rated as above world standard in 19 disciplines:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Applied Mathematics
- Architecture ("well above world standard")
- Artificial Intelligence and Image Processing
- Building
- Clinical Sciences ("well above world standard")
- Condensed Matter Physics
- Cultural Studies
- Design Practice and Management
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Human Movement and Sports Science ("well above world standard")
- Information Systems
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medical Physiology
- Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Physical Chemistry (including Structural)
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Visual Arts and Crafts

A further 15 disciplines were judged to be "at world standard".
RMIT's Advanced Manufacturing Precinct was established to meet the challenges facing industry and to enhance Australia’s competitiveness in global markets. It offers access to research, practical skills training, product design and testing across the full manufacturing process. With a focus on additive technologies, high-speed manufacturing and rapid prototyping, the centre enables industry to develop specialised products and processes. It links research, education and industry across design, engineering and science.

Other facilities include:
- Microscopy and Microanalysis Facility
- Microelectronic and Materials Technology Centre
- Green Engines Research Facility
- Textile testing services
- Australian Centre of Expertise in Noise Vibration Harshness
- Industrial Wind Tunnel
- Computer-Aided Engineering Laboratory
- Engine dyno and supercharger test facility
- Composites laboratory
- Spatial Information Architecture Laboratory
- Games and Experimental Entertainment Laboratory
- Exergames
- The Virtual Room
- Flow Cytometry Core Facility

RMIT’s health research facilities include:
- Molecular and cell biology suite
- Histology and immunohistochemistry
- Computational molecular modelling
- Electrophysiology suite
- Imaging suite
- Animal in-vivo facilities
- Human biosignals and sensors
- Clinical trials

The University has world-standard facilities and equipment for collaborative research, prototyping and product testing.

**SOPHISTICATED FACILITIES, INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS**

Exertion Games Lab Director, Dr Florian Mueller, with the “Copy, Paste, Skate!” project.
RMIT University offers more than 600 programs of study in 23 schools in three academic colleges:

**College of Business**
- Accounting
- Business IT and Logistics
- Business TAFE
- Economics, Finance and Marketing
- Graduate School of Business and Law
- Management

**College of Design and Social Context**
- Architecture and Design
- Art
- Education
- Fashion and Textiles
- Global, Urban and Social Studies
- Media and Communication
- Property, Construction and Project Management

**College of Science, Engineering and Health**
- Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
- Applied Sciences
- Civil, Environmental and Chemical Engineering
- Computer Science and Information Technology
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Engineering TAFE
- Health Sciences
- Life and Physical Sciences
- Mathematical and Geospatial Sciences
- Medical Sciences
Melbourne City campus
45,000 students
Home to three RMIT Research Institutes:
- Global Cities
- Platform Technologies
- Design
Core learning and teaching fields include:
- Applied sciences
- Architecture
- Business
- Computer science
- Design
- Engineering (civil, chemical, electrical, mechanical)
- Global and international studies
- Law and justice administration
- Mathematics and geospatial science
- Media and communications
- Property and construction
- Social work
- Urban planning
- Visual arts

Bundoora campus (Melbourne)
6,500 students
Home to RMIT’s Health Innovations Research Institute
Core learning and teaching fields include:
- Automotive and aerospace engineering
- Biological sciences
- Chinese medicine
- Education
- Mechanical engineering
- Medical radiations
- Nursing
- Pharmacy and pharmaceutical science

Brunswick campus (Melbourne)
3,000 students
Core learning and teaching fields include:
- Education
- Fashion
- Textile technologies

Ho Chi Minh City campus
5,800 students
Core learning and teaching fields include:
- Accountancy
- Business information systems
- Commerce
- Economics and finance
- Electronic and computer engineering
- Fashion and textile merchandising
- Information technology and multimedia design
- International business
- Marketing
- MBA and Executive MBA
- Professional communication
- Project management

Hanoi campus
1,400 students
Programs offered include:
- Accountancy
- Commerce
- Economics and finance
- English
- Information technology
- Marketing
- Professional communication

Europe
Office in Barcelona, Spain
Dual Master programs, joint research, and student and staff exchanges
Partners include:
- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- Elisava School of Design and Engineering
- University of the Arts London
- University of Salford, Manchester
- Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg
- KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm
- German Sport University, Cologne
- University of Applied Sciences, FH Campus, Vienna
- University of Leuven
RMIT is established as the Working Men’s College on the philanthropy of pastoralist Francis Ormond, matched by public donations, with the aim of bringing education to the working people of Melbourne.

A new name, Melbourne Technical College, is adopted.

1939–1945 The College plays a major role in the war effort, with 20,000 servicemen trained in communications and 2,000 in munitions production.

1954 The College is awarded royal patronage by Queen Elizabeth II for its educational service to the Commonwealth and contribution to the war effort. It is renamed Royal Melbourne Technical College and remains the only higher education institution in Australia with the right to use the prefix “Royal” and the Monarchy’s regalia.

1960 A new name, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, is adopted.

1979 RMIT amalgamates with the Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy.

1992 RMIT amalgamates with the Phillip Institute of Technology.

1992 RMIT is granted university status.

1993 RMIT amalgamates with the Melbourne College of Decoration and Design, and the Brunswick campus is formed.

1994 RMIT becomes the first Australian university to adopt an international strategy incorporating the delivery of teaching programs offshore and onshore.

2000 The RMIT Bachelor of Business in Logistics is the first non-Chinese degree to be approved by the Chinese Government.

2001 RMIT International University Vietnam opens its doors in Ho Chi Minh City, the first foreign-owned private university in Vietnam.

2004 New RMIT Vietnam campus opens in Hanoi.

2007 RMIT launches a major capital works program comprising redevelopment of the Francis Ormond and Emily McPherson buildings, and the construction of new landmark buildings in the Melbourne CBD.

2012 The Swanston Academic Building and Design Hub open in Swanston Street, Melbourne, adding significantly to the RMIT quarter of the city.

2013 RMIT University opens a centre in Barcelona, Spain.