

RESEARCH PLAN

The University's approach to research development over the next five years will focus on significant problems or issues that are best addressed by the scholarly and intellectual endeavours of disciplinary and transdisciplinary teams of international standard. Key drivers for our research activities are quality and excellence, with an emphasis on the creation of new knowledge for the advancement of fields of study and the enhancement of the society in general. The development of global alliances and key national and local partnerships will be strongly encouraged and supported.

By the end of 2011, CSU aims to have increased its research performance in terms of research income and publications. To achieve this the University will focus on the following areas of strategic research strength and resource them appropriately:

- Agricultural sustainability (including agricultural innovations, land, water and society, and wine and grape science)
- Applied philosophy and public ethics
- Public and contextual theology
- Complex systems
- Professional practice

In addition to supporting these areas, the University will identify and resource emerging research groupings that demonstrate potential to grow into areas of future research strength.

The University's research strengths address the National Research Priority associated with an environmentally sustainable Australia.

SUPPORT OF KEY OBJECTIVES

The Research Plan 2007-2011 is designed principally to support Key Objective 2, 'Conduct strategic and applied research of an international standard'.





RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The Research Planning Committee and the Research Management Committee oversee the Research Plan.

For information on the membership of these committees please see the University Strategy Website at: www.csu.edu.au/division/plandev/strategic_planning/

RESEARCH PLAN PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES 2007-2011

1. To produce research outputs of high quality and impact

- Provide performance-based funding to identified research on the basis of the quality and impact of the outcomes

2. Support transdisciplinary and disciplinary teams

- Seek program and project funding from government, research agencies and other funding sources to support the work of integrative research teams that transcend disciplinary boundaries

3. Identify and support major areas of research strength

- Provide base and performance-based funding to accredited Research Centres

4. Enhance national and international research alliances with universities, research agencies, industry and the professions

- Support researchers to develop national and international research proposals with universities, industry and professional partners

5. Increase research performance across CSU by supporting the development of a broad research culture

- Provide information, support, mentoring and critical review for research applications and publications

6. Encourage a closer nexus between teaching and research

- Link areas of research strength to CSU's course and subject profile

7. Increase the amount of support for Research Higher Degree Students

- Provide high quality research training and supervision for higher degree research students

For detailed information on the Research Plan 2007- 2011 visit the University Strategy website at: www.csu.edu.au/division/plandev/strategic_planning/

