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ATN congratulates UTS & Curtin on cracking the Shanghai Jiao Tong top 500

The **Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN)** congratulates both the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and Curtin University in being ranked in the Top 500 research universities globally in the recently published Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU).

Conducted by the Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, the ARWU is the pre-eminent global ranking of universities by research performance and assesses universities across a range of research related categories including Nobel prizes and publications in leading peer-reviewed journals such as *Science* and *Nature*.

ATN Chair, Professor Jeanette Hackett, said that she was 'delighted' to see UTS make the ARWU top 500 for the first time and that her own institution, Curtin University, had established itself in the top 500 for the third successive year.

"The breakthrough of UTS into the top 500 of the Shanghai Jiao Tong rankings is indicative of the upward trajectory of the ATN universities. Increasingly the ATN universities are delivering not only practical education, ensuring work-ready graduates, but also high quality research with global reach.

This global reach is evidenced by the strong ATN performance in the first Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) exercise - where the ATN was rated as possessing a world class network in Mathematics, Chemical Sciences, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Medical and Health Sciences, Information and Computing Sciences – and by the five ATN universities all featuring strongly in the world's top 200 in Technology and Engineering disciplines as ranked by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) in 2011.

As young universities, and displaying all the drive, flexibility and ambition of youth, I feel confident that the ATN universities will continue to develop innovative research solutions for Australia and have an increasing presence on the world stage."

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