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ATN universities feature strongly in World University Rankings

The **Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN)** in response to the release of the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings® for technical subjects applauds the large presence of Australian universities in top 200 ranked world universities in five technical subjects.

In particular, the strong performance of ATN universities indicates that Australia can be confident in a future remaining at the cutting edge of research, innovation and training in leading technologies.

QS ranked the top 200 world universities in each of 5 Engineering and Technology subjects using a combination of Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation and Citation indicators with Australian universities securing 6.8% of the ranking positions and the ATN universities alone a total of 1.9% of the world rankings.

The ATN provided 4 universities in the world top 200 for each of 4 engineering subjects and 3 universities in the world top 200 for Computer Science and Information Systems. Standout performers for the ATN were RMIT University, who ranked in the world top 150 and Australian top 10 for all 5 subjects, and Queensland University of Technology, who were ranked in the top 150 for 4 subjects and in the top 200 for the 5th subject.

ATN Executive Director, Vicki Thomson, said “While the ATN is always cautious in placing too much weight on particular rankings numbers it is clear that the QS rankings indicate that in the less than 30 years of their existence the ATN universities have forged world class reputations both academically and, in particular, with graduate employers.

“The ATN is committed to working in partnership with business and industry in these key areas to ensure that together, we continue to make a solid contribution to maintaining a strong and productive economy.

“We particularly welcome the recent paper released by the Business Council of Australia (BCA) which highlights the critical need for business to increase its engagement with universities and for universities to find solutions to our current and emerging workforce requirements,” Ms Thomson said.

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