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ATN fastest Australian movers in QS World University Rankings 2011

The **Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN)** welcomes the release of the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings® 2011 which rate the ATN as the fastest moving Australian group within the rankings.

Following on from its performance in 2010 RMIT University has consolidated its position in the top 10 Australian universities and is the highest ranked ATN university at position 228. All ATN universities ranked in the Top 300 globally with UniSA jumping 25 places over its 2010 ranking – the biggest improvement of any Australian university – QUT the second biggest improver with a jump of 22 places and Curtin University equal third with a jump of 16 places. On average the ATN universities increased by 10 places in the rankings compared to the national average of a *decrease* of 4 places.

In their annual rankings QS rate the top 600 universities globally by performance across a range of categories including reputation with employers and international academics, staff/student ratio, citations for published work and percentage of international staff and students.

ATN Chair, Professor Jeanette Hackett, said that she was excited by the performance of the ATN universities in the QS World Rankings, particularly on the back of UTS and Curtin establishing themselves in Top 500 in the recent Academic Ranking of World Universities conducted by the Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

“To see all ATN universities in the Top 300 globally and in the Top 15 nationally in the QS rankings is an indication of world-class performance and a reward for hard work and innovative planning amongst the ATN group. The QS ranking places a strong emphasis on institutional reputation - 50% of the assessment is derived from academic and industry reputation - so for the ATN as a group of young universities to perform so strongly in the QS rankings is an outstanding achievement.

In particular the QS Rankings reflect our own experience in the ATN that employers have recognised that the ATN can deliver work ready graduates and cutting edge research for their organisations.”

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