facts of distinction
The Go8 represents Australia’s eight leading research Universities.
Go8 comprises Australia’s premier group of Universities, a group which prides itself on being elite but not elitist.

We welcome quality students who become quality graduates and the leaders of tomorrow.

Our undergraduate retention and success rates are higher than other Australian Universities.

We have educated every Nobel prize winner educated at an Australian University.
We produce more than 50% of Australia’s science graduates and more than 40% of engineering graduates.
In world rankings, Go8 Universities are consistently the highest ranked Australian Universities.
highest ranked
Go8 Universities award 53% of all research doctorates in Australia.

99% of Go8 research is world class or above.
We educate over **85,000** onshore international students from **156 countries**
The QS World University Rankings (QS) has seven Go8 Universities in its top 100.
engineer
All Go8 Universities have at least one field of engineering in the QS top 100.
We have 358,000 students, educating more than 23% of Australia’s undergraduate students and 26% of all students.
We deliver Australia over 90,000 quality graduates each year.
The Go8 is an active participant in 82% of Australia’s Cooperative Research Centres.
The Go8 directly supports 50,000 jobs employing 41% of the sector’s academic staff and 42% of its professional staff.
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In 2015 all Go8 Universities are ranked in the **top 200** institutions worldwide.

The Academic Ranking of World universities from Shanghai Jiao Tong University (ARWU) has four Go8 Universities in the **top 100**.
The Times Higher Education World Rankings (THES) has six Go8 Universities in the top 100.

The QS World University Rankings by subject rate all Go8 law schools in the top 100, with six in the top 50 and four in the top 20.
All Go8 Universities are in the QS top 100 for medicine, psychology and education.
In post graduate education, Go8 Universities enrol one third of all postgraduate students and almost half of all students in higher degrees by research.
One in three international students who choose to come to Australia study at a Go8 University
Each year the Go8 spends some $6 Billion on research – more than $2 Billion of which is spent on Medical and Health Services research.

We receive over 60% of National Health and Medical Research Council funding.

In research the Go8 accounts for two-thirds of all research funding to Australian Universities.

In 2014* we received

*the last year for which data is available.
We have educated **79%** of the Australian-educated Chief Executives of the...
We have educated 79% of the Australian-educated Chief Executives of the nation’s top companies.
Every Australian Prime Minister educated at an Australian University

Every Australian High Court Judge
71% of Australia’s parliamentarians educated at an Australian university

76% of Australian Vice Chancellors

81% of the Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries of Australia’s Federal Public Service

83% of Australia’s Ambassadors and High Commissioners educated at an Australian University
The Go8 contributes significantly to the Australian economy.

In 2014 our Universities earned $12 billion, which is 43% of the sector.
We educate more than 64% of Australia’s medical, dentistry and veterinary graduates.

In 2014 the Go8 had more than 30,000 research students and over half of all research completions in Australia were from a Go8 University.

The Go8’s proportion of world-leading research is twice that of the rest of the sector combined.*

We are a major export industry with Go8 export earnings of $2.2 billion in 2014.

* Australian Government assessment Excellence in Research for Australia 2015
The Go8 invest $3B annually in applied research and experimental development – 40% more than the rest of the sector combined.
Income from industry research is twice that of the rest of sector combined.

80% of the sector’s commercialisation income

62% of the startups out of Australia’s university sector
70% of the sector’s patents held

56% of the sector’s contract research income
We receive 66% of all research funding from Industry to universities; almost twice the rest of the sector combined.