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INTRODUCING UQ LIBRARY

THIS PROSPECTUS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE UQ LIBRARY AND HOW IT CAN ADD VALUE TO YOUR ROLE AS AN ACADEMIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND.

Fifteen libraries located across the University's campuses, hospitals and research stations make up the UQ Library. Each year millions of people visit the Library or search its website for information.

The Library is integral to LEARNING, DISCOVERY and ENGAGEMENT at UQ.

The Library is actively engaged in learning, teaching and research processes at the University and provides rich information experiences for staff and students. The Library also engages with cultural institutions, the University's alumni, high schools, and the wider community to support the University's priorities.

One of the Library's top priorities is helping the University's academic staff, researchers and students to find and use its rich collections and information tools. Millions of books, scholarly journals, archives, manuscripts and much more are available in its print and electronic collections. The Library's website (www.library.uq.edu.au) connects you to these collections as well as all the services highlighted in this prospectus.



Your primary personal contact with the Library will usually be through its librarians, who can provide further information about ways in which the Library can support your research and teaching.

UQ librarians are information professionals with expertise in disciplinary or other specialist areas, such as scholarly communication and bibliometrics, and they play a vital role in supporting learning and research at UQ.

They can help you and your students make the most of library resources and services.

We encourage you to read this prospectus, visit our website and contact us for further information about how we can support you and your teaching and research needs.

Mr Keith Webster
University Librarian and Director of Learning Services

SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING

THE LIBRARY PROVIDES A HIGH-QUALITY ENVIRONMENT ON CAMPUS THAT INCORPORATES LEARNING SPACES, RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENT LEARNING AND PEER-INTERACTION. IN DEVELOPING MODERN LEARNING SPACES AND SERVICES, THE LIBRARY HAS APPLIED RESEARCH INTO STUDENT INFORMATION-SEEKING BEHAVIOUR, PEDAGOGY, AND NEW MEDIA.

The Library supports student learning and discovery by providing access to scholarly information resources and by fostering the knowledge and critical skills required to discover and use these resources effectively.

The Library's objective is to provide tools and deliver training that best meet a student's needs and enrich their learning experience.

The Library develops and adopts new technologies to enhance the research process. It encourages and acknowledges student research and academic achievement with the annual Library Excellence Award

Librarians and other library staff are an important source of support for UQ students while they are at University. They provide support for students in-person and online and they are available for student consultation, by appointment. The Library embraces social media and new technologies to communicate with students.

Librarians can support your coursework teaching by:

- fostering information literacy in students and teaching students how to make effective use of information resources
- helping you to develop new course proposals by providing Library Impact Statements that assess collection adequacy to support new courses
- developing the Library collection
- acquiring or providing access to course materials required by your students

- facilitating student access to items on course reading lists and helping you to link to online material through Blackboard
- assisting students to manage their references using EndNote or RefWorks bibliographic management software
- answering queries about library resources and services
- helping you to stay up-to-date with new technologies to support teaching and learning.

Librarians will be happy to discuss the best ways to integrate information literacy training into undergraduate programs and courses.

Advanced information literacy training is provided by librarians in the Library's Research Information Service. They also work closely with Research Higher Degree students throughout their research programs.

Librarians in the Research Information Service will:

- provide advanced training in the information landscape of the student's research field
- help in the preparation of literature reviews
- provide advice on the management of a student's publications and data
- assist in the submission of the final thesis through UQ eSpace, the University's digital repository.



SUPPORTING RESEARCH

INCREASINGLY ACADEMICS AND RESEARCHERS SEEK ACCESS TO SCHOLARLY INFORMATION IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT. THE LIBRARY PROVIDES EXTENSIVE PRINT COLLECTIONS AND A VAST RANGE OF DIGITAL MATERIALS INCLUDING SUBSTANTIAL BACK-RUNS OF JOURNALS, ARCHIVAL MATERIAL AND ELECTRONIC BOOKS, AS WELL AS ONLINE EXHIBITIONS OF MATERIAL FROM ITS OWN COLLECTIONS. LIBRARIANS SELECT DIGITAL AND PRINT RESOURCES FOR THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTIONS AND THEY WILL WORK WITH YOU TO DEVELOP COLLECTIONS TO SUPPORT YOUR RESEARCH.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

The Library's Research Information Service provides support to researchers through all stages of their research lifecycle – from discovery to gathering, creating and sharing the output of your research.

Librarians in the Research Information Service are information specialists and are structured in teams that support three clusters: Arts, Business and Social Sciences; Engineering and Physical Sciences; and Life Sciences. They are available for consultation and can provide personalised assistance and advanced information literacy training.

Contact details are available via the Library website (www.library.uq.edu.au/about/librarian.html). Here you will also find a form to enable you to make an appointment with a librarian who can best assist with your enquiry.

INFORMATION SEARCHING AND ADVANCED REFERENCE SERVICES

Librarians play a vital role in supporting research (individual and collaborative) at UQ. Librarians can support your research goals by:

- providing advice on the information aspects of your research
- helping you to stay up to date with research in your area of interest
- developing collections to meet your research needs
- advising on open access and data management
- helping you to make the most of bibliographic management tools such as EndNote, RefWorks and a range of other online tools which can improve the processes of discovering, gathering, creating and sharing information.

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SUPPORTING RESEARCH

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Fryer Library houses the Library's special collections of rare books, manuscripts, theses, pictorial collections and architectural drawings. Its emphasis is on Australian literature, history, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies, art and architecture. It has a particular focus on material with a connection to Queensland and to The University of Queensland.

Established in 1927 to assist the study of Australian literature, the Fryer Library continues to support scholarship and research through its extensive holdings of publications and manuscripts of some of Australia's leading writers. In addition to the nearly 100,000 volumes of publications there are manuscripts, photographs, rare books, research theses and other special collections. Rapid and streamlined access to collections is facilitated by providing guides to collections online and digitising selected material.

SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

Scholarly communication is an important part of research and the UQ Library supports the creation, evaluation, dissemination and preservation of research and scholarly writings.

The Library supports research evaluation by providing access to databases that provide metrics and citation counts. The Library can assist you to manage your academic output and publications and provide you with information about creating your own unique researcher identifier.

The Library can help you to raise the visibility of your research by depositing your research in an open access repository or publishing in open access journals and provide you with information about copyright, author rights, and open access licensing.

SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING

Library staff in the Scholarly Publishing and Digitisation Service specialise in research data management, research publications reporting and evaluation and bibliometrics. Together with librarians in the Research Information Service they can provide you with advice on these areas.

The Library has developed and manages UQ eSpace, the University's institutional repository.

UQ eSpace stores, manages and makes available the digital research outputs produced by, or to support, University of Queensland researchers. It is harvested by Australian Research Online as well as by search engines such as Google and Google Scholar.

UQ eSpace provides access to a wide range of material, including scholarly publications, multimedia, image collections and 'grey' literature such as working papers and technical reports.

UQ eSpace is an open access repository that was originally set up to showcase the output of UQ researchers, supporting the open access principle that the published output of academic and scientific research should be available, without charge, to everyone. While still supporting this principle, UQ eSpace has gradually taken on the additional role of being a central collection point for the official research outputs of UQ academics. As a result, UQ eSpace is now central to:

- The Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) reporting
- Excellence in Research for Australia reporting and access
- Submission and final deposit of MPhil and PhD theses.

UQ eSpace is also the source of publications data for UQ researchers and the Q index.



SUPPORTING ENGAGEMENT



ONE OF THE WAYS THE UNIVERSITY CAN ADVANCE AND SUSTAIN ITS INTERACTION WITH THE COMMUNITY IS THROUGH ITS LIBRARY.

The Library supports the University's priority of engagement by opening its collections, providing services, conducting events, and collaborating with other cultural institutions to advance the University's reputation and further the achievement of its objectives at the local, state, national and international level.

The Library can assist your engagement activities by:

- providing library services to your alumni, high schools, and the wider community
- providing information about services and special collections of interest to donors
- hosting library talks and events for Friends groups
- providing library tours and talks for visitors to the University.

USING THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

As a staff member of UQ you are automatically entitled to Library membership which includes access to all online resources and borrowing privileges. The Library offers a range of membership options including memberships for retired UQ staff and academics visiting UQ. Please see the website or talk to library staff for more information.

ACCESS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

Your UQ login will provide you with access to the online resources that are provided by the Library.

OFF-CAMPUS ACCESS

You can access most of the online library resources and services via the UQ Library website.

BORROWING FROM OTHER LIBRARIES

The Library offers a document delivery service for requesting books, journal articles, conference papers, and other items not held by UQ Library. Requests can be submitted online using the document delivery request form on the Library website.

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THIS PROSPECTUS PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF
SOME OF THE WAYS THE LIBRARY CAN HELP YOU TO
ACHIEVE YOUR TEACHING AND RESEARCH GOALS.

*We invite you to make an appointment with a librarian to
discover more: www.library.uq.edu.au/about/*



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