



A world leading research university network, tackling global challenges through international collaboration.

WUN is a global network driving international collaboration in research and education and developing research talent. Our membership spans 23 universities from 13 countries on 6 continents. We foster over 90 research programs, engage over 2,000 researchers and students, and work with government, international agencies and industry.

We exist to find solutions to some of society's most significant challenges and to improve quality of life. Our research, informed (but not constrained) by the

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and other global policy frameworks is focused on four Global Challenges:

- Responding to Climate Change
- Public Health (Non-communicable Disease)
- Global Higher Education and Research
- Understanding Cultures

We take pride in being an experimental laboratory at the frontier of internationalisation. WUN is committed to:

- Research and education that is innovative and makes a difference
- Creating opportunities for established and emerging talent
- Attracting resources to sustain our world-class teams
- Creating access and advantage for our members.

This approach is backed up by strong governance and rigorous quality management.

WUN is building on its achievements and teamwork to further strengthen relevance and capacity. We present here our vision, priorities and key strategies that will guide our network's development and future success.

VISION

As a leading international higher education and research network, we will be a force in developing innovative solutions to some of the world's most significant challenges.

MISSION

WUN draws upon the combined intellectual power and resources of its members to create opportunities in international research and education. It partners with government, international organisations and industry to stretch ambitions and develop the next generation of leaders.

VALUES

WUN's values underpin our approach to maximising the network's core strengths.

DEVELOP

WUN actively develops our global research alliance and education programs to meet our objectives.

NURTURE

WUN nurtures and invests resources in the intellectual strengths and priorities of our members.

INNOVATE

WUN seeks and instigates innovation in knowledge management and educational exchange.

COLLABORATE

WUN promotes opportunities that accelerate internationalisation for global collaborations between universities and with government, international organisations and industry on issues of global significance.

IMPACT

WUN exists to make a difference. Our research produces new knowledge that influences policy and impacts society to improve lives.

OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

1

Strengthen our university network

- Develop and maintain a dynamic portfolio of research and education programs in alignment with WUN members' priorities.
- Strategically grow the membership as a network of peer universities with mutual strengths and regional diversity.
- Build ownership and leadership within WUN to increase collaboration, commitment and sense of community.

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Foster influential research communities

- Focus our efforts on four *Global Challenges*:
 - Responding to Climate Change (food security, urbanisation, oceanography);
 - Public Health (lifecourse approaches to obesity, heart disease, diabetes);
 - Global Higher Education and Research (access and equity, new technologies);
 - Understanding Cultures (migration, digital futures, ageing).
- Incorporate the Global Africa Group, Global China Group, and International Policy Research Group into our Global Challenge programs.
- Strengthen leadership and accountability to ensure quality and delivery

3

Nurture research talent

- Create opportunities for the engagement and career development of talented researchers at the postdoctoral, postgraduate and undergraduate level in international research collaborations.
- Facilitate the mobility of students and academic staff.
- Promote equity for researchers in our programs.

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Enhance the visibility and impact of WUN

- Position WUN as a recognised thought leader in our areas of expertise, engaging the WUN Presidents and experts as an international think-tank and as policy advisors.
- Increase the power of the "WUN voice" in an ambassadorial and lobbying role.
- Strengthen the WUN brand and profile with internal and external audiences, ensuring WUN is recognised for the vast potential of its intellectual resources.

THE FUTURE LIES IN OUR STRENGTHS

The landscape of global higher education and research is fast changing, with a revolution on the horizon. WUN is adaptive and uniquely placed to provide distinct advantage to our members in preparing for these changes. This strength will allow our community to lead strategic research and education improves the quality of life around the world. That is our future.