

Key five-year figures

Category	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Number of students	3862	3556	3447	3050	2686
Female	2191	2023	1983	1658	1501
Male	1671	1533	1464	1392	1185
On campus students	3455	3262	3183	2767	2519
Undergraduate	3060	3011	3010	2642	2420
Postgraduate coursework	408	293	264	287	170
Higher degree by research	65	61	47	42	34
Non-award	329	191	129	81	64
International (all students)	521	307	229	230	93
International (on campus)	297	187	104	56	23
Student load					
Undergraduate	2976.542	2694.75	2636.5	2386.246	2072.625
Higher degree by research	25	20	15	10	NA
Graduated students	685	612	551	356	283
Undergraduate	526	471	425	318	277
Postgraduate coursework	154	138	122	37	4
Higher degree by research	5	3	4	1	2
Equity					
Low socio-economic status	42%	41%	40%	40%	38%
First in family	40%	34%	45%	43%	36%
Disabilities	5.21%	5.68%	5.61%	5.63%	4.98%
Indigenous	1.14%	0.99%	0.80%	0.47%	0.65%
Number of staff (FTE)					
Academic	101	96	86	89	82
Non-academic	198	193	167	135	120
Proportion of staff/higher degree	89%	88.5%	86%	83%	79%
Operating revenue (Parent Entity)	\$40.950m	\$39.825m	\$32.488m	\$31.697m	\$23.543m
Research income (HERP and DEST)	NA	\$1.276m	\$1.011m	\$0.719m	\$0.319m
Research publications*	NA	62.1	63.64	38.39	50.04
Property, plant and equipment	\$73.309m	\$66.377m	\$56.149m	\$53.202m	\$46.436m

* Weighted DEST calculation



The University of the Sunshine Coast.

Organisation

The University was established under *The Sunshine Coast University College Act 1994* and officially opened by the Governor of Queensland, Mrs Leneen Forde, AC, in 1996. Full university powers were granted to the University under *The University of the Sunshine Coast Act 1998*.

Function of the University

The University's functions are—

- to provide education at university standard; and
 - to provide facilities for, and encourage, study and research; and
 - to encourage the advancement and development of knowledge, and its application to government, industry, commerce and the community; and
 - to provide courses of study or instruction, at the levels of achievement the council considers appropriate, to meet the needs of the community; and
 - to confer higher education awards; and
- a) to provide facilities and resources for the wellbeing of the university's staff, students and other person undertaking courses at the university; and
 - b) to exploit commercially, for the university's benefit, a facility or resource of the university, including, for example, study, research or knowledge, or the practical application of study, research or knowledge, belonging to the university, whether alone or with someone else; and
 - c) to perform other functions given to the university under this Act or another Act.

General Powers of the University

- (1) Under *The University of the Sunshine Coast Act 1998* the University has all the powers of an individual and may, for example—
 - a) enter into contracts; and
 - b) acquire, hold, dispose of, and deal with property; and
 - c) appoint agents and attorneys; and
 - d) engage consultant; and
 - e) fix charges, and other terms, for services and other facilities it supplies; and
 - f) do anything else necessary or convenient to be done for its functions.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the University has the powers given to it under this Act or another Act.
- (3) The University may exercise powers inside and outside Queensland.
- (4) Without limiting subsection (3), the University may exercise its powers outside Australia.



Graduates of the University of the Sunshine Coast continue to give the University top marks for education experience.