



**CANBERRA
REGION**

CITY · COAST · ALPINE · TABLELANDS



**▶ INVESTING IN THE
CANBERRA REGION**

EDUCATION

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With world class research and education institutions and a bright future ahead, the Canberra Region has significant opportunities for investment.

The Canberra Region is home to world-class research and education institutions. Canberra has been rated one of the [top 20 study cities](#) of the world. Canberra punches above its weight as a knowledge city – ranked third in Australia on the [Knowledge City Index](#).

Our research bodies, universities, training institutions, colleges and schools deliver high quality education, produce influential graduates and offer significant opportunities for industry. The region is also centrally located near major tertiary institutions in Wagga Wagga, Wodonga, Wollongong, Nowra, Sydney and Canberra.

As part of the 2016–17 budget, the ACT Government is investing \$1.16 billion into the education system, including \$55 million in new initiatives, to ensure Canberra’s public schools remain the best in the country.

THE CANBERRA REGION
TAKES IN SOUTH EAST NSW
AND ACT, INCLUDING
SOUTH-WESTERN SLOPES,
SOUTHERN TABLELANDS,
NATION’S CAPITAL, SOUTH
COAST, SNOWY
MOUNTAINS, AND NSW HIGH
COUNTRY.



Canberra is the most educated city in Australia, ranks 21st on the QS World University Rankings for student cities and was recently recognised as one of the Asia-Pacific cities of the future.

Canberra has a reputation for its safety to domestic and international students, with low crime rates and a strong sense of community.

Strategically located between Melbourne and Sydney, Canberra is also easily accessible, and most universities and educational institutions are only a short commute walking.

UNIVERSITIES

Canberra has more affordable tuition fees, including general cost of living for international and domestic students compared to other major and capital cities.

- The **Country Universities Centre** is an initiative that has evolved from an Alpine-based education innovation. This initially involved the development of the Cooma Universities Centre but following its success the model is being rolled out more widely and the original centre has been rebranded, now being known as the Country Universities Centre – Snowy Monaro. The Country Universities Centre is a not-for-profit organisation, established with the aim of making tertiary education more accessible for regional and remote communities in New South Wales.
- The **Australian National University** is one of Australia's top universities, currently ranked 19th in the world, and chair of Australia's prestigious Group of Eight Universities. ANU is internationally famous for its research and has close links with government, industry and research institutions in Australia and around the world. The latest QS World University Subject Rankings found ANU had 15 subjects in the top 25 of the world, and was number one in Australia in 15 disciplines - more than any other Australian university.
- The **University of Canberra** places in the top 100 young universities in the world and is renowned for its excellence in professional preparation. UC also is ranked in the top 30 Australian Excellence of Research of Australia (ERA) rankings.
- The **University of New South Wales** (Canberra campus) is another of Australia's Group of Eight Universities, ranked 46th in the world, and globally recognised for innovative teaching and state of the art facilities.
- **University of Wollongong** has campuses in both Batemans Bay and Bega.
- The **Australian Catholic University** (Canberra campus) specialises in health sciences, social welfare and education and provides its students with a high quality learning experience.

- **Charles Sturt University** (campuses in Goulburn and Canberra) consistently achieves high rankings for graduate outcomes.
- **The University of Wollongong** Bega Campus has a reputation as a cooperative learning environment with a high standard of academic excellence. Features include leading-edge technology that provides interactive access to other UOW campuses and a recently completed \$1.5M Nursing Simulation Lab.



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ACT Government is investing \$1.16 billion into education for 2016-17

The Canberra Region population will reach 680,000 people by 2021 and over 750,000 by 2031

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

The higher education and research sector generate income, employment and significant economic activity within the region. This provides an attractive business environment for Research and Development investment, opportunities for partnerships and collaboration, attracting the best and brightest into the region.

The Canberra Region boasts a highly educated and skilled workforce; with nearly **1 in 10 people** working in the scientific, professional and technical industries.¹ It also enjoys **competitive business costs** and a supportive business environment, all in one of the most liveable regions in Australia.

A 2015 study by Deloitte Access Economics, quantified the importance of the higher education and research sector to the ACT, finding that it **value added \$2.7 billion to the ACT's economy** each year and created 15,955 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs.

The Canberra Region is also home to the **Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)** and **Data 61** (previously National ICT Australia), which are famous institutions renowned for their research and commercialisation outcomes.

The city is home to the Southern Hemisphere's largest integrated supercomputer available for access and research at the National Computational Infrastructure. Notably, it has more tertiary qualifications, per capita, than any city in the Southern Hemisphere. Canberra as a city also produces the highest number of patents per capita in Australia.

With world class facilities, highly educated local

population and a large international student population, Canberra is set to advance from an education capital to an international knowledge and education hub.



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