WHO WE ARE

APRU is the international organisation of leading research universities in the Asia-Pacific region

- 45 leading research universities
- 140,000 faculty members and 2 million students
- 16 APEC economies including the world’s three largest
- 2.8 billion people and 50 per cent of global GDP
- Culturally dynamic and diverse

ORIGINS

APRU was established in 1997 by the presidents of

- California Institute of Technology (Thomas Everhart)
- University of California, Berkeley (Chang-Lin Tien)
- University of California, Los Angeles (Charles Young)
- University of Southern California (Steven B. Sample)

VISION

Seeing the rapid economic integration of the region and the formation of APEC, the founding presidents’ vision was to establish a premier alliance of research universities as an advisory body to international organisations, governments and business on the development of science and innovation as well as on the broader development of higher education. The vision now encompasses focusing new knowledge on the global challenges affecting the region.
OUR MEMBERS

Australia
Australian National University
University of Melbourne
University of Sydney
UNSW Australia

Canada
University of British Columbia

Chile
University of Chile

China
Fudan University
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Nanjing University
Peking University
Tsinghua University
University of Hong Kong
University of Science and Technology of China
Zhejiang University

Chinese Taipei
National Taiwan University

Indonesia
University of Indonesia

Japan
Keio University
Kyoto University
Osaka University
Tohoku University
University of Tokyo
Waseda University

Korea
Korea University
Seoul National University
Yonsei University

Malaysia
University of Malaya

Mexico
Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education
National Autonomous University of Mexico

New Zealand
University of Auckland

Philippines
University of the Philippines

Russia
Far Eastern Federal University

Singapore
National University of Singapore

Thailand
Chulalongkorn University

USA
California Institute of Technology
Stanford University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
University of Oregon
University of Southern California
University of Washington
What We Do

Strategic Framework
APRU’s Strategic Framework reflects the priorities of member universities in education, research and contribution to society.

Activities and Programs
Activities are clustered around each thematic priority:

1. Shaping Asia-Pacific Higher Education and Research
APRU universities together aim to shape the policy environment for higher education and research in the region.

- Academic/Administrative Leadership Networks (Provosts, Vice-Presidents (Research), and Chief Information Officers meetings)
- Equity and Access Program
- Teaching and Learning Program
- University Museums Symposium
- Education and Research Technology Forum
- Analysis of policy issues in higher education and research

2. Creating Asia-Pacific Global Leaders
APRU universities cooperate to enhance their global leadership as institutions and the leadership of faculty, administrators and students.

- Student leadership programs (Undergraduate Summer Program, Asia-Pacific Student Leaders Forum)
- Research mentoring and networking opportunities (Doctoral Students Conference, Early Career Researchers Network)
- Asia-Pacific Women in Leadership — a program for bridging the gender gap at senior levels in higher education.

3. Partnering on Solutions to Asia-Pacific Challenges
APRU universities work together and with partners from government and business, international organisations, other universities and community leaders on solutions to global and regional challenges.

- Global Health Program (Lead: University of Southern California, Institute of Global Health)
- Multi-Hazards Program (Lead: Tohoku University, International Research Institute of Disaster Science)
- Internet Governance Program (Lead: Keio University, International Project for the Internet & Society)
- Population Ageing Program (Lead: UNSW Australia, ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research)
- Sustainability and Climate Change
- Brain and Mind Research in the Asia-Pacific
It is a tremendous honour to serve as chair of APRU during one of the most promising chapters in higher education. As the president of the University of Southern California, I am proud to lead an institution that has long recognised and embraced the tremendous potential and impact of the Pacific Rim. As the world’s centre of commerce and culture continues to shift to this remarkable region, members of APRU continue to build bridges of advancement and understanding. The world is looking more and more to the universities of APRU for leadership in public health, disease prevention, disaster management, sustainability, and climate change. We are uniquely positioned as a laboratory of learning and creating new knowledge to address these issues and others, now and in the future.

— C.L. Max Nikias, APRU Chairman

HOW WE OPERATE

APRU is an independent, self-governing association. Members elect a Chair and Steering Committee to lead the association. Presidents represent their universities and meet annually. The Chair and Steering Committee members serve a two-year renewable term.

Steering Committee

- C. L. Max Nikias, APRU Chair, President, University of Southern California
- Tan Chorh Chuan, President, National University of Singapore
- Toshio Hirano, President, Osaka University
- Wang Enge, President, Peking University
- Stuart McCutcheon, Vice-Chancellor, University of Auckland
- Gene D. Block, Chancellor, University of California, Los Angeles
- Henry T. Yang, Chancellor, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Alfredo E. Pascual, President, University of the Philippines
- Christopher Tremewan, Secretary General, APRU
- Margaret Leong, Treasurer and Director (Secretariat), APRU
relationships of trust and cooperation with the most influential research universities in the Asia-Pacific.

with university presidents and senior academic leaders from 45 leading universities on the Pacific Rim by engaging with APRU.

APRU’s partnerships with governments, international organisations, businesses and local communities to increase the impact of your research.

your priority initiatives through faculty and student collaborations across 16 economies in the world’s most dynamic and diverse region.

the value of research universities acting together to address key global challenges.

and shape the fast-changing education and research environment.

There is now huge potential to use this remarkable alliance for truly transformational action which brings together education, research, and innovation with policy in fruitful partnerships engaging other international organisations, governments, businesses and local communities.

— Christopher Tremewan, APRU Secretary General