I’m very pleased to have the opportunity to introduce you to Victoria University.

We’re proud of our reputation for being a distinctive university where students thrive and creativity and innovation flourish. We work hard to ensure each student has the opportunities and support they need to reach their potential and achieve their goals.

Victoria University is one of only five Australian universities offering both Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and higher education courses. This gives us advantages in course and pathway design and delivery, as well as providing our students with greater flexibility.

We have invested much effort in recent times in the balance of our work within the western region of Melbourne; our presence in the central business district of Melbourne and longstanding international relationships, notably in Asia, the USA and Europe.

Victoria University is strengthening its focus as an international university by strongly connecting to industry, the trades and professions, and shaping its offer to students around current and future industry needs. This empowers our students from diverse backgrounds to be successful lifelong learners, grow their skills and capabilities for the changing world of work, and be confident, creative, ethical and respectful, local and global citizens.

Internationalisation is integral to Victoria University’s teaching and learning, research and engagement activities and the commitment by the University is noted in the 2010 International Plan. The University recognises the complexity of internationalising a large organisation such as ourselves and identifies five key components, which are introduced in this document.

The Victoria University International Profile reflects the commitment and success of the University in pursuing the goals of intellectual excellence, enriching the student learning experience and meaningful engagement with local and international communities. Victoria University has built a professional capability in international relations, international strategy, marketing and student recruitment; workforce development and consultancy services; student mobility and international support services. These underpin the University’s values, vision and mission, which seek to find creative and evidence-based solutions to important contemporary problems in the west of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, the Asia-Pacific and globally.

This document also provides an overview of recent and current achievements and activities of the University, staff and students; introduces international honorary graduates; and highlights the University’s research activities and industry engagement.

By 2016, our centenary year, Victoria University will be a leading university among those known for its knowledge of the changing nature of work and the workplace, and will continue to be applauded for its strong community values. Among the measures of our success will be strong growth in the proportion of students who make Victoria University their first choice and the number of enterprises that come back year after year to offer work placements for students, commercial contacts and research assignments.

Victoria University is committed to the belief that education can transform students’ lives, and have a positive impact on the industries and communities within the western Melbourne region and beyond. More than 100 international partners share in the spirit of ambition that imbues all that we do, and work with us to continue advancing the University’s profile locally, nationally and internationally.

Professor Peter Dawkins
Vice-Chancellor and President
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

HISTORY
Victoria University was established to serve the community and prepare its industrial workforce with practical, job-focused skills and knowledge. Victoria University, and its predecessor institutions, has been providing education, research and training for over 95 years, with more than half a million graduates. Some of the University's key historical dates include:

• 1916 – founded as Footscray Technical School
• 1968 – became Footscray Institute of Technology
• 1990 – established as Victoria University of Technology
• 2005 – renamed Victoria University

In 1990, there were 16,000 students enrolled at Victoria University. Today, more than 50,000 enrolled students and 4500 staff across local campuses, as well as international sites, make up what is one of the greatest international mixes at an Australian university.

VALUES
To underpin and guide its future development and the day-to-day teaching, learning, research and other activities, Victoria University embraces the following values:

• Knowledge, skills, and critical and imaginative enquiry for the University’s capacity to transform individuals and the community.
• Equality of opportunity for students and staff.
• Diversity, its contribution to creativity and the enrichment of our lives.
• Co-operation as the basis of engagement with local and international communities.
• Integrity, respect and transparency in personal and collaborative and institutional action.
• Sound environmental stewardship for future generations.
• The pursuit of excellence.

Victoria University is committed to making these values real for its staff, students and stakeholders.

VU HIGHLIGHTS
One of only five universities in Australia offering both vocational and higher education courses.

• Extensive international links, with over 90 exchange partners.
• Award winning courses in hospitality and tourism.
• A leading education provider in the field of sports science and exercise rehabilitation, enterprise resource planning (SAP) and global logistics and transport.
• The only university in Australia to offer multi-million dollar facilities dedicated to Problem Based Learning projects exclusively for engineering students.
• Training for hairdressers is rated Three Gold Stars, the maximum rating given by the Institute for Trades Skills Excellence.

 COURSES
Victoria University offered over 800 courses in 2010 through six faculties, of which more than 350 are offered to international students. Our courses are designed to meet the needs of students with a focus on high quality teaching and learning.

The higher education faculties are:

• Arts, Education and Human Development
• Business and Law
• Health, Engineering and Science
• Technical and Trades Innovation
• Workforce Development
• VU College (English Language Courses)

The vocational education faculties are:

• Health, Engineering and Science
• Business and Law
• Arts, Education and Human Development
• Technical and Trades Innovation

Among the key features is an altitude chamber, where up to 16 athletes can live in low-oxygen environments and where sleep studies can be conducted. There is also an environmental exercise lab that can test athletes under variable heat, humidity and oxygen conditions. A specialist heat chamber precisely regulates humidity and heat during performance testing, as well as acclimatise athletes preparing for competition outside Australia.

MODERN FACILITIES,
ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE
Learning Commons Facility and Exercise Science and Sports Science Laboratory Precinct

A major project completed in 2011 at Footscray Park Campus, worth A$62.5 million, incorporates learning commons with exercise and sport science laboratories. It is designed to provide students and the broader community with state-of-the-art teaching, learning and research facilities for the Institute of Sport, Exercise and Active Living (ISEAL).

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VICTORIA PLACE – Student Accommodation
Victoria University’s purpose built student accommodation facility is located just 100 metres from Footscray Park Campus. It features 41 fully furnished self contained apartments and two deluxe three bedroom units with ensuite and disability access, set amongst a community based environment designed to inspire learning.

Premier Hospitality Training Centre
Victoria University was the first institution to provide a high quality hospitality teaching centre in Melbourne’s west after completing the A$2.7 million upgrade to existing training facilities at Footscray Nicholson Campus.

The funding was used to create Venu, a 100-seat training restaurant with three new state-of-the-art kitchenettes, two theatre-style demonstration kitchens, and upgraded change rooms, cool rooms and service lifts.

The new facilities complement our industry partnerships with Le Cordon Bleu and ensure that we can develop the highest standard of cookery and front-of-house education.

Vocational Education Construction Centre
The Australian federal government has made a commitment of A$38.95 million for the development of a state-of-the-art building and construction centre at Sunshine Campus.

With a particular focus on adult language, literacy and numeracy skills, the facility will provide for the training of the building and construction workforce for emerging and green technologies. The new training facility will also support a modern learning environment and include workshops, computer labs, general classrooms, offices and other amenities.
**COURSE ENROLMENTS – 2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

Total number of course enrolments: 63,872

- Technical and Further Education (TAFE) enrolments: 39,299
- Higher Education (HE) enrolments: 24,573
- Onshore international enrolments: 5,013
- Offshore international enrolments: 10,400

**COURSE ENROLMENTS BY FACULTY**

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**NOTE:** Higher Education Student Enrolments and Reportable Load has been updated in line with submissions of DEEWR Revision files.

This document measures the number of course enrolments as published in the 2010 Victoria University Annual Report. Measuring course enrolments means that any student enrolled in two courses is counted twice, any student enrolled in three courses is counted three times and so on.

*University refers to courses that are not assigned to specific schools or faculties. Courses that may fall under this category include students undertaking exchange or study abroad as part of their course, single units and extension studies.

**STUDENT’S COUNTRY OF BIRTH**

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**ABOVE OVER 40% OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUNDS**
INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

DIMENSION 1: BUSINESS
GOAL: TO GROW TOTAL ONSHORE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLMENTS AND OFFSHORE STUDENT ENROLMENTS THROUGH DIVERSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS AND COURSES.

To achieve this goal Victoria University has taken the following actions:

- Promoted Victoria University’s strengths and expertise as a niche education provider in six key source markets.
- Increased total offshore enrolments (reportable course enrolments) by 10 per cent in 2010.
- Increased overall growth of international revenue from international business activities by nearly 30% over the last five years.
- International students now comprise 25% of all Victoria University students.
- Achieved an 88% satisfaction rate among international students. This exceeded the international benchmark of 84%.

Victoria University’s International Development Centre (IDC) aims to achieve an evenly spread distribution of offshore enrolments in ELICOS, vocational and higher education sectors. In partnership with faculties, IDC is expanding current business to diversity and grow offshore off-campus commercial revenue through partner campuses in:

- Sydney (Education Centre of Australia)
- Ahmedabad, India (Ganpat University)
- Philippines

These partnerships will also involve opportunities for vocational as well as higher education programs.

DIMENSION 2: STUDENTS
GOAL: IMPROVE AND DEVELOP THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

To achieve this goal Victoria University has taken the following actions:

- Introduced international content and internationalisation process for Victoria University courses. An example is the four-year Bachelor of Arts (International Studies), which includes one semester of overseas study as a core requirement.
- Introduced an Associate Degree in Culinary Management, including a Certificate in Commercial Cookery, through a partnership with the Paris-based Le Cordon Bleu Institute. The program commenced in Semester 2, 2010.
- Victoria University International is streamlining international admissions to improve application and enrolment procedures for prospective international students.
- Citing Victoria University’s Muslim Student Guide and other safety initiatives, Victoria University was one of only seven universities cited in a Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) publication on Best Practice in International Student Support.

DIMENSION 3: STAFF
GOAL: ACHIEVE SCALABLE GROWTH OF OFFSHORE REVENUE AND HIGHER GROWTH SCENARIOS.

To achieve this goal Victoria University has taken the following actions:

- Achieved strong diversification of Victoria University’s academic staff with more than:
  - 28% of Victoria University’s academic staff of international origin;
  - 17% of staff hold international tertiary education qualifications.
- Invested support for faculty work in internationalisation.
- Strengthened international teaching and learning skills with 328 visits related to offshore teaching.
- Established strong international relationships and built research strength by implementing a number of initiatives. These included greater support for research and student mobility, development of strategic international research partnerships and cross-institutional collaborative research and training relationships.
- Victoria University’s International Development Centre continues to explore different delivery modes, staffing models and review of offshore program models for developing new business.

DIMENSION 4: RESEARCH
GOAL: DELIVER SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH OUTCOMES AND ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS.

To achieve this goal Victoria University has taken the following actions:

- Strengthened the University’s international research linkages.
- Increased international research activities to generate a return through delivering student cohorts, research grants or funded projects.
- Maintained a vibrant research community led by world-leading academics researchers with international standing.

DIMENSION 5: INTER-CULTURAL EXCHANGE
GOAL: ACHIEVE 25% INCREASE IN OUTBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT MOBILITY.

To achieve this goal Victoria University has taken the following actions:

- Strengthened student mobility and exchange programs and partnerships.
- Increased participation in overseas exchange, study tours and co-op placements.
- Placed Victoria University students into internships and for-credit cooperative learning through an internationalisation project with University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Major activities included curriculum collaboration, student leadership, paid student work placements, exchanges and academic engagement in Business and Sciences/Engineering.
- Engaged Victoria University students and staff in intercultural learning.
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

INTERNATIONAL VISITS
During 2009-2010, Victoria University welcomed more than 70 international delegations from over 20 countries. Visits included current partners, institutions seeking future collaboration and study groups aiming to develop knowledge about specific topics, or a more general understanding of Australia’s tertiary education sector.

Delegations included:
- representatives from the Government of South Korea
- the High Commission to Brunei Darussalam
- the Philippines Australia Human Resource Development Facility
- the Ministry of Information Industry (China)
- Guangxi Education Department (China)
- the Chancellor of Dili Institute of Technology
- delegations from international exchange partners

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY AND LIAONING UNIVERSITY 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTNERSHIP
A special celebration marked Victoria University’s 10th year in partnership with Liaoning University. Each year, thousands of students study programs either in Shenyang at Liaoning University’s Asia Australia Business College or at Victoria University in Melbourne. The college now has the largest group of international enrolments at Victoria University. Acknowledged as one of China’s most important universities, the number of international students enrolled at Liaoning University has grown to become the largest of all universities in northeast China.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES
Victoria University graduation ceremonies have been held at a number of international partner sites. The events are as much about the achievements of offshore students as about maintaining strong international relationships.

Sydney-based International Partnership
Victoria University’s partnership with Education Centre of Australia has resulted in more than 350 international students enrolling in accounting and computer science courses in 2010.

Mexican Students to Benefit from Funded Scholarships
Former Vice-Chancellor Professor Elizabeth Harman signed an agreement with FUNED in Mexico City to increase student recruitment from Mexican universities. The Mexican government scholarships serve to reinforce Victoria University as an accredited/recogised university.

Exchange and Research Symposium, German Sport University
In 2010 a Victoria University delegation attended the inaugural Exchange and Research Symposium at the German Sport University (GSU). Held in Cologne, the event brought together Victoria University, GSU and Canada’s University of Western Ontario (UWO) to discuss collaboration in sport and exercise science, particularly in research. Victoria University hosted the symposium in 2011 to coincide with the opening of the new Learning Commons and Exercise Science and Sport Precinct, and the establishment of Victoria University’s Institute of Sport, Exercise and Active Living.

UWO has been an active exchange partner with Victoria University’s School of Sport and Exercise Science since 1988, with more than 400 student exchanges and staff visits. GSU and Victoria University have been partners for 20 years with almost 7.5 student exchanges and staff visits in recent years.

University of Texas at El Paso
In 2010, joint activities between Victoria University and University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) provided the opportunity for five students from each university to participate in a tailored exchange program that included on-campus internships.

The Global Learning Community pilot project now allows students from Victoria University’s Diplomas of Liberal Arts and UTEP’s Entering Students Program to communicate via video conference while studying common issues of cultural diversity, migration, settlement and disillusion.

Global Victoria University Tourism Climate Initiative
Victoria University's Centre for Tourism and Services Research (CTSR) will participate in a new Travel and Tourism climate initiative called Live the Deal. CTSR will supply underpinning research for implementing the initiative across the globe.

Live the Deal was launched during the Copenhagen Climate Summit. It is an innovative, global campaign to help travel companies and destinations respond to climate change, and reduce their carbon footprint.

Victoria University will work with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation and other stakeholders to roll out the initiative across the world.

Timor-Leste Engagement
With a relationship going back some 30 years, Victoria University’s commitments to Timor-Leste include:
- community consultations on plans for vocational education within the country
- short courses for academics on teaching and learning in higher education at Dili’s National University of Timor Loro So’a

Melbourne International Film Festival Sponsorship

Acclaimed Bollywood actor/producer Aamir Khan and director Anusha Rizvi attended the Australian premiere screening of ‘Taare Zameen Par’, hosted by Victoria University and Education Centre at Melbourne’s Regent Theatre in 2010.

The screening was preceded by a reception where cast and crew of the film greeted former Vice-Chancellor Elizabeth Harman, distinguished guests from the University of Texas at El Paso and Victorian government officials.

Cooking with Le Cordon Bleu
Victoria University demonstrated its growing local and international network in the signing of a major agreement with Le Cordon Bleu, a global culinary education organisation. Together with Victoria University, they will deliver hospitality courses in upgraded facilities at Footscray Nicholson campus.

Vietnam and Africa – Exploring the Settlement Experiences of Refugees and Migrants

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship awarded Victoria University $43,000 to support the Stories on a Plate story-telling project, which explores the settlement experiences of refugees and migrants from Vietnam and the Horn of Africa through a series of informal workshops. This project helps to introduce ‘newly arrived’ refugees and migrants to Melbourne’s established local communities.

Fiji – Health Projects
Victoria University’s Institute for Community, Ethnicity and Policy Alternatives won AusAID Project funding to undertake a capacity building project for JTA International and the Fiji Ministry of Health. The project will assist managers in the Ministry of Health to improve their management and teamwork performance.
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

OFFSHORE AND OFFSITE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ENROLMENTS

Victoria University offers programs offshore through transnational education projects in Germany, the People’s Republic of China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Singapore, Vietnam and Australia. Students are able to study our offshore programs with the option of transferring to Victoria University in Melbourne. Courses range from English language (English for Further Study), certificates, diplomas, to masters.

Today Victoria University is delivering a range of high-quality courses across Asia and in Germany. A significant market leader, the University will continue to grow offshore operations focusing on organic growth of existing programs and partnerships, new programs with existing partners, and new programs with new partnerships.

The above analysis measures the number of reportable course enrolments. This means that any student enrolled in two courses is counted twice, any student enrolled in three courses is counted three times and so on.

Other double counting can occur if a student is enrolled at a different teaching location in different semesters or has a different fund source in different semesters.

The above statistics are obtained from Victoria University’s administrative systems as at 22 February 2011. Figures are indicative only and subject to quality of data input.

Note:
- Not all partner institutions are represented in the map.
- Data was extracted from the 2010 Offshore Report presented to University Council in February 2011.

AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY
Education Centre of Australia
- Diploma of Business and Enterprise
- Diploma of Accounting (Accounting)
- Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting
- Master of Accounting
- Master of Business in Computer Science
- Master of Science (Computer Science)
- Bachelor of Business in Information Systems
- Bachelor of Business (Information Systems)
- Master of Business (Enterprise Resource Planning Systems)

SHENYANG
Liaoning University (includes Asia-Australia Business College)
- Diploma of Business and Enterprise (including Certificate III in ESL (Further Study))
- Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
- Bachelor of Business (International Trade)
- Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance)
- Bachelor of Business (Global Logistics and Transport)

MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR
Sunway University College
- Bachelor of Business (8 different streams - Marketing/International Trade, Accounting/Banking and Finance, Accounting, Banking and Finance, Financial Risk Management/Banking and Finance, International Trade and Marketing)

JOHOR BAHRU
Sunway University College
- Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
- Bachelor of Business (Marketing)

SINGAPORE

Lithian Hall Academy
- Master of Business (Enterprise Resource Planning Systems)

STANFIELD COLLEGE
- Bachelor of Business (Management)

VIETNAM

HANOI
Hanoi University
- Master of TESOL
Victoria University strengthened student mobility in 2010 with 338 students (from the University and its international partners) participating in the exchange program. The University also welcomed an additional 111 students through our study abroad program.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

SWEDEN
Gothenburg University
Jönköping University
Karlstad University

TURKEY
Middle East Technical University
Boğaziçi University

UNITED KINGDOM
Leeds Metropolitan University
University of Heriot-Watt
Bournemouth University
New College Nottingham
University of Westminster
Nottingham Trent University
York St John University
University of Glamorgan

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
New Jersey City University
The College of New Jersey
Baltimore University
East Carolina University
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Florida Institute of Technology
Syracuse University
University of Texas at El Paso

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF (SOUTH)
Soongsil University
Kyunghyang University

INDIA
TATA Institute of Social Science

ITALY
University of Torino

JAPAN
Tokyo Gakugei University
Utsunomiya University

MEXICO
Tecnologico de Monterrey
Universidad Iberoamericana
Universidad de las Americas - Puebla
Universidad de Monterrey
University of Guadalajara

NETHERLANDS
HAN University of Applied Sciences,
Arnhem Business School
The Hague University

NEW ZEALAND
UNITEC

SWITZERLAND
Ecole de Management et de Communication des Transports

AUSTRALIA
University of Melbourne University

FINLAND
University of Jyväskylä

FRANCE
Catholic University of Lille (IESG)
Reims Management School
INSEEC Business and Communication Schools
Universite Francois - Rabelais (TOURS)

GERMANY
Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences
Bonn Rhein Sieg University of Applied Sciences
Ludwigshafen University of Education
Bremen University of Applied Sciences
Munich University of Applied Sciences

Global, Victoria University’s alumni network is an invaluable resource for professional development and networking.

INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI CHAPTERS AND NETWORKS
Over the past ten years, our Hong Kong and Malaysian alumni chapters have grown into strong alumni communities. Celebratory events have marked anniversary milestones for each with similar events taking place in Singapore and P.R. China.

To facilitate stronger links between alumni, there are international chapters and networks in:
• P.R. China
• Hong Kong
• Malaysia
• Singapore
• Vietnam
• Bangladesh
• Thailand

Offering a wide range of activities to the University’s alumni community, Victoria University’s Alumni Relations program is open to all graduates and current students of Victoria University. Our membership base extends across all courses, and includes higher education and vocational education and further education graduates.

ALUMNI AND HONORARY GRADUATES

DR JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA
His Excellency, Dr José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, was admitted to the Doctor of the University, honoris causa, for his outstanding commitment to human rights. He was also appointed Distinguished Visiting Professor at Victoria University, an honorary position conferred on those who have achieved national or international eminence in their field.

Victoria University has a strong interest in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly Timor-Leste, where it supports international and local projects in community development and the development of both vocational and higher education.

PROFESSOR CHENG WEI
Victoria University admitted Professor Cheng Wei, President of La Trobe University, to the Doctor of the University, honoris causa, for his commitment to transnational education and his outstanding efforts in building bridges between the people of China and Australia.

Professor Cheng established the Asia Australia Business College at La Trobe University in Shenyang, China. Victoria University is a major partner of the College, delivering a range of programs in English language and business. Each year, 3000 students study these programs either in Shenyang or at Victoria University in Melbourne. The College now has the largest group of international enrolments at Victoria University.

Professor Cheng also holds senior positions in many academic associations, including Vice-President of the Chinese World Economy Academic Association and Vice-Director of International Politics Research Association of Chinese Universities.

Honoraries and Alumni

ABOVE DR JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA
Victoria University has a local and international student body that is culturally and linguistically diverse providing a strong foundation for internationalisation and an intercultural educational experience for all students.

**REMARKABLE STUDENTS**

Victoria University is proud to provide a learning environment where students thrive.

**Best Paper Awards Nomination**

With his work published in four prestigious international journals, doctoral student Hamid Harun was nominated for best paper awards at numerous national and international meetings. He completed a series of clinical trials on the benefits of strength training for individuals at high risk for developing diabetes.

**Best Postgraduate Student Paper**

Sue Mate, a PhD student in the University’s School of Management, won the prize for the best postgraduate student paper at the 12th International Colloquium of Asia-Pacific Researchers in Organisation Studies (APROS 12) for her paper. The Local and Pacific Researchers in Organisation Studies (APROS 12) for her paper. The Local and Pacific Researchers in Organisation Studies. The paper drew on her research of the narratives people use to develop diabetes.

**Golden Key Honour for Indonesian Food Science Student**

Indonesian student Mahamad Nur was invited to become a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society. The academic honour society recognises and encourages scholastic achievement and excellence among college and university students from all academic disciplines. Mahamad is completing a Master of Science (Food Science) on an Australian Development Scholarship.

**Outstanding Peer Leadership**

Bachelor of Business (Marketing) student Samantha Mackley was named outstanding new leader by the International Centre for Peer-Assisted Study Sessions at the University of Missouri in the USA. She was recognised as one of Australia’s best new peer mentors for her volunteer work.

Victoria University Achievement Scholarships

Victoria University welcomed 70 ‘pioneer’ recipients of our new Achievement Scholarships. The scholarship encourages the highest achieving year 12 students from schools across Victoria’s western region to study undergraduate and Vocational Education (VE) courses at Victoria University. Of the 41 higher education (HE) and 25 in Vocational Education recipients, 13 are studying teacher education courses, undertaking our commitment to being a major educator of the future teaching workforce in and for the region. HE Scholarship winners receive A$5000 a year for up to four years, and VE students A$6000 a year for up to two years.

**Community Service Award**

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**WorldSkills Awards**

After winning state titles, nine Victoria University students participated in the 2010 national finals of the Australian World Skills Competition. Victoria University’s winning students are from the fields of bricklaying, beauty care, construction steelwork, plumbing, signcraft, welding, electrical installation and painting and decorating. The biannual WorldSkills event tests the skills and dedication of young apprentices and trainees in their chosen fields. About 250 qualified judges will assess their talent on national and international standards, employability attitude and training packages, along with 500 other competitors from some 50 trade and skill categories.

Winning students will become part of a national WorldSkills team, ‘the Skillardor’, and represent Australia in London in 2011 at the 41st International WorldSkills Competition.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SAFETY**

Over the past four years, Victoria University has been developing a safety program working closely with international students and key community organisations including:

- Victoria Police
- Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board
- Cricket Victoria
- Life Saving Victoria

In 2010, Victoria University staff, members from Cricket Victoria and officers from the Victoria Police hosted a cricket match at Footscray Park campus in an effort to build relationships with many international students, particularly those from the Indian subcontinent.

**Safety Week Events**

Safety Week events are held during March on four major campuses. Events included presentations from the Victoria Police, the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board, Metro trains and service areas of Victoria University and the community.

**Delegation to India**

Representatives from Victoria Police and the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board Community Education Department accompanied staff from Victoria University to brief international students throughout five major cities in India on their way to study in Melbourne.

The pre-departure student briefings covered safety issues as well as tips on Australian society and culture. They presented information about safety on the streets and public transport, the importance of installing smoke alarms and contacting emergency services.

**GRADUATIONS**

In 2010, Victoria University presented 14,336 awards: 5525 higher education, and 8811 vocational and further education (TAFE). A total of 81 students received doctorates, with 70 at PhD level. Eleven students received their master degree by research.

Eighteen graduation ceremonies were held in total during 2010: 16 at the University’s Footscray Racecourse, Melbourne, one at Sunway Pyramid in Malaysia, and one at the Peninsula Hotel, Beijing.

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Victoria University has five designated research centres and four research institutes which form the core of the University’s research effort.

AREAS OF RESEARCH STRENGTH

Victoria University is committed to becoming the international research flagship within nine key areas. Primary and emerging areas of research strength include:

**Applied informatics**

Development of innovative e-technologies including health informatics and e-Health, service-oriented computing, online dispute resolution, data management and web mining, modelling sports performance in tourism, law and other sectors.

**Communications and sensor technologies**

Research strengths and expertise in communications and sensor technologies focused on telecommunication, microelectronics and optics and photonics.

**Diversity and wellbeing**

Research empowers individuals and communities to meet the challenges associated with social, cultural and economic inequality.

**Education, access and transition**

Contributes to excellence in teaching, engaging young people in education and access to the transition from secondary school to further study.

**Logistics and transportation**

Explores the impact of global developments in the management of performance and productivity in logistics and transportation.

**Sports performance, exercise and active living**

Basic and applied exercise science research, as well as clinical exercise sciences in sport and exercise rehabilitation.

Active living and elite performance includes research in exercise and sports science, biomedical science and nutrition and the related health and wellness outcomes.

**Strategic economics**

Informs government policy and provides an understanding of the causes and consequences of economic, technological and social change in Australia and overseas.

**Sustainable environment technologies**

Focuses on the management of increasing and competing demand for resources and the development of sustainable environmental technologies that have application in Australia and overseas.

**Tourism**

Provides leadership and specialised expertise to research on climate change impact on tourism, e-tourism, culturally appropriate tourism, small business enterprise management, economically and environmentally sustainable tourism, social impacts of tourism and events.

**Research awards**

The achievements of Victoria University’s academics/researchers are internationally recognised by industry and community in a range of award ceremonies.

- Professor Magennda Shah from the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences won the California Dairy Research Foundation’s 2009 William C. Holmes Dairy Science Award in recognition of his significant contribution to dairy science.
- Work-based Education Research Centre (WERC) researchers received the Lion’s share of awards at the 12th Annual Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association Conference.
- WERC researcher and educator Stefan Schutt also accepted a 2010 B-HERT awards for Best Community Engagement Collaboration, on a project that aimed to discover how internet and free software can improve social interaction and well-being.
- Victoria University’s Institute for Logistics and Supply Chain Management was also a recipient at the 2010 B-HERT awards for Outstanding Collaboration with a Regional Focus for its partnership with the Port of Melbourne and the Victorian Government’s Department of Transport Essential Services Commission.

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**Vocational tailored learning and training**

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Tailored learning and training

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As well as offering a wide range of accredited programs in the trades, para-professional and professional arenas, the University offers:

- design and development of training programs, materials and assessment
- customised training packages and in-service training
- accelerated learning programs
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