

Principal's Newsletter

Global Connections

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Womin Djeka!

I am delighted to share with you this quarter's Principal's Newsletter with a theme of RMIT's Global Connections.

As a global university, RMIT's reach and impact extends far beyond Australia with two major campuses in Vietnam, a research centre in Spain and a number of programs delivered through international partners in Singapore, Hong Kong, mainland China and Sri Lanka. We also have research and industry partnerships on every continent.

We pride ourselves on providing our students with transformative experiences no matter where they study, ensuring they are equipped for life and ready to embrace and adapt to the rapidly changing world of work – now more than ever before.

In the past year alone, together with our eight global partners, we educated almost 8,000 students in a broad range of programs, from Aviation and Mechanical Engineering, to Communication Design and Fine Art. In a year of global disruption, we continued to reach major milestones with our offshore partners through strengthening and expanding our longest-standing partnership with the Singapore Institute of Management; renewing our partnerships in Hong Kong with VTC

SHAPE and the Hong Kong Arts Centre; and supporting all our partners as they pivoted online and faced the challenges of COVID-19 to ensure our graduates are ready for a changed world – and are empowered to shape it for the better.

We know that student and employer needs have profoundly changed globally and that universities must be leading the conversation to address how we can deliver greater value to our students and to the communities where we operate.

The wider our reach, the deeper our connections, the greater our impact.

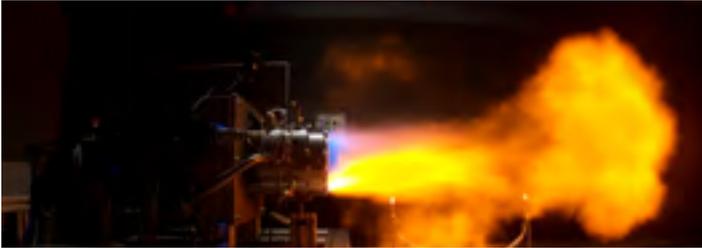
I hope you enjoy this quarter's newsletter.

Best wishes,

Professor Peter Coloe
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Global and RMIT Vietnam Chairman

Leading the way in

Global Connections



The team's rotating detonation engine, or RDE, is a major technical achievement and an Australian first.

An Australian 1st - Successful engine test brings Australian space launch capability a step closer

An Australian research consortium has successfully tested a next generation propulsion system that could enable high-speed flight and space launch services.

It was designed by RMIT University engineers and is being developed by a consortium led by DefendTex, with researchers from RMIT, University of Sydney and Universität der Bundeswehr in Germany.

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Professor Brant Gibson and Professor Andrew Greentree

RMIT project wins US Navy innovation prize grant

An RMIT-led group has been awarded a share of \$1.5 million to develop new diamond-fibre magnetic sensors.

The Global-X Challenge, run by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) Global, has selected an RMIT-led team to demonstrate revolutionary capabilities for the US Navy, Marine Corps, the commercial marketplace and the public.

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RMIT set to lead a €9 million innovative global doctoral training program in Europe

Taking the top spot with a score of 99% out of over 66 funding proposals in Europe, a €9 million RMIT European Doctoral Innovators (REDI) COFUND proposal has been approved for funding by the European Commission. The successful award will significantly boost research links between Europe and Australia through industry-linked doctoral training positions in business, arts and sciences.

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Leading the way to a sustainable future

RMIT is tackling urgent global challenges to create a more sustainable future.

The University's first Sustainable Development Goals Impact Report highlights the education sector's vital role in achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The document demonstrates RMIT's genuine commitment to the SDGs agenda and global sustainability leadership by being one of the few universities in the world to publish such a report.

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Meet some of RMIT's

Global Partners



Australia and Vietnam 'perfect partners' for trade opportunities

A new report by RMIT's Australian APEC Study Centre and Asia Society Australia is providing Australian businesses with insights into trade opportunities in Vietnam.

In developing the report, Australia APEC Study Centre Director Dr Craig Emerson said RMIT had leveraged its deep relationship in Vietnam from over 20 years of operating in country, while the Centre provided access to its network of expertise on trade and economic integration.

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RMIT named a partner in a new European research project on rail cybersecurity

The SAFETY4RAILS research project, which has received €7.7 million from the European Union's prestigious Horizon 2020 funding scheme, is set to increase the safety and recovery of track-based inter-city railway and intra-city metro transportation from cyber and/or physical attacks.

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L-R: RMIT Head of Hanoi Campus Phillip Dowler with Vietnam Ministry of Public Security Senior Lieutenant Colonel Vu Thu Hanh and Australian Federal Police Senior Officer in Vietnam, Detective Superintendent Roger Brown

Global partnership to deliver transnational crime police training

RMIT has partnered with the Australian Federal Police and the Vietnam Ministry of Public Security to introduce a new online pandemic preparedness course to combat transnational crime through COVID-19.

Developed through the flagship Asia Region Law Enforcement Management Program (ARLEMP), the specialised course will help police forces across the region better manage transnational crime amidst the ongoing pandemic.

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RMIT Europe and RMIT Activator collaboration secures new global partnership

RMIT and Global Power Generation (GPG) – a subsidiary of the global group Naturgy and headquartered in Spain, have partnered to drive an innovation ecosystem near the newly constructed Berrybank wind farm, which is around 150km outside of Melbourne. It's the first wind farm for the group in the state of Victoria but its second in Australia,

RMIT Europe Executive Director Marta Fernandez said the RMIT and GPG partnership is an exemplar of the opportunities for significant bilateral relationships between Australia and Spain.

Spotlight on RMIT's

Global Achievers



Based in the UK, RMIT alumna Sonya Adams is helping to reinvent international oil company bp.

Meet Sonya Adams: An RMIT alumna reshaping the energy sector

How can an international oil company transition to low carbon energy with a net zero ambition? RMIT alumna Sonya Adams, Senior Vice President, Reinvent bp, explains her role in the global company's transformation and her journey from RMIT in Melbourne to where she is today in the UK.

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Juan Cortés has been appointed as Senior Industry Fellow in the School of Global, Urban and Social Context at RMIT University.

Meet Juan Cortés: RMIT's Senior Industry Fellow in Urban Design

Juan Cortés, an urban designer who leads the Cities Studio at AECOM Spain and is a BREEAM® Urbanism Assessor, has been appointed as Senior Industry Fellow in the RMIT School of Global, Urban and Social Studies.

RMIT Europe's Executive Director, Marta Fernández, highlighted the extensive international experience that Cortés brings to his new role.

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Pham Nhat Nga (pictured in blue jacket) during a field survey for a community project in Pa Khoang Commune, Dien Bien Province in 2020.

Meet Pham Nhat Nga: Championing sustainable and inclusive growth

As a female entrepreneur, RMIT alumna Pham Nhat Nga said she had first-hand experience with the challenges that women face in business.

This motivated her to start an initiative promoting female empowerment in Vietnam, which received a grant from the US embassy in July 2020. Nga's work with government agencies, civil society organisations and businesses has taken her to some of the most remote communities in Vietnam.

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Tim Marshall, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Design and Social Context (DSC) and President.

Tim Marshall returns from New York to join RMIT

International leader, academic and change-maker Tim Marshall has joined RMIT as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Design and Social Context (DSC) and Vice-President. Marshall returns to Australia after 17 years working at The New School University in New York City. "I have been fortunate to build networks throughout Asia, Europe, South and North America and the mid-East. Africa is a fast-changing region that deserves more of our attention too," he said. He hopes that his international experience will also benefit RMIT and expand its global reach.

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Global Opportunities



Globally positioned

RMIT has over 25 years of experience in delivering programs internationally and is one of Australia's most experienced providers of transnational education and the largest of Australian Higher Education. Today, we have over 17,000 students studying at international locations spanning seven countries.

RMIT has two campuses in Vietnam, and a research and industry collaboration centre in Spain. We also offer a number of programs through international partners in Singapore, Hong Kong, mainland China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Belgium, Germany, Austria and the Netherlands.



RMIT Vietnam

RMIT Vietnam was established in 2000 after Vietnamese authorities invited RMIT to establish a fully foreign-owned university in Vietnam. It has grown into a leading university in the region, with two well-equipped campuses in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, and an English language in Danang.

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RMIT Europe

RMIT Europe is the European hub of RMIT University located in Barcelona, Spain. It is the gateway for European research, industry, government and enterprise to innovation and talent in Australia and Asia.

We leverage the University's global connections to deliver an international dimension to research and innovation beyond Europe's borders.

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International Exchange

As one of Australia's top 5 universities for international exchange, with over 200 global partner institutions, RMIT puts the world at our student's fingertips.

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World-first IT course gives Indian school students a pathway to programming

India's next generation of programmers are getting a head-start on their careers through RMIT's Introduction to Programming course, delivered online and free-of-charge.

RMIT is the first university globally to roll out the initiative, offering high school students from India the chance to complete the undergraduate course Introduction to Programming.

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David Purser, Airbus Defence & Space | RIIERP | Germany

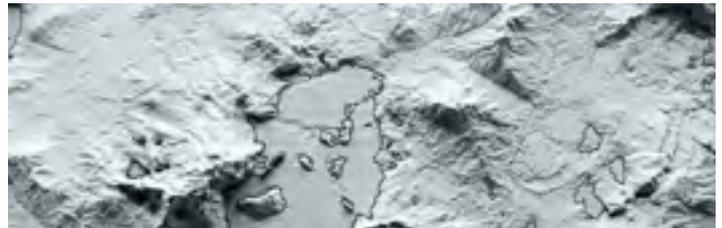
RMIT International Industry Experience and Research Program

RMIT offers global paid internships (RIIERP) with more than 100 world-class companies in Europe, Asia and the USA. All paid placements.

Examples of work placements include:

- **Rolls-Royce**, Indianapolis, USA - working on the F136 jet engine program for the Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft;
- **EADS Space Transportation**, Frierichshafen, Germany – helping with laboratory experiments on a prototype of a life support system for the international space station;
- **Airbus**, Hamburg, Germany – working in the Future Projects office to develop computer-based tools to estimate the weight of landing gears and engine pylons for the early stage of aircraft design.

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New podcast explores how law makes our world a better place

A new podcast takes listeners behind the scenes with leading international lawyers to reveal the machinations of war, peace and human rights.

Better Place: Talking International Law is an interview series with international law practitioners from around Australia and the world, hosted by Dr Jonathan Kolieb from RMIT University's Graduate School of Business and Law.

Guests in the first season include Nobel Peace Prize winning anti-nuclear weapons campaigner Tilman Ruff, Palestinian human rights activist Maha Abdallah, international peace negotiator Paul Williams and former lead adviser to the US Pentagon on civilian protection in wartime, Sarah Holewinski.

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Engagement with Secondary Schools



RMIT Student Recruitment Assistant Alec Pangalidis visits Buckley Park College school expo 23 March.

We're back on campus

RMIT Melbourne campuses – City, Brunswick and Bundoora – are open to all students and staff with COVID safe protocols in place. All students can come to campus for classes and scheduled activities, as well as to access many of our facilities.

Our Student Recruitment Team have been busy with Secondary school on and off campus presentations and on-campus tours.

For 2021 we have:

- Attended over 50 events (face-to-face and digital)
- Seen close to 5,000 school students across Victoria
- Supported interstate schools and students with virtual presentations
- Attendance at the Adelaide Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo and surrounding schools.

We are excited to back on the road and look forward to meeting students at the:

- VCE Careers Expo
- Shepperton Tertiary Information Service
- Bendigo Tertiary Information Service
- Ballarat Tertiary Information Service
- Gippsland Tertiary Information Service
- Vic Careers Show

Our **Discover What's Next Webinar Series** is back, running online from 20 April to 15 July. This is an opportunity to hear from RMIT staff and students about our range of interest areas.

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RMIT among the top performers in the QS World University Rankings by Subject

Among Australia's top-ranked universities, RMIT also performed well internationally, with four subject areas retaining a place in the top 50 globally.

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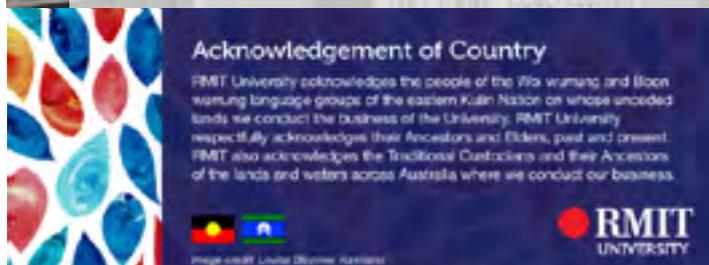
We hope you enjoyed this edition.

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Acknowledgement of Country

RMIT University acknowledges the people of the Woiwurrung and Boonwurrung language groups of the eastern Kulin Nation on whose unceded lands we conduct the business of the University. RMIT University respectfully acknowledges their Ancestors and Elders, past and present. RMIT also acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Ancestors of the lands and waters across Australia where we conduct our business.



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