collaborating
It is through valued partnerships that ACU National is able to extend both its own influence and that of our partners. Together, we achieve more.

Collaboration occurred at a multitude of levels. Donors and other friends of the University helped us to initiate new projects, advocate on our behalf and strengthen and broaden our existing work in teaching, research and community engagement.

In 2007, it was the support of partners which led to the establishment of influential new Chairs in law, in health and in inter-religious dialogue. Partnerships also made tertiary study possible for scholarship winners across the country, enriched quality teaching, learning and research, and enhanced community engagement initiatives locally, nationally and internationally.

Graduates and honorary doctorates deepened the University’s expertise and influence in the vital fields of education, health sciences and human services.

ACU National has numerous cooperative ventures with partner institutions within Australia and internationally. These partnerships enable collaboration in teaching and learning, research, community engagement, and industry and regional development.

**Formal partnerships**

During 2007, the University signed a Heads of Agreement with the University of Ballarat to foster collaboration in teaching offerings, research, grant applications and other projects.

Other memoranda of understanding and agreements made or renewed in 2007 include:

- Allowah Presbyterian Children’s Hospital, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
- Amity Group Pty Ltd, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
- Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation, Melbourne, for offering the non-award Certificate in Guiding Meditation
- Australian Chamber Choir
- Australian Council for Educational Leaders (Victorian affiliate)
- Australian Intercultural Society to establish the Fethullah Gülen Chair in the Study of Islam and Muslim-Catholic Relations
- Australian International Conservatorium of Music for cooperative teaching in music programs in NSW
- Ballarat and District Division of General Practice, Victoria, for clinical experience for nursing students
- Bankstown Aged Care Facility, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
- Bay Aged Care, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
- Blakehurst Aged Care Centre, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
- Bureau of Catholic Education, Mauritius, for offering the Master of Educational Leadership
- Calvary John James Hospital, NSW for clinical experience for nursing students
• Caritas, Hong Kong for offering the Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
• Catholic Education Centre in Wellington, New Zealand, for offering the Master of Educational Leadership
• Catholic Education Office, Brisbane, for offering the Postgraduate Certificate in Education
• Catholic Education Office, Melbourne, for offering the Graduate Certificate in Education Law, the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Wellbeing and Inclusive Schooling) and the Master of Religious Education
• Catholic Education Offices in Ballarat, Sale and Western Australia, for a collaborative project of teacher professional learning in mathematics
• Catholic Homes for the Elderly to appoint an Associate Professor of Aged Care
• Clermont Nursing Home, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
• Eye and Ear Hospital, Victoria, for clinical experience for nursing students
• Holy Family Services, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
• Kingsley College Incorporated (a member institute of the Sydney College of Divinity) for offering the Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary)
• Mayflower Aged Care Centre, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
• Scalabrini Village Ltd, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
• St Catherine’s Aged Care, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
• St John of God Health Care, Victoria, for clinical experience for nursing and midwifery students
• St Kevin’s College to enable collaboration in school-based teacher education
• St Luke’s Hospital, NSW, for clinical experience for nursing students
• St Paul’s Publications
• St Vincent’s Health Melbourne to establish the Chair in Nursing Research.

“In appointing an Associate Professor of Aged Care, we are jointly confirming our commitment to improve education, research and development in this important area of health care, for the benefit of a priority group within the community."

ACU National Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Gabrielle McMullen

**Partnership in aged care**

ACU National and Catholic Homes for the Elderly (CHE) announced a jointly funded Associate Professor of Aged Care in Victoria, to be based both at ACU National’s Melbourne Campus and at various CHE facilities. Dr Fran McInerney will conduct evidence-based research into local aged care services to help inform industry policy and best practice.

**Industry partnerships in exercise science**

In 2007, the School of Exercise Science (NSW) formed a number of partnerships with industry organisations to enhance both field and industry experience for students and the business of the organisations. Some 12 organisations, ranging from Police Youth clubs to the Paralympics Committee, agreed to provide structured and supervised placements to 100 students. A forum for first and second year students was also held to advise students on opportunities for industry placements and an ACU National plaque was presented to representatives from the organisations in appreciation of their support.

**Education leadership appointments**

The year 2007 saw a significant number of graduates from the Faculty of Education achieve influential leadership positions in Catholic Education:

Dr Wayne Tinsey, National Executive Director of Edmund Rice Education

Dr Anne Wenham, Director of Catholic Education Office Lismore

Ms Moira Najdecki, Director of Canberra-Goulburn Catholic Education Office and member of the National Catholic Education Commission

Dr Angelo Belmonte, Acting Director Bathurst Catholic Education Office

Mr Ray Collins, Acting Director Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools’ Office
Graduations and the graduate association

During 2007, 3,761 students graduated in ceremonies organised by Graduate Relations. There were 11 domestic ceremonies in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Ballarat and Melbourne, and international ceremonies in Shanghai, Baucau and Hong Kong, presented in dual languages.

The University also celebrated the graduation of the one thousandth graduate in Hong Kong, Mr Lo Kai Cheong, along with the launch of the Hong Kong chapter of the Graduate Association.

In 2007, 31 doctoral awards were conferred, 20 in Philosophy, 7 in Education and 4 in Psychology.

Strong relations between ACU National and the Shanghai Institute of Health Sciences (SIHS), within Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine (SJTUSM), were celebrated at the 2007 graduation ceremony in Shanghai, China. SIHS is recognised by the Chinese Government as an ‘Institute of Excellence’ in the field of nursing and has a reputation for its leadership in advancing nursing education in China. Since 2001, through a number of short-term professional development programs and the Master of Nursing program, ACU National has helped educate a large number of China’s senior nursing staff.

The Sydney Spring ceremony was the final graduation ceremony involving the Dean of Students Professor Tim O’Hearn and Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Sheehan AO, both of whom were to retire in 2008. Their contributions to the University over many years were warmly acknowledged.

All graduates and friends of ACU National and its predecessor colleges, the Catholic College of Education, Sydney (NSW), the Institute of Catholic Education (Vic), McAuley College (Qld) and Signadou College of Education (ACT), are invited to keep in touch with the University through the Graduate Association. Visit www.acu.edu.au/graduates for details.

Graduate employment and further study

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Australian Catholic University Foundation

The Australian Catholic University Foundation was established in 1993 to nurture the University’s diverse areas of interest and provide a focus for individual, corporate and community energy and funds.

The Foundation raises funds to support the University’s strategic academic initiatives, teaching and research projects, national and international community and outreach projects, and scholarships and bursaries for its students and to support the University’s capital development program and facilities.

The University’s commitment to the development of these and other partnerships with the community has been strengthened by the establishment of a fundraising and development team within the University Relations Directorate.

Highlights

Over the course of 2007, the University continued to enjoy the wide support of many donors and a number of new partnerships were initiated. Major University projects were realised through significant external support.

The Allan Myers AO QC Chair of Law has been funded for a period of five years through the generous $1 million donation from eminent Melbourne lawyer Mr Allan Myers QC. The position is based at the University’s Melbourne Campus and will coordinate the University’s Institute of Legal Studies across its six campuses.

Associate Professor Spencer Zifcak was appointed to the Chair and as Director of the University’s Institute of Legal Studies, established as a national initiative of ACU National, to foster legal professional development education and to promote interdisciplinary studies in law with a focus on ethics, philosophy and theology.

Allan Myers and his wife Maria have been long-time supporters of the University and the establishment of this named Chair has allowed the University to honour Mr Myers in a significant way.

The Fethullah Gülen Chair in the Study of Islam and Muslim-Catholic Relations was established and is located in ACU National’s Asia-Pacific Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue (APCID) at the Melbourne Campus. Dr Ismail Albayrak was appointed as the inaugural Chair to commence in 2008.
The Chair is being funded through a partnership with the Australian Intercultural Society, a non-profit Melbourne-based organisation aimed at promoting greater dialogue between Australia’s various faith communities. It was named in honour of Fethullah Gülen, a Turkish-born scholar, educator, spiritual and social leader, and renowned advocate for inter-religious dialogue and peace.

The Chair of Midwifery is a joint initiative by the Mater Health Services (Brisbane) and ACU National. The Chair of Midwifery will provide leadership in the critical examination of current trends and evidence-based practice in midwifery, and the related implications for research, education and practice. The Chair will be appointed during 2008.

Restoration of Central Hall

Central Hall, the 103-year-old ornate performance venue in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, the ‘jewel in the crown’ of the Melbourne campus, was formally re-opened following significant heritage renovation. Funding for the $3 million restoration of this historic building was provided by the Ian Potter Foundation, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, ACU National and a grant from the Australian Government through the National Heritage Investment Initiative. While there is still additional work to be carried out to provide 21st-century facilities, Central Hall is now back to its former glory. The venue was officially re-opened by Lady Primrose Potter AC, Life Governor of the Ian Potter Foundation, Archbishop Denis Hart and Victorian Senator Judith Troeth.

Community engagement

Through the generosity of donors including staff and students, the University continued to provide support for health and education in East Timor. Support also enabled a third cohort of teachers from Catholic Schools in the Mauritius Diocese of Port Louis to undertake Master of Educational Leadership studies through the University’s School of Educational Leadership. This outreach program represents a significant collaboration between the University, the Diocese of Port Louis and its Australian supporters, generally members of Sydney’s Mauritian community.

Enhanced policy framework

Reflecting the increased priority the University has given to securing and maintaining the support of donors and other friends in the community, there has been an extensive revision of internal policy and procedures to facilitate this important activity.

“It is my hope that the Allan Myers Chair of Law will build upon ACU National’s foundation of academic excellence by overseeing the provision of quality legal education with a strong focus on issues of ethical practice and social justice.”

Allan Myers AO QC
Scholarships and other awards

Scholarships continue to be a major priority for the University and its students and the University has invested its efforts accordingly. A new University-wide Scholarships Office is to be established to promote and administer all scholarships, ensuring greater consistency across the University. The Fundraising and Development Office will work closely with the Scholarships Office to ensure cohesive administration of scholarships and reporting to donors.

The following inaugural awards were announced in 2007:

Laurie Daniels Scholarships for students entering the second year of the Bachelor of Nursing at Canberra Campus, were awarded to Catherine Trevaskis and Barbara O’Brien.

Francis Carroll Scholarships were presented to three first-year students from rural or regional areas at the Canberra Campus, were awarded to theology and social work student Jennifer Drum of Young, education students Clare Walker of Grenfell and Hayley Oldfield of Yass in conjunction with GreaterGood Foundation, the Capital Region’s community foundation. These scholarships are named after the recently retired Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

The Elizabeth Ann McCall Scholarship in Social Justice for a commencing student at the Brisbane Campus, was awarded to Samantha Kay Heslehurst.

The George Alexander Foundation Scholarships for commencing rural students studying at the Ballarat Campus, were received by Amelia Grace Rasmussen, Amy Louise McCann, Christie Hoy and Lauren Marie de Graca Costa.

Australian Catholic University Foundation supporters, 2007

ACU National is deeply grateful for the generous support of the trusts, institutions and individuals listed, who contributed to the support of the University in 2007.

The University is also most appreciative of those who contributed artworks and books to the University’s collections. There are also a number of private donors who do not wish to be acknowledged, but whose support is also valued.
“Providing greater educational opportunities for students from rural and regional areas was always a strong priority for former Archbishop Carroll, so it is fitting that this new scholarship program bears his name.”

Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Sheehan
Scholarships and Bursaries

The University continued its commitment to finding ways of assisting students with particular financial pressures, as well as those from rural and regional areas, to study at the University and gratefully acknowledges the following individuals and organisations who provide support for our students through the direct awarding of established scholarships, prizes and bursaries.

Alexander Family
Association of Catholic School Principals Inc
Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc
Australian Catholic Historical Society
Australian College of Educators (NSW Chapter – Parramatta/Hills Regional Group)
Australian College of Midwifery
Australian Computer Society Inc (NSW Branch)
Australian Confederation of Paediatric and Child Health Nurses
Australian Council for Educational Leaders, Inc
Australian Council of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, NSW
Australian Human Resources Institute
Australian Psychological Society Ltd
Ballarat Diocesan Schools Board
Ballarat South Rotary Club
Bill Ritchie Family Trust
 Cabrini Hospital
Callinan Family
Capicchiano Family Trust
Canberra Southern Cross Club
Canon Australia Pty Ltd
Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst (Bendigo)
Catholic Education Office, ACT
Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Sale
Catholic Schools Office, Broken Bay Diocese
Centacare Catholic Community Services, Sydney
Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses
Elsevier Australia
GreaterGood (Capital Region Community Foundation)
Institute of Industrial Arts and Technology Education (IIATE)
John Wiley & Sons Australia Ltd
Johnson & Johnson Pacific
Loreto Sisters Australia
Maria Myers
Mathematical Association of New South Wales Inc (MANSW)
McGraw-Hill Australia
Queensland Community Foundation
Queensland Orthopaedic Nurses Association
Rotary Club of Ballarat South
Royal College of Nursing, Australia
Royal Life Saving Society Australia (NSW)
Salesians of Don Bosco
St John of God Health Care, Ballarat
St Vincent de Paul Society, Broken Bay
St Vincent de Paul Society, Canberra and Goulburn
St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney
Wexford Senate, Australia
Witts Family
Zonta Club of Sydney North
Honorary doctorates

The following distinguished recipients were awarded honorary doctorates in 2007:

Mr Fred Chaney AO
Social justice campaigner and former federal minister, awarded for his ongoing commitment to reconciliation, native title issues and improved access to legal aid.

Mr Gerald Gleeson AC KCSG
Former Head of the NSW Premier’s Department, for his outstanding service to education and to the people of NSW.

Mr Phil Glendenning
Human rights activist, for his longstanding dedication to improving the lives of poor, Indigenous, politically dispossessed and suffering people both in Australia and other countries. Mr Glendenning is pictured above with his parents.

Mr Rino Grollo
Melbourne-based property developer, humanitarian and prominent Italian Australian, honouring his exemplary balance between business success, devotion to faith and family, charitable giving and community involvement over four decades.

Mr Michael Leunig
Celebrated newspaper cartoonist and National Living Treasure, for his services to the arts, to public discourse, and to promoting a greater understanding of who we are as a people.

Mr Jimmy Little AO
Acclaimed Indigenous performer, for his outstanding community work and his significant contribution to Australian culture.

Susanne Macri AM
Respected aged care advocate, for increasing public awareness of the needs of ageing Australians.

Archbishop J Michael Miller CSB
International Catholic education leader, paying tribute to his outstanding contribution to Catholic education.

Terry Sullivan
Former teacher and Queensland Parliamentarian, for his unwavering commitment to social justice throughout his long and varied career in politics, education and community work.

Reverend Dr John Thornhill SM
Leading theologian, in recognition of his major contribution to adult faith education through the disciplines of philosophy and theology.

Ms Margaret Gurry AM
Renowned community activist, for making extraordinary improvements in the lives of ‘society’s neglected people’ through her tireless work in the community, including her Friday Night School and her extraordinary work with the Melbourne Refugee Sanctuary Group.