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Alumni vision





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Adelaide University Alumni Vision

Our foundations

Why alumni matter to Adelaide University

The opening of Adelaide University in 2026 represented one of the most ambitious transformations in Australian higher education for over a century.

Together, we created an institution of significant scale and relevance, with an alumni community of more than 430,000 across 150 countries. This combines the networks of our founding universities and equips Adelaide University with among the largest alumni communities in the Asia-Pacific region.

As an intentional for-purpose university, for a better Australia and a better world, Adelaide University is committed to being world-leading, while serving as an anchor institution for South Australia.

Our alumni community is central to this ambition, ensuring the University's impact extends far beyond our campuses through leadership, advocacy, and knowledge exchange. Our core values — equity, excellence, global impact, societal cohesion, innovation, and sustainability — provide the framework through which alumni engagement can deliver transformative outcomes for the university and society.



Alumni are the living embodiment of the University

- **We are rooted in shared values and excellence.** This inclusivity reflects Adelaide University's values of Trust, Inclusivity, Ambition, Respect, and Discovery. By recognising the diverse contributions of its people, the University affirms that alumni are central to its identity, culture, and continued success — a living expression of excellence, innovation, and sustainability in action.
- **We provide living proof of global impact.** Alumni embody the University in the world, telling our story more powerfully than any marketing campaign. They act as advocates influencing student recruitment, mentors and employers guiding graduates into careers, leaders strengthening the University's reputation and partnerships, and philanthropists advancing research, teaching, and access initiatives. In doing so, they amplify Adelaide University's global impact, ensuring its mission delivers prosperity for South Australia, for Australia, and for the world.





Our vision

The creation of Adelaide University was a once-in-a-generation opportunity to unite 430,000+ alumni into a global community that amplifies our mission in education, research, equity and civic leadership.

Our alumni are founding partners in the new institution's identity, and play an important role in advancing student recruitment, employability, industry influence and philanthropy, while honouring legacy pride and traditions.

A clear value proposition for alumni offers tangible benefits (e.g. mentoring, professional networks, lifelong learning, recognition, practical services) and inspires reciprocal value for the University through alumni contributions.

Our priorities

Supporting alumni in maintaining meaningful connections with their alma mater.

Facilitating connections between alumni for professional and social purposes.

Creating opportunities for alumni to support the strategic priorities of the University - including through gifts of time, advocacy and philanthropy.

Our once-in-a-generation opportunity



Our shared opportunity

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to set a new benchmark for alumni engagement in Australia. We can assert a strong alumni narrative and forge a shared identity that honours legacy communities while building trust and belonging across them. By showcasing early proof points in student recruitment, employability, reputation, and philanthropy, the University can demonstrate tangible impact and momentum.

Most importantly, alumni are embedded as founding partners in the very identity of Adelaide University — not as bystanders, but as active contributors to its future. Through volunteering, their contributions will align seamlessly with Adelaide University's ambition to be a global powerhouse in research and education, underpinned by a steadfast commitment to equity, excellence, and societal cohesion.

Why it matters now

By embracing alumni as founding partners, the University demonstrates that its vision is rooted in belonging, pride, and shared purpose. Meaningful connection across the alumni community will be critical to Adelaide University's future success.

Through their advocacy, networks, and investment, alumni will help Adelaide University deliver research, education, and societal impact that creates prosperity locally and globally.



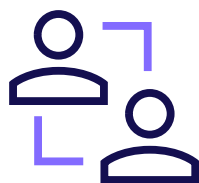
Our vision of the alumni experience

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Belonging for all

Alumni are part of one Adelaide University community, regardless of legacy institution, building shared cohesion and pride. This includes the interests and experiences of alumni from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



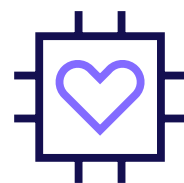
Reciprocity and value

Alumni engagement is mutual, providing professional and social value while advancing equity and excellence.



Impact driven

Success is measured by outcomes, not just activity, contributing directly to Adelaide University’s strategic ambition to solve society’s grand challenges.



Digitally innovative, human at core

We scale and personalise through technology, but prioritise authentic relationships, reflecting the innovation and future readiness central to the University’s vision.

We commit to celebrating all alumni as unique, ensuring all feel welcome, amplifying alumni voices, and committing to equity in all that we do together

The Alumni Experience

What can we offer alumni?

Workshops with our alumni focus group confirm that alumni engagement will succeed only if alumni see tangible personal and professional benefit.

Alumni in regional areas emphasised the need for place-based approaches: supporting local employers, placements, and scholarships in Mount Gambier, Whyalla, and across South Australia.

International alumni highlighted the importance of professional networking and University visibility abroad, reinforcing Adelaide University's role as a global powerhouse for knowledge, skills, and societal impact.

Pride and trust

Affinity with the values and actions of the institution in its early stages of formation.



Career development

Mentoring, networking, industry-focused alumni groups.



Lifelong learning

Micro-credentials, executive education, research seminars.



Events and connection

Reunions, professional gatherings, local and global chapters.



Recognition and celebration

Annual awards, storytelling campaigns.



Practical benefits

Library access, discounts, alumni communications.



The Alumni Experience

Joining Adelaide University on a journey

Adelaide University's alumni program offers career development, lifelong learning, global networks, recognition, and practical services. In return, the University invites those who began their career path on graduation to join us on our journey and help us achieve our engagement goals outlined below.

Future student recruitment and success

Alumni act as authentic voices and trusted ambassadors, supporting recruitment locally and internationally, and helping prospective and new students to enrol, settle, and thrive. Their involvement drives conversion, retention, and diversity in the student body.

Reputation and visibility

Alumni enhance Adelaide University's reputation by sharing their achievements, telling authentic stories, and acting as advocates in their communities and professions. They amplify the University's visibility, strengthen rankings and reputation surveys, and project pride and belonging.

Student careers and employability

Through mentoring, placements, internships, and professional networks, alumni help students transition into work, broaden access to opportunity, and strengthen graduate outcomes. Alumni also model lifelong learning and nonlinear career journeys.



Local and global partnerships

Alumni provide access to influential networks, create pathways for collaboration with industry and government, and help connect research and teaching to real-world challenges. They strengthen Adelaide University's role as a civic leader and economic partner in South Australia, Australia, and globally.

**“Adelaide University is being created as
the shared vision and enduring legacy
of the University of Adelaide and the
University of South Australia.”**

Strategic Ambition and Direction (2024-2034)

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