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Law at The University of Queensland

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School of Law

A time in the sunshine for UQ Law

- Major refurbishment of Forgan Smith Building
- Transition to a smaller intake
- Seminar-style teaching
- Rise in Times Higher Education law school rankings from 54th to 40th in the world

2019 *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings by subject.

- UQ Law graduates in great demand
- Increasing international focus at PG level – new programs



A Law School Environment Transformed

- A \$35 Million Renovation
 - Collaborative, Interactive and Innovative Learning
- Library and Collaborative Learning Spaces
 - Innovative Learning and Academic Facilities
 - Independent Study Areas
 - Interactive Research Spaces



A Law School Program Being Transformed

- High quality legal education in smaller seminar groups
- Preparing students for a legal profession transformed by technology
- Preparing students for the regulatory issues created by new technologies
- Discussion of the impact of new technologies from the first week at law school
- Starting to be embedded into the curriculum
- International focus in the postgraduate program



A new focus for research

- Law, Science and Technology research group
- Maintaining traditional strengths in other areas e.g. private law, maritime law
- Increasing focus on interdisciplinary research
- Relationships with 16 other schools in the University
- Interested in building relationships with partner universities around the world





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The LLB program

The student experience

- 19% increase in first preferences for 2019 entry compared with 2018
- Increase in entry requirements
- Small classes 40-45 students
- Participation and building relationships strongly encouraged
- Arguably the most rigorous legal training in Australia
- International students very welcome – a semester in Queensland as part of their undergraduate experience



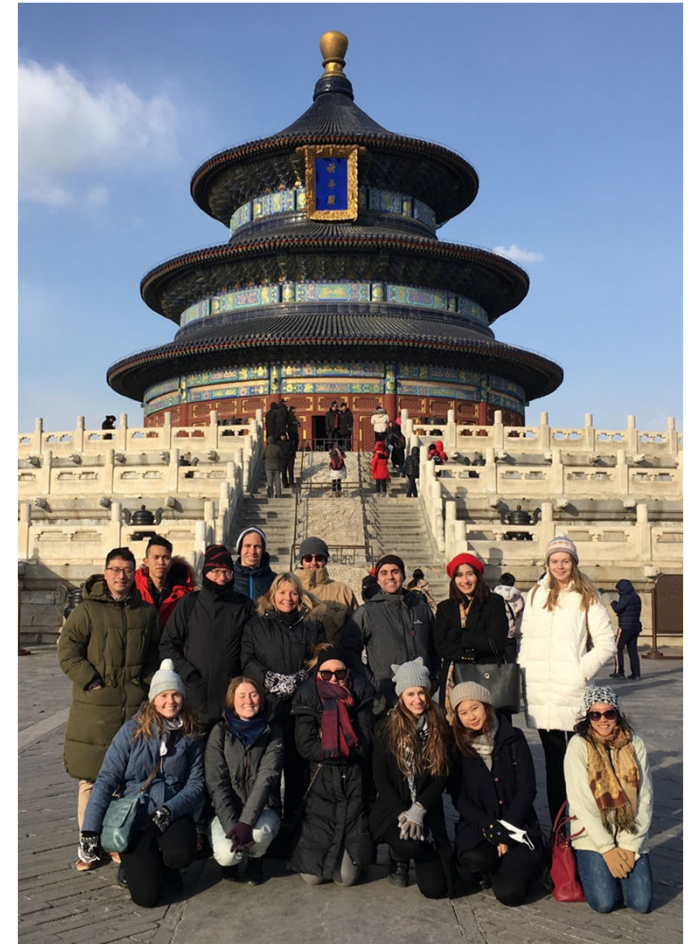
Student achievements

- Winners, 2018 Jessup International Law moot competition
- Winners, 2018 International Maritime Law moot competition
- Strong performances in the 2019 Jessup and the Vis Arbitration moot in Vienna



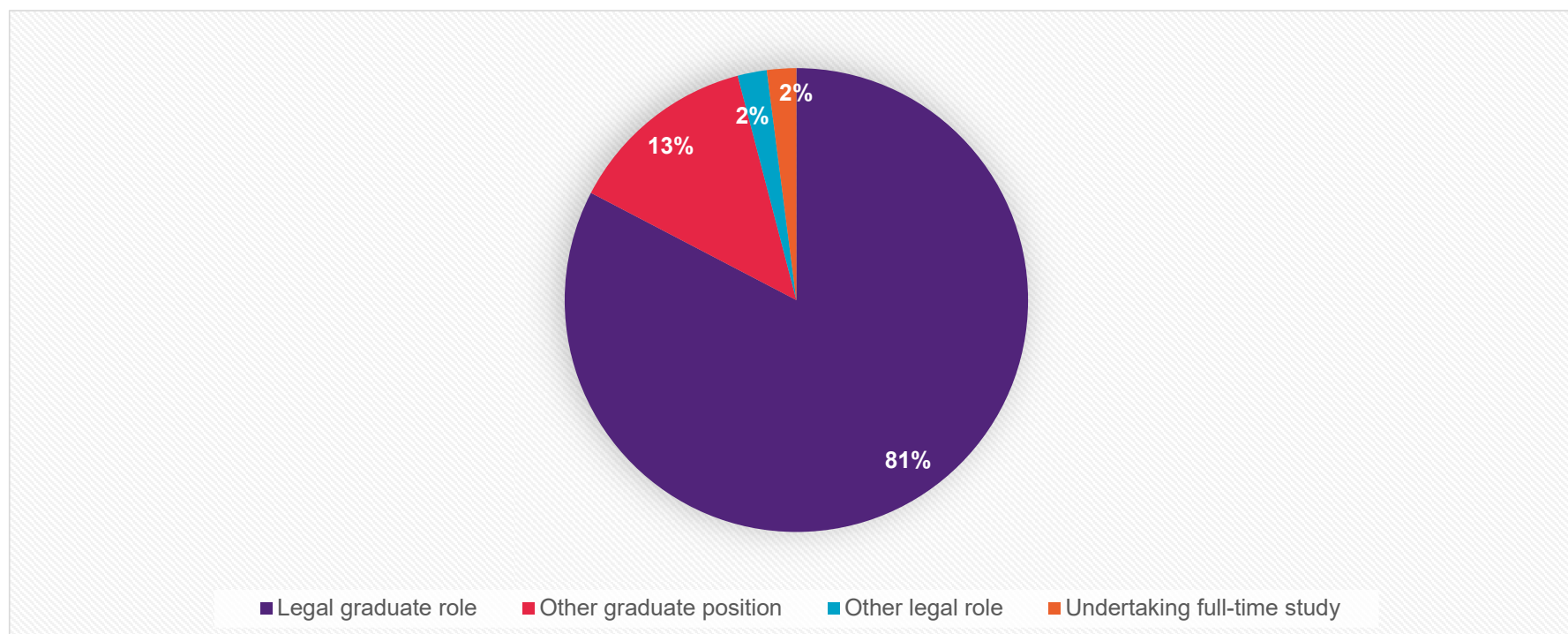
Co-curricular International

- In the past two years, almost \$200,000 in C'wealth Gov't funding to support projects in China, Indonesia, Myanmar, Solomon Islands, across Europe and USA
- Grants helped more than 60 students to take part in these offshore courses



Employment Outcomes – By Role

2016 Bachelor of Laws graduates, 18 months after graduating



> 200 students participated last year

- wrote law reform submissions
- delivered community legal education
- provided on-site legal assistance to people living in poverty and who experience social disadvantage
- Support for asylum seekers and refugees





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LEAD scholarships and the undergraduate law admissions scheme





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Postgraduate Programs

Law for people with a range of backgrounds

	Duration
Master of Laws (LLM)	1 year
Master of International Commercial Law	1.5 years
Master of International Commercial Law / Commerce	2 years
Master of International Law	1.5 years
Master of International Relations / International Law	2 years



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Research

Intellectual Property

Harnessing Intellectual Property to Build Food Security
Laureate Fellowship project

Professor Brad Sherman



Domestic Violence

Non-lethal strangulation is a significant indicator that a person experiencing domestic violence is at increased risk of homicide

Professor Heather Douglas



Autonomous weapons

- The law and ethics of autonomous weapons systems
- \$5 million grant with colleague from UNSW

Associate Professor Rain Liivoja





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Thank you

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