



# MORE RESEARCH, MORE SACRU

STRATEGIC ALLIANCE OF  
CATHOLIC RESEARCH  
UNIVERSITIES

The global network of research-oriented  
Catholic universities



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**Connecting continents**  
An alliance with roots



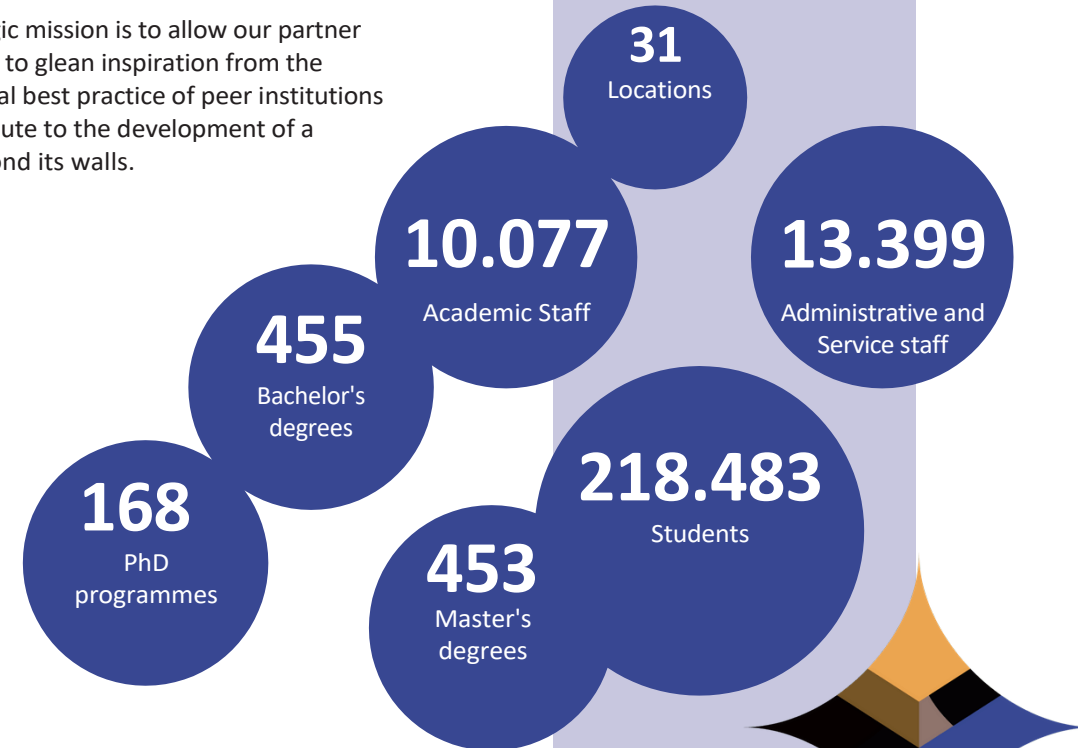
SACRU (Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities) is a network of universities dedicated to research and teaching excellence, engagement and global collaboration informed by Catholic social teaching, created in 2020.

It is made up of the **Australian Catholic University** (Australia), **Boston College** (USA), the **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile** (Chile), **Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro** (Brazil), **Sophia University** (Japan), **Universidade Católica Portuguesa** (Portugal), **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore** (Italy) and **Universitat Ramon Llull** (Spain).

**An inspiring mission**  
Working together to improve the future of our universities

The network's mission is to foster global cooperation amongst the partners with the global of advancing world leading knowledge and higher education for the common good.

This strategic mission is to allow our partner universities to glean inspiration from the international best practice of peer institutions and contribute to the development of a brand beyond its walls.



**Some relevant facts about the alliance of the 8 partner universitites**



**We have a vision**  
We identified and designed six priority lines:

- 1 Reinforce the link between faith and reason in the digital age
- 2 Enhance research for the Common Good
- 3 Promote Global Education
- 4 Develop Digital Transformation
- 5 Accelerate interdisciplinary in Education and Research
- 6 Contribute to knowledge and Technological Transfer

**SACRU has started partnerships with relevant institutions and foundations**



SACRU has signed a collaboration agreement with the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice (CAPPF), an international institution that works for the study and dissemination of Christian social doctrine, as stated, in particular in Pope John Paul II's Encyclical "Centesimus Annus". The main objective of the cooperation between SACRU and CAPPF is to develop common projects and initiatives in the field of research and education.



FAO, the Food and Agriculture Agency of the United Nations, and SACRU have signed a "letter of intent" to combine the multidisciplinary expertise of their experts in food security, nutrition and sustainable and resilient food systems and to raise awareness of good health policies.

**The current working groups**  
We work has a team

The working groups meet regularly online, organise webinars and publish reports and other research papers.

<b>WG 1</b> Exploring Vulnerability in Health Care	<b>WG 2</b> Catholic Identity and Laudato Si': The Common Home and Social Justice	<b>WG 3</b> Internationalization and the inter-university digital campus
<b>WG 4</b> Family Life	<b>WG 5</b> Artificial Intelligence, Agency and the Human Person	<b>WG 6</b> Best Science for a Nourished Planet
<b>WG 7</b> Gender Equity in the University	<b>WG 8</b> Education and Innovation	



## Some results of the work carried out in the last two years



Report: Laudato Si': in action with- in SACRU.

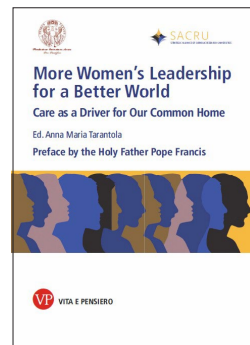
Concept Paper: Vulnerability in the Time of COVID-19.

Paper: COVID-19 and Health Disparities: Structural Evil Unmasked



Conference: Conference on Family Life & Covid 19. Book:

More Women's Leadership for a Better World: Care as Driver for our Common Home.



## SACRU Global Insights

### Dissemination with its own identity

This initiative consists of a collaborative reflection between teaching staff and expert researchers from SACRU member universities in line with some International Days of the United Nations and the activities of these universities. Is published monthly in virtual format on the SACRU website and disseminated through the media and social networks.

Safer Internet Day (January, 2023)

**Ethics as a compass: reflections for the Safer Internet Day**

International Human Solidarity Day (December, 2022)

**"The University saved my life": SACRU solidarity in action**

COP27 UN Climate Change Conference (November, 2022)

**Investing in clean energy technologies now to save the planet and achieve equality and peace: reflections on the eve of COP27**

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (October, 2022)

**The global response lies in expansive and brave welfare policies**

International Day of Peace (September, 2022)

**There is no harmony in racism: SACRU message for the International Day of Peace**

World Population Day (July, 2022)

**World Population Day, people on the planet and inequalities grow**

World Food Safety Day (June, 2022)

**SACRU reflections on World Food Safety Day**

International Insight on Family (May, 2022)

**Reflections on Family Migration**

You can find all this information at the [SACRU website](#).



## "A new and significant process"

Remarks of Pope Francis to SACRU members during the audience for the presentation of the book "More Women's Leadership for a Better World: Care as Driver for our Common Home" (11 March 2023)



"The present volume is the result of a notable variety contributions, collected and developed through a hitherto unprecedented collaboration between a number of Catholic universities worldwide and a Vatican Foundation entirely made up of laypersons. It represents a new and significant process whose rich content derives from the contribution of experiences, competencies, diverse and complementary ways of listening and approaches. It exemplifies a multidisciplinary and multicultural effort with the sharing of different sensibilities: values important not only for a book, but also for a better world".

### Higher Education

The promotion of joint programmes (summer and winter schools, training courses, seminars) and joint/double degrees is a crucial objective of SACRU. The programmes will be dedicated to both undergraduate and doctoral students.

### Internationalisation and mobility

A key purpose of SACRU is to support the internationalisation of education and share areas of good practice, as well as to promote the internationalisation of research. We want to encourage the mobility of faculty, students and technical staff, and virtual mobility.

### Service to society

One of the main objectives of SACRU is to promote the visibility of the universities in the alliance through service to society and to publicise and disseminate their excellence in the work carried out by the entire university community.

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SACRU alliance is a joint effort to collaborate and contribute to making a better world from research and the personality of our university model.



More information on the alliance's website

<https://www.sacru-alliance.net>

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