It is my great pleasure to serve as chair of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. We at UCLA are extremely proud to have been a founding member of the APRU in 1997 and prouder still that, two decades later, we enjoy meaningful strategic partnerships with other leading institutions of higher education throughout our region. It is especially gratifying that our collaboration and cooperation through APRU is leading directly to discoveries and advances that are improving countless lives. By fostering cross-disciplinary research partnerships, we have already made great strides in addressing issues of regional and global relevance — including reducing the risk of and impact from disasters, improving global health and empowering women — and we look forward to even greater advances on the horizon.

— Gene Block, APRU Chair

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APRU is the international organisation of leading research universities in the Asia-Pacific region

• 17 APEC economies
• 140,000 faculty members
• 2 million students
• Dynamic and diverse

APRU was established in 1997 by the presidents of

• California Institute of Technology (Thomas Everhart)
• University of California, Berkeley (Chang-Lin Tien)
• University of California, Los Angeles (Charles Young)
• University of Southern California (Steven B. Sample)

Strategic Framework
APRU’s Strategic Framework reflects the priorities of member universities in education, research and contribution to society.

Activities and Programs
Activities are clustered around each thematic priority:

1. Shaping Asia-Pacific Higher Education and Research
   APRU universities together aim to shape the policy environment for higher education and research in the region.

2. Creating Asia-Pacific Global Leaders
   APRU universities cooperate to enhance their global leadership as institutions and the leadership of faculty, administrators and students.

3. Partnering on Solutions to Asia-Pacific Challenges
   APRU universities work together and with partners from governments and businesses, international organisations, other universities and communities on solutions to global and regional challenges.

WHO WE ARE

OUR MEMBERS

WHAT WE DO