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Our activities are growing – and with your input they can grow further still. If you have ideas for further collaboration, or would like to become a member, please contact:

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Established in 1913, the Association of Commonwealth Universities is the oldest inter-university network in the world. Today's ACU combines the expertise and reputation of over ninety years' experience with new and innovative programmes designed to meet the needs of universities in the 21st century.

Higher education is more international than ever before. The market for students and staff is a global one. Research funds are increasingly allocated on an international, collaborative basis. Academic reputations are based on global connections. Innovation and good practice do not stop at national borders.

Our five hundred members are spread across six continents. As you might expect, they represent a diverse range of institutions – but there are also many similarities. As such, we provide forums, for instance, for universities in Australasia, Canada and the UK to benchmark their research contract/grant activity, and for those in Africa and South Asia to compare their extension work programmes. At a time when tertiary education has never been higher on the development agenda, our experience in fostering collaboration between developed and developing country universities has never been more relevant or important.

At the ACU, our emphasis is on *practical* solutions. Our portfolio of services includes:

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