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## **The University of Sydney Joins the Ranks of Select Institutions Offering a Project Management Degree Program**

***Accredited by the PMI Global Accreditation Centre for Project Management Education Programs***

Sydney, Australia, February 22, 2010 — The Master of Project Management at the University of Sydney's Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies was accredited by the Project Management Institute Global Accreditation Centre for Project Management Education Programs (GAC) effective February 1, 2010, for seven years.

This announcement coincides with the opening of PMI's Global Congress – Asia Pacific being held in Melbourne from today until February 24. The event has attracted more than 650 project management professionals from around the world and is an opportunity for Australian businesses and government to sharpen their skills and knowledge with insight from some of the leading practitioners in this profession.

Degree programs that achieve GAC accreditation must demonstrate and meet the GAC's rigorous global standards of accreditation, which include an assessment of each program's objectives and outcomes, faculty and student evaluations, onsite and online resources, annual self-evaluation, and proof of continuous improvements in the area of project management education. Sixty-three project management degree programs at 25 institutions in nine countries are accredited by GAC. Programs at eight other universities are in the process of accreditation. GAC accreditation ensures the quality of academic degree programs and their graduates in order to meet the standards of the rapidly growing field of project management.

The Master of Project Management provides students with the fundamental methodologies, modeling and analysis skills for the design and implementation of projects across a wide range of areas, including mining, manufacturing, IT, finance, law, services, and various types of consultancy projects. The course offers a variety of study modes and students have the opportunity to engage with industry through an industry based project.

"We're delighted our MPM has received this global seal of approval," says Faculty Dean Professor Archie Johnston. "Infrastructure projects are proceeding at an incredible pace in Australia, and the need for project managers with strong planning and management skills in an engineering context is at an all time high. This accreditation ensures the University is producing project managers from a research intensive base who can cut it with the best in the world."

"Obtaining PMI GAC accreditation is a rigorous process and the University of Sydney's participation makes a public statement about the deep commitment of the institution and its faculty to ongoing evaluation and continuous quality improvement," said Edwin Andrews, Ph.D., director of academic and educational programs and services at PMI. "GAC accreditation confirms that the scale and quality of an institution's project management degree program conforms to a comprehensive international standard."

Individuals who complete the University of Sydney's GAC accredited project management program earn 1,500 hours of project management experience toward the requirements that are needed to sit for PMI's Project Management Professional (PMP)<sup>®</sup> credential examination. Currently, an applicant with a bachelor degree (or higher) must document 4,500 hours spent leading and directing project tasks. If the applicant documents that he or she graduated from a GAC accredited program, then only 3,000 hours of work experience need to be presented to fulfill this requirement. Additionally, individuals who complete a GAC accredited program earn 1,500 hours of project management experience toward the requirements that are needed to sit for the PMI [Program Management Professional \(PgMP\)<sup>®</sup> credential examination](#).

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**About The University of Sydney**

The University of Sydney is Australia's oldest tertiary education institution. It has an international reputation for teaching and research excellence, ranking among the top 40 universities in the world. Leading academics and students from across the world come to the university to study across the broadest range of disciplines taught in Australia.

**About Project Management Institute**

The world's leading project management organization, PMI shares knowledge with nearly 500,000 members and credential holders in 185+ countries. Since its founding 40 years ago, PMI has impacted more than one million practitioners, businesses, governments, students and training organizations. Today, PMI's products and services range from world-class standards for project, program and portfolio management to five professional credentials, including the gold standard Project Management Professional (PMP)<sup>®</sup>. PMI's exclusive Global Corporate Council and European Corporate Networking Group engage large multinationals and government organizations in endorsing the value of project management. The only project management association with an established academic research program, PMI has invested more than US\$14 million in support of dozens of research projects since 1997. Learn more at [PMI.org](http://PMI.org).

**About the PMI Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs (GAC)**

Established by the PMI Board of Directors in 2001, the Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs (GAC) is a specialized accrediting body that assures the quality of project management degree programs at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

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