

Portfolio

DIVISION OF TROPICAL ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETIES

College of Arts, Society and Education



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Division of Tropical Environment and Societies

The Division of Tropical Environments and Societies is a diverse academic division comprising three colleges. The Division is home to over 7000 EFTSL (Equivalent Full Time Student Load) across three campuses and two countries. The Townsville and Cairns campuses cater for around 5000 EFTSL of which 24 per cent is international. The postgraduate cohort is around 900 EFTSL of which more than 400 are Higher Degree by Research.

The Division's research output is collated across three Level 1 Research Centres, the Cairns Institute, and its association with the Centre of Excellence in Coral Reef Studies. Annual research income (excluding the Centre of Excellence) exceeds \$40m pa. The Division is internationally recognised for aquaculture, tourism, climate change, anthropology, archaeology, sociology and linguistics.

Many areas have ERA (Excellence in Research for Australia) rankings well above world average. Research excellence and impact are underpinned by research facilities such as the Cairns Institute, Orpheus Island Research Station, Daintree Rainforest Observatory, Marine Aquaculture Research Facility Unit, the largest algal and carbon sequestration facility in the southern hemisphere and the fact that the Townsville and Cairns campuses are located adjacent to two World Heritage locations: the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics.

The Division of Tropical Environments and Societies, which is home to around 500 academic and professional and technical staff, recognises the grand challenges facing the world today and the particular role that will be played out in the tropics.

Here more than anywhere else environments and societies will see dramatic change in population growth, loss of biodiversity, an apparent need for food production and security and associated pressures on sociocultural adjustments and transformations. The Division of Tropical Environments and Societies is uniquely positioned to deliver excellence across teaching and learning and research in these areas.



College of Arts, Society and Education

As part of the Division of Tropical Environments and Societies, the College of Arts, Society and Education builds capacity in the tropics by providing coursework in Education, Humanities and Creative Arts, Social Sciences and Social Work. The College delivers a range of courses in Townsville, Cairns and Singapore and also expands knowledge of people and societies in the tropics through research at Masters and PhD levels.

We proudly offer two world-class professional degrees – in Education and in Social Work – that can be undertaken at undergraduate or postgraduate levels. Our programs in Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary Education are certified by the Queensland College of Teachers and recognised both nationally and internationally. According to The Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching website, which provides comparative information to prospective students from the perspective of recent graduates, James Cook University's Social Work graduate full-time employment rates are consistently higher than the national average. JCU's Social Work team is also closely aligned with the Australian Association of Social Workers, which is the professional representative body of social workers in Australia.

The Bachelor of Arts offered by the College of Arts, Society and Education is the vehicle for studying a vast array of exciting majors including Anthropology, Archaeology, Criminology, Design and Creative Arts, English, History, Human Geography, Human Services, Modern Languages, Multimedia Journalism and Writing, Politics and International Relations and Sociology. Many of these programs offer employability-related activities and initiatives such as Work Integrated Learning (WIL), Career Development Learning and ePortfolios, embedded in course curriculum to develop skills and enhance the potential for graduates to gain employment and succeed in their chosen careers.

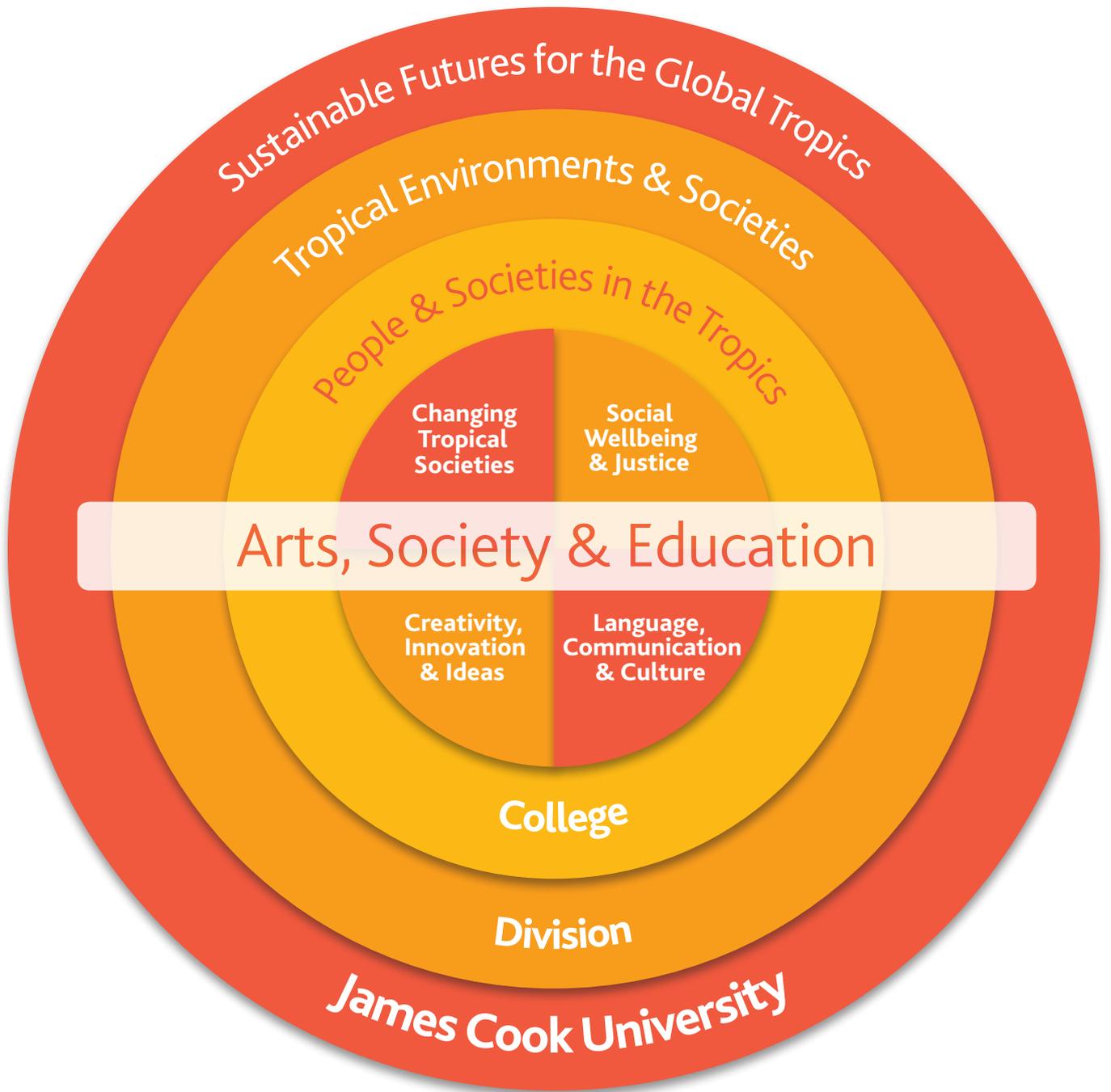
The College of Arts, Society and Education supports studying overseas as part of your degree to broaden your horizons, improve your employability and experience new cultures. As a student in the JCU Global Mobility program, you have the freedom to tailor your overseas experience. You may like to participate in an Exchange Program, choosing to study a semester or two of your JCU degree at one of our partner universities around the world. Alternatively, you can take part in a short study program or internship overseas. The New Colombo Plan, funded by the Australian Government, provides grants for students to take part in overseas study experiences.

Anthropology students have the opportunity to participate in ethnographical studies in the highlands of Papua New Guinea, Social Work students may find themselves on exchange in India, Archaeology students regularly join digs in Thailand and Laos, and students studying to become Early Childhood teachers could be on their way to work with partner schools in Cambodia, Vietnam or Thailand. Throughout their studies, College of Arts, Society and Education students learn to appreciate cultural diversity and the value of community engagement.

The College of Arts, Society and Education has world-class rankings in Anthropology, Sociology and Literary Studies as well as above world-class rankings in Linguistics and Archaeology. Our researchers are committed to supporting the University's vision of a better life for people living in the tropics worldwide. This strong research focus provides a stimulating atmosphere for students and encourages the development of the research and critical thinking skills that are essential to a successful career.

We are delighted to offer our new and continuing students the support they need to meet their individual educational and professional aspirations. Our graduates are highly sought-after in a wide variety of fields.





Sustainable Futures for the Global Tropics

Tropical Environments & Societies

People & Societies in the Tropics

Changing
Tropical
Societies

Social
Wellbeing
& Justice

Arts, Society & Education

Creativity,
Innovation
& Ideas

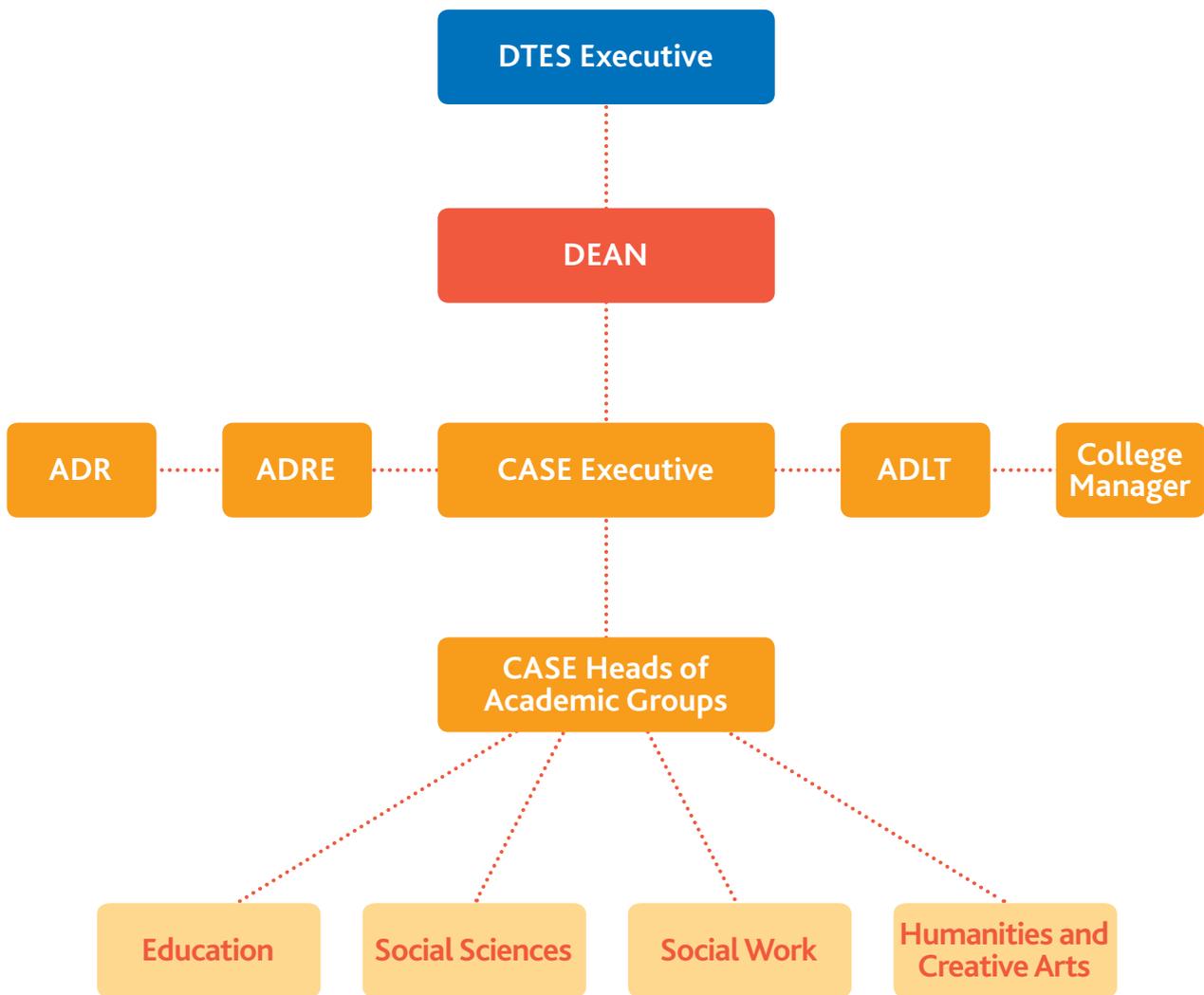
Language,
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& Culture

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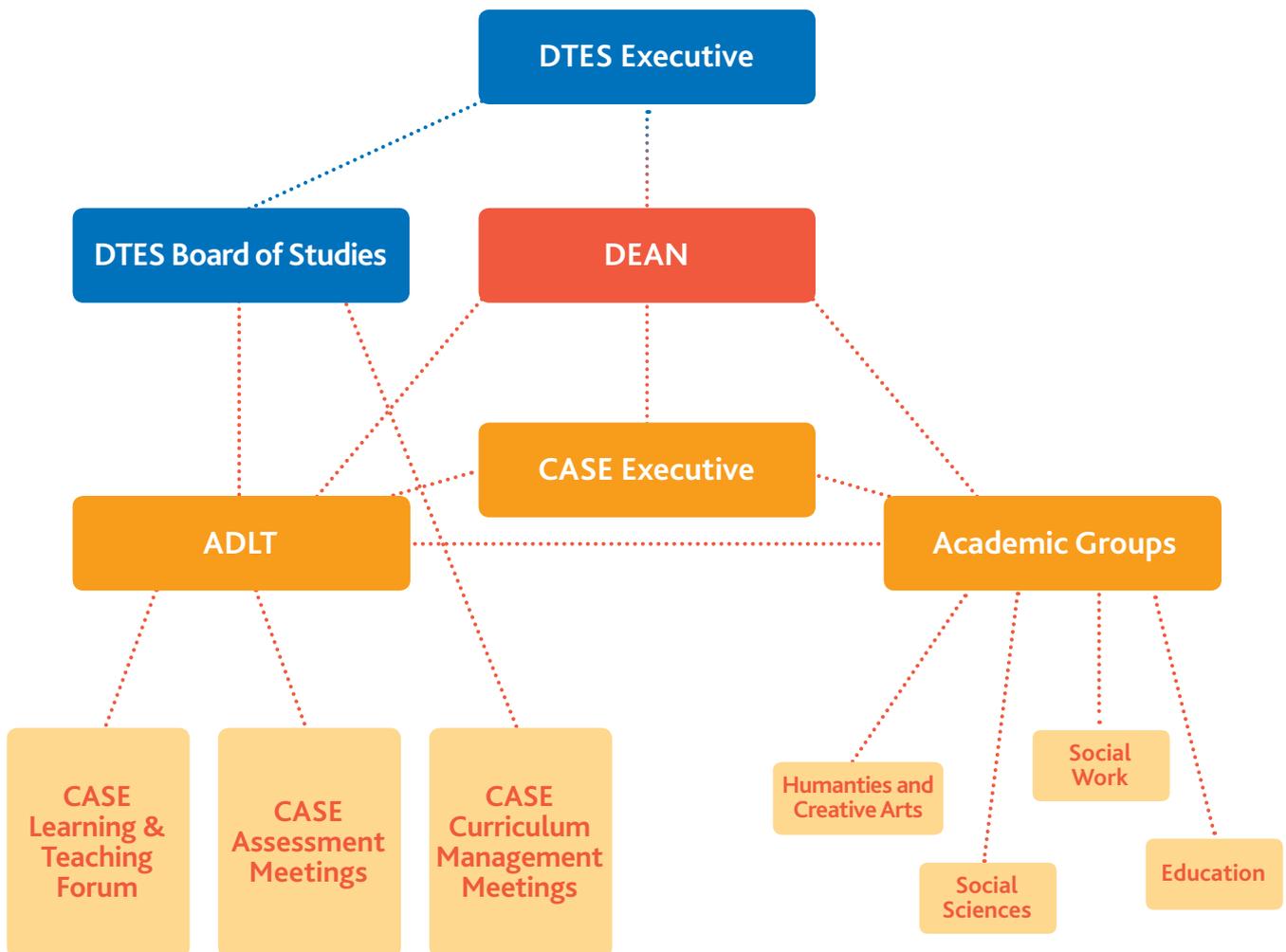
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CASE Governance Model



CASE Learning and Teaching Governance Structure



CASE Research Governance Structure

