

ACT graduates are among best

ACT Universities are producing some of the most successful graduates in the country. The 2006 Australian Graduate Survey (AGS) released last Wednesday revealed that graduates from University of Canberra (UC) and Australian National University (ANU) were amongst the highest earners in many areas, often with wages well above the national average.

Further to their high salaries, graduates from Canberra institutions are also more likely to find employment quickly.

UC recorded a \$1,000 advantage over the national average earnings across all disciplines, performing particularly well in the areas of accounting, an average of \$50,000 per annum, up from \$40,000 nationally, and computer science, \$51,500 compared with \$43,000 nationally.

UC Vice-Chancellor Professor Stephen Parker said that the results reinforced the importance of a sound education, even in the current flourishing job market.

“This research shows a degree is a valuable commodity and I believe when the boom is over, workers with a university degree will be in a more secure position than those who put off study.”

The ACT falls behind the national average for starting wages in some areas. Engineering graduates earn, on average, \$6,000 less than interstate peers however, this is offset by a higher rate of graduate employment.

The rate of employment is higher than the national average by almost five percent.

Further to this, ANU continues to perform well in university rankings, consistently appearing at the top of Australian university ranking lists.

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