

# german week brisbane 1-17 October 2025

## 10<sup>th</sup> German-Australian Science and Innovation Day Tuesday, 7 October 2025 at 1pm

As we are celebrating 10 years of the German-Australian Science and Innovation Day, we witness tremendous momentum in the scientific relationships between Queensland and Germany. Significant and unique funding schemes such as the collaborative research programs with the BMFTR (bioeconomy) and Bavaria have seen their second round of funding in 2025. Research partnerships with the DFG, Max Planck, Fraunhofer, Leibniz continue to grow and mature and the quality and frequency of mutual science delegations keeps on rising. In light of this motivational moment, we are delighted to invite you to the 10<sup>th</sup> German-Australian Science and Innovation Day (GAISD 2025) as part of [Brisbane German Week 2025](#).

Hosted for the third time by Griffith University, this event truly showcases and presents the best of Team Queensland. GASID 2025 will provide contemporary insights and credible, first-hand experiences on a number of important German-Australian science partnerships. We will celebrate most recent project outcomes as well as DAAD's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, announce the first winner of the Australia-Germany Research Network Early Career Researcher Award and end with a discussion of the scientific opportunities as they relate to 2032.

Jointly organised by Griffith University, The University of Southern Queensland, The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Study Queensland, DAAD, EURAXESS Australia & New Zealand, the German Embassy in Canberra as well as the Australia-Germany Research Network, this event has created a tremendous legacy of the last decade, and 2025 will be another future-setting event.

### Registration

[brisbanegermanweek.com.au/events/science](https://brisbanegermanweek.com.au/events/science)

### Location and Parking

Griffith University, Southbank Campus, Webb Centre, Function Room, S02 7.07  
Southbank Parklands car park

## Agenda

### Opening Session

1.00pm	<b>Welcome and housekeeping by MCs</b>	Brit Winnen
1.05pm	<b>Welcome by the Host</b>	Bronwyn Harch VP International and External Engagement, Griffith University
1.10pm	<b>Welcome by the German Missions:</b> 10 Years of the German-Australian Science and Innovation Day	Julia Kaute, Head of Science and Innovation, German Embassy  Michael Rosemann Hon Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany for Southern Queensland
1.20pm	<b>Keynote: Comparing and Reflecting on the Australian and the German Research System</b>	Christopher Barner-Kowollik  Distinguished Professor, ARC Laureate Fellow and Alexander-von-Humboldt Professor, QUT
1.40pm	<b>The 2025 Falling Walls Brisbane Winner</b>  Breaking the Wall of Muscle Weakness  Breaking the Wall of Profit Over Planet	Jacob Thorstensen, Bond University  Chundu Tamang, University of Southern Queensland
1.50pm	<b>Updates from each University</b>  In four 5 mins session, we will hear about latest news from our universities, incl. new appointments from Germany, new projects and any other GER-AUS initiative of interest. This will be followed by a brief discussion.	UniSQ: Hunter Walkenhorst Griffith: Brit Winnen UQ: Claire Green QUT: Erin Rayment (tbc)

2.10pm	<p><b>DFG' International Training Research Groups</b></p> <p><b>Developing a German-Australian Research Training Group on Climate Mobility and Health</b></p> <p>This talk will describe the process of establishing a collaborative doctoral training program between Griffith University and the University of Marburg.</p> <p><b>Queensland's Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation</b></p> <p>For this session, we welcome visiting CIs and students from the University of Giessen to speak about their joint research with UQ in the areas of agriculture and crop science.</p>	<p>Andreas Neef</p> <p>Dean (Research) for the Arts, Education and Law Group, Griffith University</p> <p>Ian Godwin</p> <p>Professor and Academic Centre Director Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation The University of Queensland</p> <p>German visiting student, Charlotte Hauser (JLU Giessen) and UQ student, Stephanie Brunner</p>
2.40pm	<p><b>Bonn-Cumming Host-Directed Pandemic Therapeutics Research Program</b></p> <p>This partnership builds on a long-standing collaboration between the University of Bonn and the University of Melbourne, which began with the establishment of an IRTG joint PhD program in 2016. With new funding from the Cummings Global Centre, this partnership now aims to advance cutting-edge research, culminating in the creation of the Bonn-Melbourne Research Excellence Fund.</p>	<p>Larissa Dirr,</p> <p>ECR Leader, Griffith University</p> <p>Andrew Brooks,</p> <p>Head of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Melbourne</p>
3.00pm	<p><b>DAAD's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b></p> <p>For a decade, the DAAD has been the catalyst and foundation of global science partnerships. This session will capture some of the AUS-GER highlights and provides an update on current schemas.</p>	<p>Thomas Haselhorst and Jörg Baumeister</p> <p>DAAD Ambassador, Griffith University</p>

## 3.15pm – 3.45pm: Coffee Break

3.45pm	<b>Successful German-Australian study visits: An ECR Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larissa Dirr, Griffith University</li> <li>Simon Beuse, UQ</li> <li>Marie-Luise Wille, QUT</li> <li>Saya Ramakrishnan, UniSQ</li> </ul>	Facilitated by Stefan Jooss  Senior Lecturer, UQ Business School
4.05pm	<b>Panel: The Queensland-Germany Bioeconomy Collaborative Science Program</b>  The example of the successful QUT-Leibnitz University Hannover project Bio2Foam will showcase the design and impact of this initiative.	Facilitated by Ian O'Hara. Sebastian Spierling, Uni Hannover
4.25pm	<b>The Queensland-Bavaria Collaborative Research Program</b>  An update on the progress of first round projects.	Marie-Luise Wille Senior Research Fellow, QUT
4.45pm	<b>The Queensland-Hessen Collaboration</b>  This session will provide an update on the 2026 plans and actions as part of the more than 20 years old Queensland-Hessen relationship.	Rainer Grulich Hessen State Ministry
5.05pm	<b>The Scientific 2032 Opportunity</b>  A panel on the state and immediate future of Queensland-German research partnerships covering the role of the 2032 opportunity for our joint science initiatives.	Facilitated by Allison Bambrick  Executive Director, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI)  Emily Rosemond, QUT Tony Heynen, UQ

5.25pm	<b>The Queensland Government Perspective</b>  An update on DETSI's support of Queensland-German research collaboration in bioeconomy and with Bavaria.  An update on the various TIQ initiatives, including the Queensland representation at the upcoming Falling Walls Science Summit, 6-9 November.	Allison Bambrick Executive Director, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI)  Henriette Pook Director Research Partnerships, TIQ Office Frankfurt
5.35pm	<b>The Australia-Germany Research Network</b>  The AGRN has now more than 2,000 members and this brief update will present upcoming initiatives as well as announce the inaugural winner of the AGRN Early Career Research Award.	Julia Kaute Head, Science and Innovation German Embassy
5.40pm	<b>Summary and Vote of Thanks</b>	Brit Winnen

## Australia-Germany-Research-Network (AGRN) Function

Sponsored by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Australia, this will be an opportunity to reflect and interact with the many members of the Australia-Germany Research Network while enjoying the stunning environment of the Griffith' Southbank Campus. Continue your conversations, create new friendships and explore topics of the day with the speakers and fellow participants.

The event will be followed by networking drinks and conclude at 6.30pm

### Organising Committee

Michael Brünic (The University of Queensland), Larissa Dirr (Griffith), Thomas Haselhorst (Griffith University), Stefan Jooss (UQ), Julia Kaute (German Embassy), Henriette Pook (TIQ, Frankfurt), Michael Rosemann (Honorary Consul), Tamara Weissflog (The University of Queensland), Clarissa Whitmere (UQ), Marie-Luise Wille (QUT), Brit Winnen (Griffith University)