

DR CHAU CHAK WING BUILDING

HOME TO UTS BUSINESS SCHOOL

MEDIA TOOLKIT

ABOUT THE BUILDING

The Dr Chau Chak Wing Building is a key component of UTS's \$1 billion City Campus Master Plan and will provide teaching, learning, research and office space for the UTS Business School.

The first building in Australia designed by Frank Gehry, one of the world's most influential architects, the building is a physical manifestation of the innovative thinking that underpins the teaching, learning and research undertaken by the Business School and UTS as a whole.

While available to all students, postgraduate and executive education is the focus of the Dr Chau Chak Wing Building, as well as bringing Business School researchers together.

The building is named for Australian-Chinese businessman and philanthropist Dr Chau Chak Wing, who donated \$20 million to the project, along with \$5 million to create an endowment fund for Australia-China student scholarships.

The building is bound by Ultimo Rd, Mary Ann St and Omnibus Lane, Ultimo.

DESIGN

The building's design symbolises innovative thinking and encourages interdisciplinary collaboration and the cross-pollination of ideas.

The exterior has two different but related personalities; an east-facing, undulating brick façade acknowledging Sydney's sandstone heritage and a western façade of angular glass shards reflecting its contemporary surrounds.

CITY LINKS

Situated in Sydney's innovation hot spot, the Dr Chau Chak Wing Building will be a high-tech research and education hub, and an important venue for business events. It will also be a landmark on Sydney City's 'cultural ribbon', which runs from the Opera House to the southern end of the city through Darling Harbour.

The building's entrance from 'The Goods Line', currently being redeveloped as a new urban space, will also enhance its connections with the city.

CONSTRUCTION

Taking almost four years from concept design to completion, the building offered a number of challenges. The 'fluid' appearance of the brickwork involved the custom design of five bricks, with approximately 320,000 of them being laid by hand.

The corbelling of the brickwork, with individual bricks jutting out as the façade curves, articulates the façade's eye-catching lines.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Gehry Partners engaged – **December 2009**
- Building design unveiled – **December 2010**
- Excavation begins – **November 2011**
- Construction underway – **November 2012**
- Work on façade brickwork starts – **August 2013**
- Structure complete – **November 2013**
- Main construction works complete – **November 2014**
- UTS Business School relocated – **From late November 2014**
- Teaching begins – **February 2015 (Semester 1)**

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Two **oval classrooms** constructed from large laminated timber beams and with capacity for 54 people, will provide a very different teaching and learning experience from the traditional front-facing presentation, encouraging dialogue between students and teachers.
- A **collaborative theatre**, seating 120, is stepped two rows at a time to allow students in the front row of each step to turn and join the students behind them in small-group work
- A **240-seat auditorium**, available as a general space for public lectures and other events, is the largest single space within the building, and is equipped with an advanced audio-visual system and video-conferencing facilities
- Other notable features include a sculptural **stainless steel staircase** in the entrance lobby, curvaceous ply perimeter seating in the student commons and cloud-shaped ceiling lighting in the building's public areas
- The building has a **five-star Green Star design rating** from the Green Building Council of Australia. High-performance glazing on the façade enhances the building's energy efficiency, and the building has parking for 160 bicycles, a 20,000-litre rainwater tank and uses timber from sustainable sources

BUILDING LAYOUT

- **Level 1** – Basement bicycle and car parking
- **Levels 2 (ground floor)** – Entries (from Ultimo Road and Mary Ann Street); 240-seat auditorium; 54-seat oval classroom, computer lab, seminar rooms (2); concierge; café
- **Level 3 – Entry (from Goods Line)**; 120-seat collaborative theatre; 54-seat oval classroom; computer lab (trading room); seminar room; student lounge with café
- **Level 4** – Computer lab (behavioural lab); seminar rooms (5); general access computer areas; student collaborative study rooms (7); student lounges (2)
- **Level 5** – Seminar rooms (3); student commons; general access computer area; UTS Business School offices and meeting rooms
- **Levels 6-7** – UTS Business School offices and meeting rooms
- **Level 8** – Executive Education seminar rooms and meeting rooms (4); staff seminar room; staff lounge and kitchen with outdoor terrace
- **Levels 9-11** – UTS Business School offices and meeting rooms
- **Level 12** – UTS Business School Dean's Unit
- **Level 13** – Plant room
- **Level 14 (roof)** – Additional plant; rainwater tank

BUILDING IN NUMBERS

- **\$180 million** – cost of project
- **\$20 million** – gift from the building's namesake, businessman and philanthropist Dr Chau Chak Wing
- **18,413 sqm** – gross building area
- **1630** – students and staff
- **14** – levels (11 of them occupied)
- **5** – custom-made brick types created specifically for the building
- **1** – home for UTS Business School, currently divided across two campuses