Dear Dr Dhaliwal,

Eternal University – welcome to ACU membership

I am delighted to welcome Eternal University as a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities. The ACU provides many opportunities for our member institutions to get involved in academic research and leadership on issues in the sector, as well as encourages the sharing of good practice – helping universities serve their communities, now and into future. Below is a round-up of some of our current opportunities and initiatives.

- We are currently establishing a network of ACU champions who will be the main point of contact for each member of the ACU. We hope this will ensure you are getting the most from your membership. We would be grateful if you could nominate a member of staff to be the champion for your institution – please contact membership@acu.ac.uk with your nominee, and find enclosed the champion network’s Terms of Reference for your information.

- ACU Measures, the ACU’s annual online benchmarking exercise for university management, will be reopening for data input in February. ACU Measures is a unique opportunity for member institutions to benchmark their performance in key areas of university management in a confidential and non-competitive way, supporting senior university management in decision-making and strategic planning.

- ACU Member Communities connect colleagues working in four key areas of university activity: Engagement; HR in HE; Research, Knowledge and Information; and Internationalisation. These special interest groups bring university staff across the Commonwealth together to share their experiences, explore new approaches, and forge new partnerships – and are free to join for all staff and students at ACU member institutions. Please visit our website to join.

Your membership of the ACU encourages you to get involved and take ownership of the organisation’s direction. It is this engagement that shapes the transformational nature of higher education: its power and potential to contribute to the cultural, economic, and social development of a nation. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Joanna Newman MBE FRSA
Chief Executive and Secretary General