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Brown University and UTS partner on *Gateways* journal

Brown University and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) have joined forces to enhance and grow the impact of the e-journal *Gateways: International Journal of Community Research and Engagement*.

Over the past decade, *Gateways* has established itself as a leading journal in its field, pioneering community-engaged research and challenging the assumption that only research completed inside universities, and defined by discipline-determined priorities, is rigorous and valid.

With the notion of the university as a civically engaged institution gaining traction, and calls for scholarship to be more inclusive, *Gateways'* approach is increasingly relevant in transcending traditional boundaries.

New approaches to knowledge generation featured in the refereed journal have helped give substance and clarity to this call for a more inclusive, though no less rigorous, conception of scholarship.

The partnership will aim to increase *Gateways'* international growth and position the e-journal as a global leader in the field of engaged scholarship and practice.

Verity Firth, Executive Director of Social Justice at the University of Technology Sydney, says: "As institutions of higher education everywhere strive to develop better and alternative ways to address the many complex and interconnected issues facing us all, this partnership with Brown University will see *Gateways* journal at the forefront of bringing innovative and rigorous practice in community-university engagement to a global audience."

Mathew Johnson, Executive Director of the Swearer Center and Associate Dean of the College for Engaged Scholarship at Brown University, said the center is very excited about the new relationship. "The Swearer Center is very excited about the new relationship with the University of Technology Sydney, which represents a great opportunity to strengthen and grow international collaboration in community engagement and research."

Margaret Malone, *Gateways'* Managing Editor, adds: "This work pushes us outside familiar worlds and forces us to take into consideration different perspectives, different sets of knowledge and different experiences. Our new partnership will ensure *Gateways* continues to be an inclusive and innovative evidence-based global forum for these essential conversations."

Gateways is published by UTS ePress and jointly edited and managed by UTS Shopfront Community Program at the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion at UTS, and by the College & University Engagement Initiative at The Swearer Center for Public Service at Brown University, Rhode Island, in the United States.

The first volume to be published under the partnership, *Gateways* Volume 11:2 in December, includes the first articles from the journal's new Author+Editor program, through which historically and geographically under-represented academics are mentored to scholarly publication.

Next year will see the launch of two special volumes examining best-practice community-university engagement, characterised by clear objectives, cutting-edge innovation and rigour.

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About Gateways

- Gateways was founded in 2008 by UTS Shopfront Community Program at the University of Technology Sydney and the Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL) at Loyola University Chicago.
- It has established an international author and reader profile, with total article downloads in 2017 topping 25,000 and already above 35,000 in 2018. Citations have reached 575 to date in 2018.

About UTS Shopfront Community Program

- For 22 years UTS Shopfront has provided under-resourced community organisations access to UTS's expertise and knowledge to help them deliver impact for people. It is the longest running cross-faculty community engagement program in Australia. Shopfront has completed more than 1,100 pro bono projects in response to the needs of 847 community organisations. See shopfront.uts.edu.au.

About UTS ePRESS

- Founded in 2004, UTS ePRESS is one of the oldest open access presses in Australia. Today it publishes 11 peer reviewed journals, over 30 scholarly monographs, conference proceedings, and three student journals. Last year over 750,000 UTS ePRESS publications were downloaded.
- Informed by UTS's commitment to both research excellence and social justice, UTS ePRESS focuses on unlocking quality research and enabling truly open scholarship through its ethical publishing practices. The enduring relationship between UTS ePRESS and Gateways is based on a shared commitment to disseminating high-quality scholarship to maximise its impact. See epress.lib.uts.edu.au.

About the University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

- Located in central Sydney, UTS is one of Australia's leading universities of technology. It is known for fusing innovation, creativity and technology in its teaching and research and for being an industry-focused university. UTS has a total enrolment of over 40,000 students and is rated No.1 'young' university in Australia in both the QS and Times Higher Education rankings. See uts.edu.au.

About the Swearer Center

- The Howard R. Swearer Center works with more than 1,200 Brown students, through and with 100+ community partners -- more than half of which are in the Greater Providence area. We connect students, faculty and community partners through community engagement, engaged scholarship and social innovation -- three key perspectives that are the foundations of our work. Learn more at swearer.brown.edu.

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