Consistent with the *Australian National University* Act and with the Australian National University’s aspiration to be one of the world’s great research institutions, the Research School of Chemistry has established itself as a national and international centre of excellence. In order to maintain and enhance that position, the School proposes to:

- maintain its research and scholarship in the chemical sciences at the highest international standards;
- foster the advancement of fundamental knowledge in chemistry with special reference to research of national importance and activities that not only strengthen the discipline of chemistry in the Australian context, but also contribute to cognate research fields both within and outside the University;
- provide the best possible training and education of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows;
- nurture the career development of early career academic staff;
- encourage links with Australian universities and other research organisations that enable the intellectual and material resources of the School to be broadly utilised by the Australian research community;
- develop links that enable the Australian community, industry and government to benefit from the scholarship and research undertaken in the School;
- maintain and enhance international networks that benefit both the University and the Australian community.