Questacon’s Achievements

Visitation and reach
- Questacon delivers over six million hours of inspiration to over three million people across all programs annually.
- Since the Questacon Centre opened in Canberra in 1988:
  - over 9.5 million people have visited the Centre
  - an additional 18.8 million people have experienced Questacon’s travelling exhibitions, outreach and videoconference programmes
  - a total of over 28.4 million people have experienced Questacon’s exhibitions and programmes.
- Questacon now averages over 435,000 visitors per year to the Centre in Canberra’s Parliamentary Zone. Approximately 30 per cent of visitors are school children.
- Questacon also operates a second facility, The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre, located in Deakin.
- Annually, Questacon’s website receives over one million visitors.
- Questacon also coordinates national initiatives, such as National Science Week—which attracts over 1.4 million participants annually—and the Prime Minister’s Prizes for Science which recognise Australia’s leading scientists and science teachers.

Tourism
- Questacon has won sixteen Canberra Canberra and Capital Region Tourism Awards in the following categories:
  - 2013 – Tourism Education Program
  - 2007–2014 – Tourist Attraction
  - 2001 – Significant Regional Attraction
  - 1991 and 1999 – Major Tourist Attraction
- Four-time winner of the Australian Tourism Awards in the following categories:
  - 2007 and 2009 – Tourist Attraction
  - 2002 and 2003 – Significant Tourist Attraction
- Winner of the Best Tourist Attraction in the Out In Canberra and Australian Hotels Association Hospitality Awards in 2009.

Education and Partnerships
- In 2006, Questacon was the Winner of the Special Award – Longevity in the Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships, for the Shell Questacon Science Circus—the most extensive and longest running touring science centre outreach programme in the world.
- Winner of Australian and international awards for design, software and educational excellence for the online exhibition Burarra Gathering over 2003 and 2004.

Science Centre and Museums Sector
- Winner of the 2010 IMAGinE Awards Education and Public Programs Award for the Shell Questacon Science Circus.
- Questacon is an active member of the following science centre networks, and has served in a number of executive and board roles for these networks:
  - the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC), the US-based peak body for the science centre sector
  - the Asia Pacific Network of Science and Technology Centres (ASPAC)
  - the Australasian Science and Technology Exhibitors Network (ASTEN)
  - the Council of Australasian Museum Directors (CAMD).