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to working with you!

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First Minister's foreword



I am proud of the extraordinary global connections that our universities cultivate and nurture. Despite the challenges of the recent global pandemic, our universities have worked to expand Scotland's international connections, encouraging the effective integration and mutual respect across cultures, and contributing to making Scotland an open and welcoming nation.

Scotland's universities have a reputation for producing creative thinkers and world-changers. The inventions, discoveries and social initiatives from our universities have had a transformational impact on people's everyday lives. The world's first full body MRI scanner, the

ultrasound scan and the television all originated at a Scottish university. More recently, Scottish research has been leading the fight against COVID-19.

In Scotland, we have always been keen to share our knowledge, collaborate and learn from others. This spirit is mirrored in the excellence of our higher education sector, the wide range of global research collaborations and partnerships, and multi-cultural campuses at our universities. I am delighted to see how many international students, staff, researchers, and partners Scotland has welcomed over the years thanks to our universities. Many of these

people have developed a special connection with Scotland which they maintain long after leaving the country.

It is these connections and international collaborations that have been key to Scotland's success. Our universities play a vital role in ensuring that Scotland's partnerships with nations across the globe are in a strong position to face current and future challenges.

Scotland and our world-leading universities look forward to working with you.

Nicola Sturgeon MSP
First Minister

Scotland's universities

Scotland is home to a diverse and globally successful higher education sector composed of 19 universities.



Key Facts

- » Scotland's higher education institutions currently have teaching, research, and staff/student exchange partnerships in over 100 countries (Universities Scotland International Links Survey 2021).
- » 77% of Scotland's research was judged to be 'internationally excellent' or 'world-leading' (REF 2014).
- » 91% of international graduates said that they are satisfied with their learning experience in Scotland (International Graduate Outcomes 2019 i-GO).

As well as some of the world's oldest and most prestigious universities, Scotland also hosts excellent specialist and modern institutions. As an outward-looking sector, our universities offer distinctive learning models, both digitally and on-campus. They embrace diversity and have established a wide range of global partnerships. Scotland is vibrant and exciting with a unique culture and rich heritage – of which universities play a big part. Its beautiful landscapes and friendly cities, world-renowned festivals and excellent travel infrastructure help make Scotland a wonderful place to study, live and work.

Outward looking with an international environment at home

The campuses of Scotland's universities are amongst the most multicultural in the world. Around 31% of students in Scotland are from overseas. Similarly, Scotland is a magnet for talented international researchers and academics, with around 24% of staff being of non-UK nationality (HESA 2021). Scotland's universities are constantly looking for opportunities to collaborate, to expand existing partnerships and develop new ones. To cultivate a multicultural environment and build greater opportunities for mobility, some of Scotland's institutions have established a presence overseas, in the form of an office or a branch campus offering the same quality education and excellence that can be experienced at home.



Scotland's 19 world-leading institutions have a top-class education system, internationally excellent research, and partnerships across more than 100 countries.

Learning and Teaching

Placed at the heart of the sector's activity is learning and teaching. Scotland's universities educate around 260,500 students on over 4,500 courses. Their teaching methods rely on the latest pedagogical practices which deliver high-quality education at modern, often cutting-edge, on-campus facilities as well as online. Scotland's quality of teaching is overseen by the Quality Assurance Agency. A distinctive feature is the strong participation of students in the review process supported by a national programme of enhancement themes aimed at sharing good practice - a model which has been mirrored across Europe.

Research Strengths

Scotland's universities have been responsible for many world changing discoveries and innovations including the anaesthetic properties of chloroform, pneumatic tyres, and the television. Relative to its GDP, Scotland's research is cited more often than that of any other country (REF 2014). Collaboration is a defining feature of Scotland's higher education, both at home and internationally. An example of this is Scotland's 'Research Pools', an initiative which operates across institutions, sharing resources, facilities and expertise.

Partnerships and Industry

Scotland's higher education institutions currently have teaching, research and TNE partnerships in over 100 countries. Scottish universities also strongly focus on developing close partnerships between business and academia. This transformational collaboration is supported by dedicated 'Innovation Centres', which have helped new industry sectors to emerge and thrive including life sciences, renewable and digital technologies, and the creative industries.

Entrepreneurialism is not only welcomed, but also nurtured and the results are remarkable with three of our higher education institutions being in the UK top 20 for producing the highest university spinout companies (RAEng – Spotlight on Spinouts 2021).

Employability and Alumni

Scotland's universities have a strong focus on employability with excellent careers support services and links to prospective employers. 78% of Scotland's employers who had recruited a Scottish university graduate found them well prepared for work (UK Employer Perspectives Survey 2019). From 2021, all international students will be able to work or look for work after their studies for a maximum period of two years, or three years for Doctoral students, as part of the UK Graduate Route. Scottish universities are proud of their family of international scholars and alumni, with many maintaining their links with Scotland long after their studies have ended.

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Founded in 1495, the University of Aberdeen has always been open to people and ideas from around the world. With international students making up one third of the student population, Aberdeen is ranked 31st in the world for international outlook (THE World University Rankings 2022).



The University is very international and has students from all different kinds of background and working experience.

Isabella Sophia Maurer, MSc Finance & Real Estate, Germany

Key Facts

- » Top 20 UK University (The Guardian University Guide 2022 and the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2022).
- » World Top 160 University (THE World University Rankings 2022).
- » Top 60 in the world for positive impact on society (THE Impact Rankings 2022).



Home to over 15,000 students, the University of Aberdeen boasts a broad range of disciplines and a variety of study options.

Aberdeen is a vibrant, entrepreneurial region in Scotland's North East, home to a unique mix of business opportunities and specialist skills across various sectors including energy, technology, life sciences and food & drink.

The University has recently launched its ambitious 20 year strategy which outlines its commitment to being inclusive, interdisciplinary, international and sustainable.

Aberdeen has been producing globally excellent and locally relevant research for centuries in the fields of health, energy, food and nutrition, and environmental and biological sciences. Multi-disciplinary research centres and institutes bring

together experts at the forefront of their fields with colleagues worldwide to address the issues of today.

The institution is also a cultural leader in the north-east of Scotland and beyond, and has an outstanding track-record for arts and humanities research. The combination of rich heritage, impactful research, and learning excellence has contributed to Aberdeen's association with five Nobel Prize winners.

The University continues to serve its foundational purpose of being "open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others". Aberdeen's reputation for world-leading research and life-changing opportunities have attracted outstanding students and academics from across the globe, making the University of Aberdeen family of students and alumni part of a truly global network.



One of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK and its research and teaching are of world leading excellence.

Yu Ho Wong, MSc Psychological Studies,
Hong Kong



Learning and Teaching

Teaching at the University of Aberdeen is organised across 12 schools encompassing a broad range of disciplines. Undergraduate and postgraduate students benefit by being taught by academic staff who are active in research, many involved in international collaborations at the forefront of discovery in their respective discipline, focused on finding answers to the issues facing our society and economy today.

Research Strengths

Aberdeen's research is focused on five key interdisciplinary areas: Energy Transition, Social Inclusion and Diversity, Environment and Biodiversity, Data and Artificial Intelligence, Health, Nutrition and Wellbeing. These challenges represent research areas of historic and emerging importance, delivering globally excellent and measurable benefits to society, the economy and health. 75% of Aberdeen's research was classified as 'world-leading' according to the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014.

Partnerships and Industry

The University of Aberdeen works in partnership with various industry sectors across the globe. As Aberdeen continues its journey towards net zero, the University's collaboration with the energy industry becomes ever more imperative. The University has developed many important partnerships in the field of Energy Transition, which has placed it at the forefront of several significant industry projects. The University is also the first UK institution to operate a dedicated campus in Qatar and holds a unique collaborative partnership with Curtin University in Australia. It is also a member of the Aurora Universities Network, a partnership of European universities dedicated to societal relevance and impact.

Employability and Alumni

The Aberdeen family of graduates expands across the globe with alumni working in diverse and exciting roles. Strong industry links offer industry placements and accreditations during degree study for students and internships for graduates. This gives Aberdeen alumni confidence and skills to tackle real-world problems.

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Abertay University

Dundee

Abertay is one of Scotland's modern universities with a focus on teaching, learning and research to directly support the industries of today and the future.

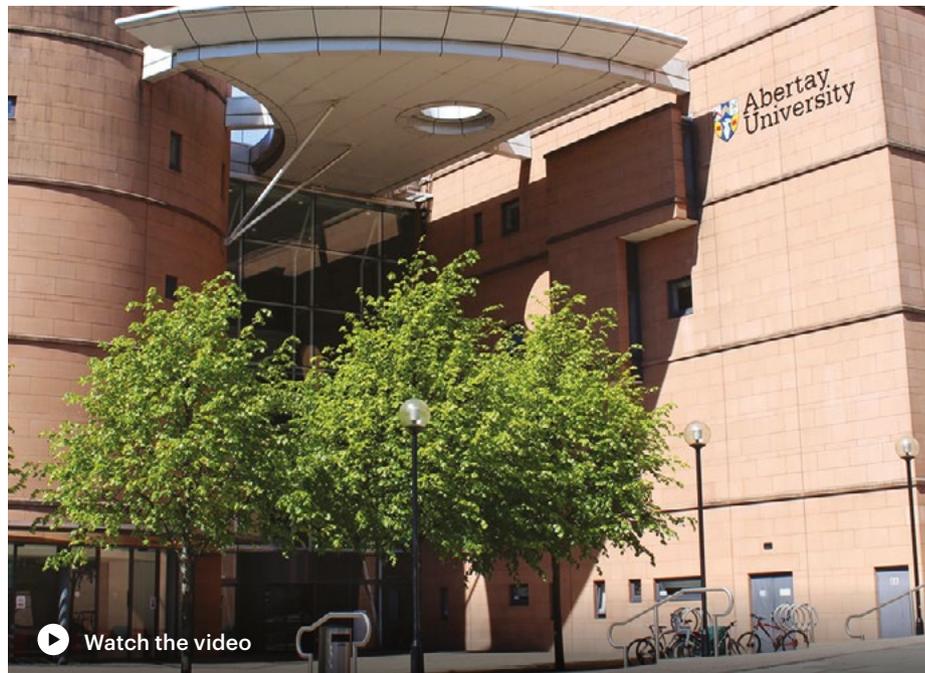
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Abertay has been instrumental in building the city of Dundee's place as a global hub for computing and gaming, a perfect example of a university and business working together for the common good.

Alastair McCall, editor of *The Sunday Times Good University Guide*

Key Facts

- » Abertay launched the world's first computer games degree in 1997.
- » The University has ranked top in Europe for computer games education every year since 2015 (Princeton Review World Top 25 Games Universities).
- » Scotland's University of the Year for Teaching Quality (Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021).



Located on a city centre campus in Dundee, Scotland's fourth city, Abertay has 3,900 students. Around three-quarters are from Scotland and approximately 65 countries are represented in its staff and student community.

Abertay offers learning ranging from biomedical, forensic, sports and food sciences, to accounting, engineering and business management. Its teaching provision is recognised by a range of industry accreditations for delivering graduates ready for the world of work. The University is best known for its world-leading development of computer games and cybersecurity degree programmes. The University was the first to be named a UK Centre for Excellence in Computer Games Education. It has contributed to the transformation of the city of Dundee into

a creative hub and home to one-third of Scotland's booming games industry.

Abertay is poised to become Scotland's capital of cybersecurity. Recently awarded UK Centre of Excellence for Cyber Security Education, an £18 million cyberQuarter project will bring a new research and development centre to its campus to gather students, academics and organisations to help solve global cybersecurity challenges.

The University's new Emergent Technology Centre comprises five specialist labs and studios and is a collaborative facility for research and practice, centred on novel digital technologies.



Our structure is designed to promote collaborative and interdisciplinary working, to break away from traditional academic models, to address real-world challenges.

Professor Nia White, Dean of Research and Graduate School



Learning and Teaching

Teaching and learning are arranged around the University's four academic schools:

- School of Business, Law and Social Science
- School of Design and Informatics
- School of Applied Sciences
- Graduate School: a dedicated facility located at the heart of the University, that provides support, training, and professional development opportunities to the postgraduate community and researchers.

Research strengths

The University has an established reputation for working effectively across traditional research boundaries, as well as within new and emerging disciplines and sectors. From creating insect-based food to tackle malnutrition in Zimbabwe and exploring creative new low-carbon solutions via its Transforming Net-Zero project, to the work of its Urban Waste Water Technology Centre and research in physical activity for healthy ageing; Abertay researchers work to address real-world challenges and deliver impact for society and the economy.

Partnerships and Industry

The University has a wide range of international partnerships and collaborations, focussed on research, dual awards, articulation, and student exchange. Among these is Perfect World Games, a major China-based entertainment and education company with which Abertay has a joint teaching programme and a 10-year strategic partnership for future academic, research and business collaborations.

Abertay is a founding partner of V&A, Dundee, Scotland's first design museum and the only V&A museum outside of London. The University leads InGAME (Innovation for Games and Media Enterprise), an £11.5 million research and development centre based in the heart of the videogames cluster, in partnership with the University of Dundee, the University of St Andrews and local and international industry.

Employability and Alumni

The University's enterprise centre, Bell Street Ventures, works with students and graduates interested in starting their own businesses or freelancing. The professional advisors of Abertay's Careers Service help with careers planning and skills development to maximise employment opportunities.

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University of Dundee

The University of Dundee is transforming lives locally and globally through world-leading research, gold-standard teaching, and an award-winning student experience.



What really makes Dundee stand out is a sense of community like nowhere else.

Katarzyna Prus, BSc Computing Science graduate, Poland

Key Facts

- » One of the UK's top 20 Universities (The Guardian University Guide 2021).
- » Top in Scotland for the proportion of graduates entering high skilled employment (Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020).
- » Highest international student satisfaction of any participating Scottish university (International Student Barometer 2019).



More than 140 countries are represented within the University of Dundee community.

Undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees in a wide variety of subjects, allied to an international reputation for research, help to attract top-class students and academics from across the globe.

Dundee was ranked in the global top 50 in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2020 and has pioneered innovations as diverse as keyhole surgery and the flat screen technology. The University's translational biomedical research underpins global efforts to tackle cancer, diabetes, and tropical diseases, while its forensic scientists develop new technologies in the war against some of society's most heinous crimes.

From Turner Prize winners to political leaders, activists for social change to captains of industry, Dundee alumni are transforming the world, with the University top in Scotland for the proportion of graduates entering high skilled employment (Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020).

Dundee is renowned for its student experience, recording the highest overall satisfaction of any Scottish university in the most recent International Student Barometer. This survey highlighted the exceptional work of the University's student services team, who have moved swiftly to implement innovative new ways of delivering support in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Many times I found myself speaking with a group at the University and each person was of a different nationality.

Shaniya Morris, MSc Developmental Psychology, USA



Learning and Teaching

The University helps its students learn, grow, and achieve their goals by nurturing creativity and innovation, with the Dundee student experience recognised as one of the best in the UK.

A Gold award – the highest possible rating – was received in the inaugural Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), and innovative teaching takes place in areas as diverse as Art and Design, Business, Health Sciences, Medicine, Social Sciences and STEM subjects.

Research strengths

Some of the best researchers in the world work at Dundee, developing ideas that make a difference to the lives of people, the economy, and the planet.

The University's expertise spans AI to aerospace engineering, data analysis to drug discovery, growing and developing communities to global sustainability. This diversity fosters collaborations that allow Dundee research to make an even bigger impact on the world and its people.

Partnerships and Industry

Dundee has over 300 active agreements with international partners from more

than 40 countries, encompassing student exchanges, joint PhDs, and research collaborations. The University also has four successful joint/dual degree partnerships with leading global universities, including two in China.

The University's strong network of partnerships and collaborations includes companies such as Boehringer Ingelheim, CERN, GlaxoSmithKline, Rautomead, Pfizer, and Mozilla Foundation. These relationships help turn ideas into pioneering commercial realities.

Employability and Alumni

The University's Careers Service facilitates volunteering, careers fairs, and entrepreneurship training, while strong external links allow students to obtain valuable work experience. Advice is available to graduates at every stage of their career.

The Centre for Entrepreneurship improves self-reliance and employability by developing enterprise skills and commercial awareness. Graduates join a global alumni community of over 100,000 and have access to a range of networking and career opportunities across the world.

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THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

The University of Edinburgh is a world-leading, research-intensive university, its vision is to address tomorrow's challenges with a values-led approach founded on strong global relationships.



The University's ambitious global engagement plan aims to provide world-class experiences for students, ensuring that its teaching and research offer global benefits.

Key Facts

- » The University is consistently ranked one of the top 50 universities in the world and currently 16th in the 2022 QS World University Rankings.
- » University of Edinburgh's graduates were ranked 25th in the world by employers in the QS World University Rankings 2022.
- » Edinburgh is a UNESCO City of Literature, and a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is regularly voted one of the most desirable places to live in the world.



The University of Edinburgh is one of the UK's oldest and most prestigious universities. Over the last four centuries it has built a reputation for excellence that has attracted some of the world's leading thinkers to work and study there.

Founded in 1583 and located in the heart of Scotland's capital, Edinburgh has 44,510 students and more than 7,600 academic staff across 21 schools. A truly global university, students from 180 different countries have studied there over the last 10 years. It offers unparalleled range and choice with more than 400 first degree programmes, more than 350 taught masters and more than 100 research areas.

The University has 270 live partnership agreements with world-leading institutions across 56 different nations, creating innovative and collaborative research, teaching and impact.

Edinburgh was one of the first UK universities to develop commercial links with industry, government, and the professions. Its commercialisation service, Edinburgh Innovations, leads industry engagement, business development and enterprise support and has helped launch more than 500 companies since 1967. All aspects of commercialisation work have grown strongly in recent years; the number of student start-ups passed 100 for the first time in 2020/21 and the value of funding awards linked to industry collaborations reached new highs.



Only by working together can academic researchers and commercial businesses both maximise the impact of their work, for mutual benefit and common goals.

Dr George Baxter, CEO, Edinburgh Innovations



Learning and Teaching

The University offers teaching and research expertise across the arts, humanities and social sciences, medicine and veterinary medicine, and science and engineering. It is one of the UK's largest providers of online postgraduate programmes.

Research Strengths

Edinburgh ranked fourth in the UK for research power (Times Higher Education, Overall Ranking of Institutions) based on the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. The University's research and innovation excellence has influenced the world since 1583. Today, work includes establishing Edinburgh as the data capital of Europe, developing treatments for multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease and cancer, and leading innovative efforts to tackle climate change.

Partnerships and Industry

A member of the global research network Universitas 21, and the European networks COIMBRA group, UNICA, LERU and Una Europa, the University collaborates with world-leading institutions in fields as diverse as e-science, engineering, life and medical sciences, and arts and culture.

Global Academies in health, development, environment and society, agriculture and food security, and justice bring together research expertise from the University and beyond to tackle global challenges such as climate change, poverty, the spread of epidemics and cross-border injustices.

Edinburgh Innovations (EI) leads the University's proactive industry engagement and commercialisation activities. EI provides a leading enterprise support service, turning innovations into start-up and spin-out opportunities and connecting them with funding and investors. EI helps researchers form strategic collaborations with commercial, public-sector and third-sector partners, while making it easy for external organisations to access University technology and expertise.

Employability and Alumni

High Fliers research ranked Edinburgh the 13th most targeted UK university by top employers' graduate recruiters. The University's alumni are a global community of more than 300,000 people, including Nobel laureates, a Pulitzer Prize winner, Olympic medallists, revolutionary thinkers, and scientific pioneers.

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Edinburgh Napier UNIVERSITY



Edinburgh Napier nurtures talent and creates knowledge that shapes communities worldwide. Its innovative research provides solutions to society's challenges, its graduates leave ready for the workplace, and the University has wide-ranging links with employers and business.

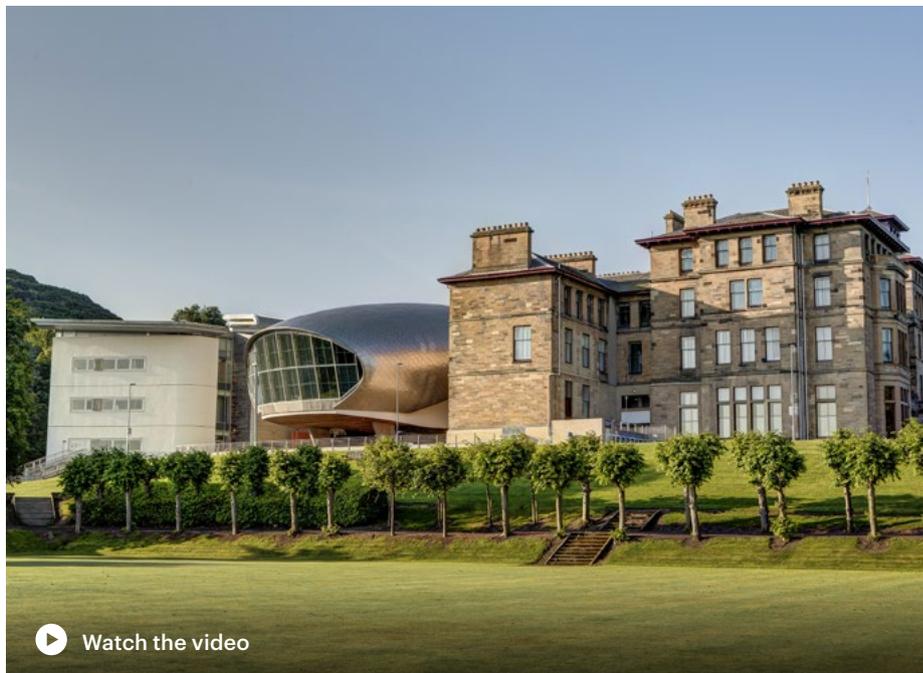


Students learn from renowned academics and industry experts. Our research makes an impact on communities globally. Our partnerships with industry drive forward the successful businesses of today and tomorrow.

Prof Andrea Nolan, Principal and Vice Chancellor

Key Facts

- » Number 1 for student satisfaction in Edinburgh.
- » Over 5,000 TNE students studying Edinburgh Napier's degrees outside the UK.
- » Top Modern University in Scotland.



The University has over 18,000 students, including over 6,000 international students from over 110 different countries. Based in the "Greenest city in the UK" (Esri, 2017) and capital city of Scotland, Edinburgh offers students a vibrant and dynamic city to study everything from business, finance, creative arts, science, computing, and engineering. Based over three campuses across the city, it offers cutting-edge facilities and resources from state-of-the-art recording studios to multimedia language labs, an environmental chamber to a 500-seat 24-hour computing centre and excellent research labs and sports centre.

Edinburgh Napier is the number one university in Edinburgh for student satisfaction (NSS, 2020) and the top ranked Scottish modern university. The University is ranked the number one university in the UK for Film Production & Photography and the number one modern university in the UK for Music, Art & Design, Film & Media Studies, and English.

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The course is very practical in nature so you will have the opportunity to apply theory to practice. This is great preparation for the work environment.

Candice, MSc Applied Criminology and Forensic Psychology, Trinidad & Tobago



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Learning and Teaching

The University places great emphasis on ensuring that its academic portfolio meets the needs of learners, employers, and the economy. It is focused on providing education and undertaking research which is directly relevant to enabling its graduates to secure and prosper in employment and to support sustainable economic growth in Scotland and other countries.

Research Strengths

At Edinburgh Napier University, research work has a strong impact on society, is directly relevant to industry and supports sustainable economic growth in Scotland and beyond. The University helped create a new world class centre of excellence for Scottish mountain biking, it is helping protect more than 100 hectares of tropical forest in Kenya; helping protect Brazilian tidal crabs and contributing to the battles against rising cybercrime. The Biofuel Research Centre at Edinburgh Napier University, founded in December 2007, was the UK's first research centre dedicated to the development of renewable and sustainable biofuels.

Partnerships and Industry

The University has over 280 university partnerships overseas including over 5,000 students studying its programmes in Hong Kong, India, and Singapore. Edinburgh Napier has a wide range of academic partnerships globally facilitating activities from research and student exchanges to transnational education and double degrees. The University has successful articulation agreements with partner institutions enabling students to complete their studies with the institution at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Employability and Alumni

Edinburgh Napier University is an ambitious and innovative university with strong links to industry. They work closely with industry contacts and partners to develop and deliver their courses, many of which are accredited or recognised by leading industry bodies. It is no surprise, then, that more than 95% of graduates are in work or further education within six months of graduating.

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University of Glasgow

The University of Glasgow has been changing the world since 1451. Its inventions, interventions and innovations have helped to shape the social, cultural, and economic prosperity of the city, the country and civilisation itself.

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We draw on the power of collaboration to make our University synonymous with discoveries, innovations and leadership of global importance.

Key Facts

- » Times Higher Education (THE) Scottish University of the Year 2022.
- » Ranked in the top 100 in the QS and THE World University Rankings 2021.
- » Member of the Russell Group of leading UK research universities.



Meet Glasgow

The University of Glasgow has been at the forefront of innovation for 570 years, and its past achievements inspire its current world changers. With more than 33,000 students, the University is a melting pot of ideas and ingenuity. It is housed in one of the most stunning campuses in the UK and in a city that matches the University in dynamism and diversity.

The University's 2,500 plus researchers are drawn from the best of global academia, with its disciplinary areas benefiting from internationally recognised experts in their fields and an annual research income of £180m. Whether working side by side or as part of multinational efforts, its teams explore the very edges of human knowledge.

In addressing the world's most pressing challenges, Glasgow leads from the front. In 2014, it became the first UK university

to commit to fully disinvesting from fossil fuels. In 2017, it signed the Sustainable Development Goals Accord. And in May 2019, it became the first Scottish university to declare a climate emergency.

Through innovative partnerships with industry, policy engagements with governments and the University's role as a regional civic anchor, it works to transform ideas into action to make a difference in everything from local problems to global challenges.



We make collaboration easy - across disciplines, institutions, industries, sectors, entrepreneurs, and government.



Learning and Teaching

The University's degree programmes are shaped by its rich, dynamic research environment which connects learning with global challenges. Ranked second in the Russell Group for teaching in the National Student Survey 2020 and joint 18th in the 2019 European Teaching Rankings, it has one of the widest ranges of programmes in the UK and is extending its global footprint through transnational education.

Research Strengths

Glasgow's excellence agenda was recognised by the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014) placing it 12th overall in the UK and 2nd in Scotland. Its six cross-disciplinary research beacons - in Precision Medicine & Chronic Diseases, Cultural & Creative Industries, Future Life, One Health, Addressing Inequalities and the Nano & Quantum world - bring together ambitious researchers to address the complex challenges which face our world.

Partnerships and Industry

Glasgow has extensive connections with leaders across academia, industry, and society both locally and globally. It is a founding member of the international HE

networks Universitas 21 and the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities, and is associated to the European University alliance, CIVIS. Delivering transnational education since 2011, the University offers programmes with its TNE partners Nankai University, the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC) and via Glasgow University Singapore. It has an exciting range of joint/dual degrees programmes and articulation pathways in collaboration with esteemed international partners.

Employability and Alumni

Glasgow's Internship Hub provides students with exclusive employment opportunities to obtain experience prior to leaving university. Access to the Careers Service is provided for two years post-graduation, and graduates can tap into a global network of alumni mentors and industry contacts through a dedicated mentoring platform. Glasgow's 34 established international alumni networks in 15 countries offer further opportunities to connect.

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Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) is a modern university with over 20,000 students from more than 100 countries, offering courses with a focus on employability, entrepreneurship, and responsible leadership.

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GCU is distinctive for its modern courses and its teaching which provides different perspectives of the contemporary world.

Kayne Liu, MSc International Economics and Social Justice, Malaysia

Key Facts

- » GCU is ranked 43rd globally in the THE University Impact Rankings which assesses universities against the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- » GCU is the first university in Scotland to achieve 'EcoCampus Platinum certification' for its environmental practices.
- » GCU is Ashoka U's first Scottish Changemaker Campus reflecting the University's global leadership in promoting social innovation in its teaching and research.



GCU is a distinctive, inclusive, and forward-looking university that is committed to its social mission to promote the common good. It has become an international centre of excellence in higher education, promoting employability and global citizenship in its graduates.

Its modern campus in the heart of Glasgow includes the award-winning Sir Alex Ferguson Library that provides spaces for social learning as well as quiet study. It was the first Scottish university to establish a campus in London and the first university in the UK to launch a campus in New York. GCU's campus in London is home to the prestigious British School of Fashion, supported by leading academics and honorary professors, some of whom lead global fashion brands and whose programmes include the UK's first MBA in Luxury Brand Marketing.

The University is a member of prestigious international networks including UN Global Compact, Ashoka U, PRME (Principles of Responsible Management Education), Santander Universities and EPAS (European Programme Accreditation Scheme).

GCU has a tradition of widening access to higher education for talented individuals regardless of their backgrounds, and it leverages its intellectual and social capital for the benefit of the communities it serves in Scotland and internationally.



Glasgow Caledonian University is a university that represents and celebrates diversity and inclusion - for me it stands out amongst many.

Tunde Tijani, MSc Applied Instrumentation and Control, Nigeria



Learning and Teaching

GCU's three Academic Schools – the Glasgow School for Business and Society, the School of Health and Life Sciences and the School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment – offer high-quality teaching, innovative facilities, and specialist areas of study. It is the largest provider of nursing and midwifery education; has experts in renewables, energy and construction; and is a leading provider of management, business, law and social science education.

Research Strengths

As the first university to adopt the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the framework for its research strategy, research at GCU addresses the Goals via the three themes of inclusive societies, healthy lives and sustainable environments, each underpinned by University-approved research centres and groups. GCU is a UK top 10 university for world-leading social work and social policy and a top 20 university for allied health research and built environment research impact.

Partnerships and Industry

GCU has campuses in Glasgow, London and New York. It also has award-winning partner institutions in Oman, in Bangladesh, where the Grameen Caledonian College of Nursing is helping to transform healthcare and the lives of young people, as well as sustainable partnerships with institutions in China, India, Africa, the US and South America. It has strong links with industry and professional bodies worldwide.

Employability and Alumni

GCU offers a wide range of career-focused courses, many of which include practical work placements and accreditation with professional bodies. Graduates join a global community of over 155,000 alumni from around the world. In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic the University is supporting students and graduates through its MINT (Mentoring, Internships, Networking and Talks) programme of support specifically aimed to give its 2020 graduates the best possible chance of securing employment at the earliest possible opportunity.

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THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART

Founded in 1845, the Glasgow School of Art is an internationally recognised leader of education and research in the visual creative disciplines.

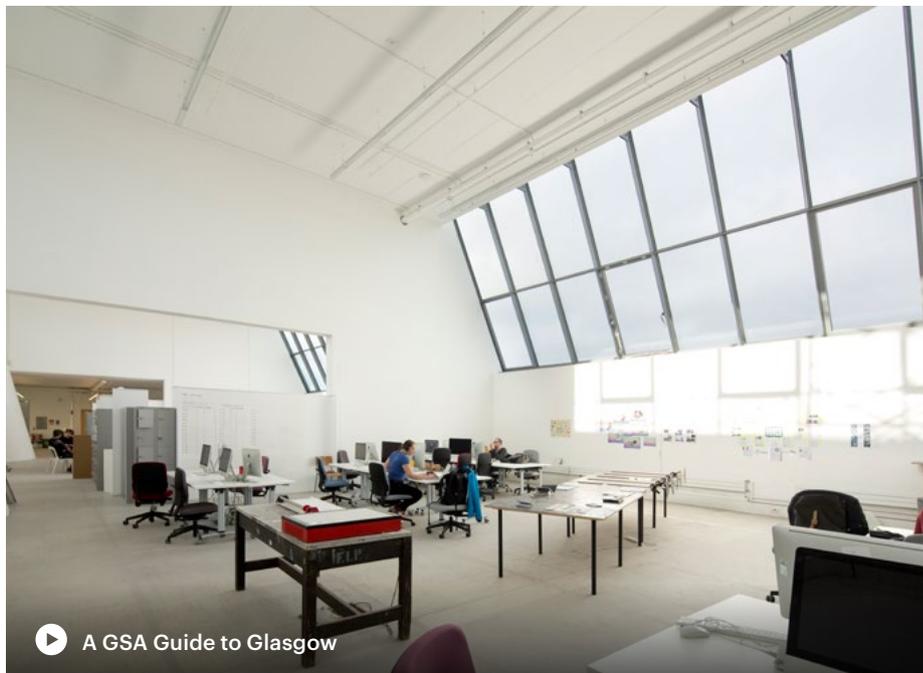


We retain our graduates: it is one of the reasons why NESTA ranks Glasgow as one of only five Creative Capitals in the UK.

Penny Macbeth, Director

Key Facts

- » The GSA ranks 3rd in UK, 5th in Europe and 8th in the world for Art and Design education (QS World University Rankings 2020).
- » The School of Fine Art has produced 6 Turner Prize winners, 30% of the nominees since 2005, and virtually all the artists chosen to represent Scotland at the Venice Biennale.
- » All GSA degree programmes are validated by the University of Glasgow, which was established in 1451, and is a member of the prestigious Russell Group of leading UK research universities.



The Glasgow School of Art (GSA) offers specialist programmes in Architecture, Fine Art, Design, Innovation, and Simulation/ Visualisation. The School brings disciplines together to explore problems in new ways and find innovative solutions and creates an environment for peer learning, critical enquiry, experimentation and prototyping, helping to address many of the grand challenges confronting society and contemporary business.

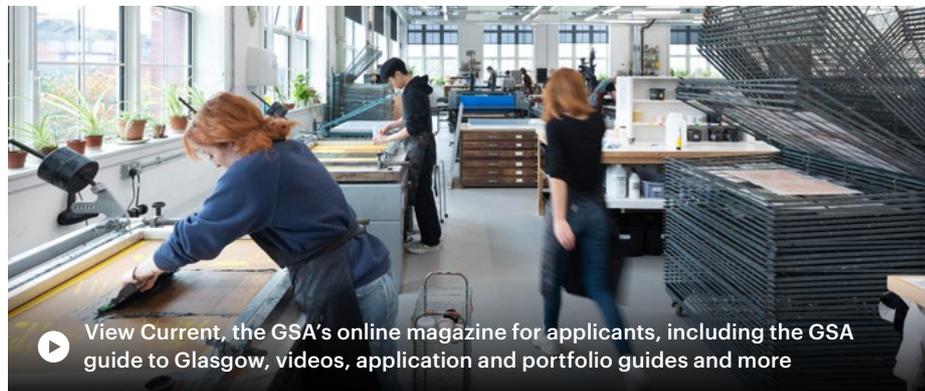
GSA is rooted in Glasgow, with an international focus. A third of students are from outside the UK, and staff are engaged in a range of international research and teaching projects. The School has a campus in the Highlands & Islands of Scotland and an office in China.

Glasgow has been named the UK's top cultural and creative city as part of a landmark report by the European Commission (The Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor, 2019). Many students stay in Glasgow after graduating because of the unique network of creative people, spaces, and organisations in the city, and are joined by artists, designers, architects, writers, and musicians from around the world who are drawn here by the quality of life and the clear sense of creative opportunity. They make a huge contribution to the cultural life and creative economy of the city.



Don't call Glasgow's contemporary art scene a miracle... Glasgow's success is hard won, durable and above all consistent.

Moira Jeffrey, *The Guardian*



View *Current*, the GSA's online magazine for applicants, including the GSA guide to Glasgow, videos, application and portfolio guides and more

Learning and Teaching

GSA's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of study are based across five specialist Schools:

- School of Design
- School of Fine Art
- Mackintosh School of Architecture
- School of Simulation & Visualisation
- Innovation School

Programmes of study are specialist in nature allowing students to develop their own individual approach to their chosen discipline.

Research Strengths

Research is pivotal to the creative development of the GSA - the sphere in which staff and students share and exchange ideas, knowledge, and interests. In the UK-wide Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, the GSA was ranked the largest art and design research community in Scotland, with 61% of research considered world-leading. Prospective research students will find GSA an immensely stimulating place, where new ideas are encouraged and developed.

Partnerships and Industry

Student exchange is available to all GSA undergraduate students and some postgraduate students. The School has about 90 active student exchange partnerships from a broad range of countries. The School also has active staff teaching mobility – as part of the Erasmus programme in Europe, and through a visiting workshop programme in countries like China, and India.

The GSA also has an international exhibition and research community, and a programme of visiting international guest tutors and lecturers.

Employability and Alumni

The GSA offers a range of employability opportunities within the curriculum, including live projects, and participation in national and international competitions.

The GSA Creative Network has been established to create a vibrant and dynamic approach to supporting and maintaining relationships with its global network of students and graduates.

GSA is proud of the success of its students and graduates, the School does not want any achievements to go unnoticed. Visit the GSA Live Map at www.gsa.ac.uk/livemap.

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With a history that stretches back to 1821, Heriot-Watt is one of the UK's leading universities for business and industry. Respected and established around the world, it is renowned for producing highly employable graduates and leading-edge research.

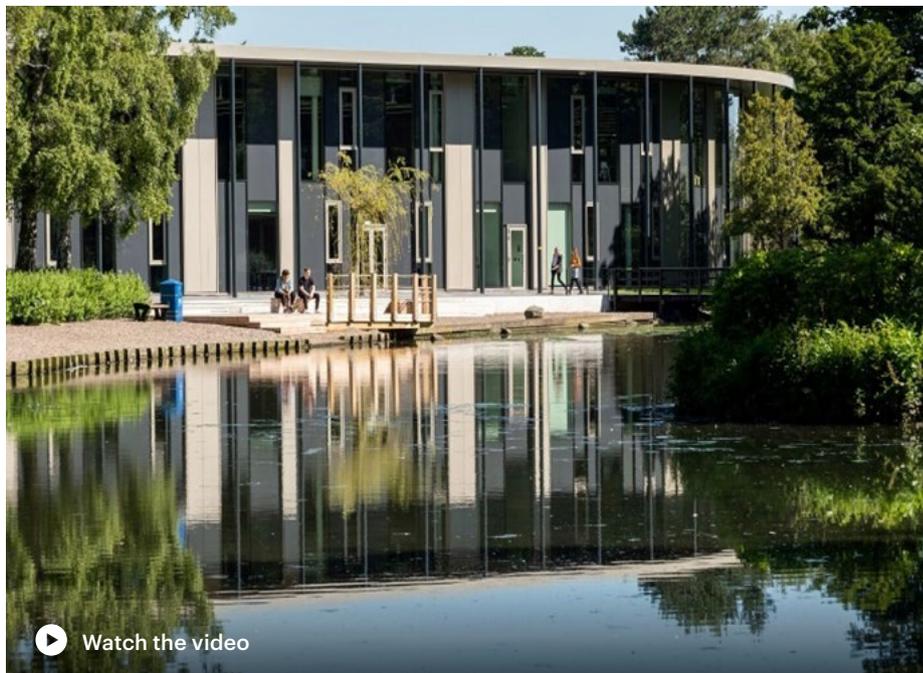


Our core purpose is to create and exchange knowledge that benefits society. Our approach is to develop leaders in ideas and solutions.

**Professor Richard A. Williams OBE FREng
FRSE FTSE, Principal and Vice-Chancellor**

Key Facts

- » A globally integrated university and pioneer in transnational education with five campuses across the UK, UAE, and Malaysia and with diverse communities of learners, professionals, and partners from over 160 countries.
- » Heriot-Watt University ranks in the top 300 universities worldwide.
- » Heriot-Watt University was ranked 1st in Scotland for Research Impact in the most recent Research Excellence Framework.



From its roots in Scotland as the world's first Institute of Mechanics, Heriot-Watt University has developed as a pioneer of international education with strong values around access to higher education and outstanding performance in graduate employability.

Heriot-Watt's ambition and reach are truly international. Its remarkable development as a globally integrated university with five campuses in Scotland, UAE, and Malaysia establishes it as a powerful driver of the global economy.

Heriot-Watt drives productivity through educating the future international workforce; nurturing specialist talent; advancing R&D in emerging areas of technology; building global collaborative partnerships; commercialising technology and developing new trade and investment opportunities.

Heriot-Watt's global community of scholars comprises 29,000 students from 160 countries studying on campus, blended and online programmes in Science, Technology, Engineering, Energy, Business and Design.

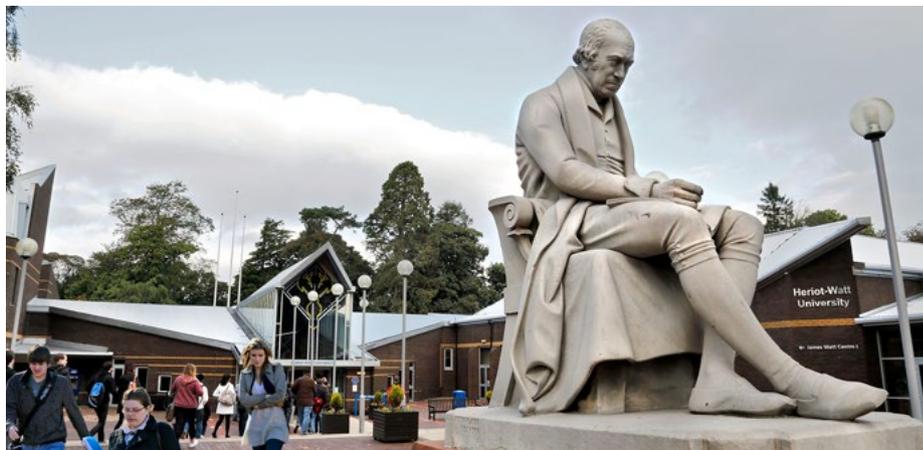
Heriot-Watt's research community is driving to be at the forefront of new ideas and solutions to create radical innovations that make a difference in the real world – specialist fields include Blue Economy, Health Technology, Quantum, Robotics, Zero Carbon Future, Smart Construction, and Social Disadvantage.

Heriot-Watt's 'Strategy 2025' places collaboration and partnership at the heart of its approach offering a unique ecosystem where people can develop their careers, advance the most promising ideas, and deliver outstanding impact for society.

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Heriot-Watt University started in 1821 to address the skills shortages of the First Industrial Revolution; 200 years later its students are set to thrive in the Fourth.

Professor Mushtak Al-Atabi, Provost and Chief Executive Officer, Heriot-Watt University Malaysia



Learning and Teaching

Heriot-Watt specialises in subjects across science, technology, engineering, business, and design. There is only one Heriot-Watt degree; subjects offered in Dubai and Malaysia are accredited by the same UK professional, statutory, and regulatory bodies as those in Edinburgh. This unique global multi-campus provision allows for Heriot-Watt's 'Go Global' intercampus student transfer programme.

Research Strengths

Heriot-Watt's pioneering research delivers results of global impact, helping transform societies and drive economies. Its multi-disciplinary, award-winning research shapes the future by building capacity and capability. Successes include the Lyell Centre, a fusion of Earth and marine geosciences and technology created in partnership with the British Geological Survey, and the National Robotarium, a world-leading R&D centre, translating cutting-edge research into technologies, creating disruptive innovation and delivering sustainable economic benefit.

Partnerships and Industry

Heriot-Watt's international character presents a unique proposition for

partners – they can access expertise and opportunity across all campuses, building multi-site collaborations. The international portfolio consists of collaborative degree programmes, large-scale capacity building initiatives, transnational education, and mobility programmes in over 40 countries. Heriot-Watt is one of Scotland's largest providers of graduate apprenticeship programmes. The Centre of Excellence in Smart Construction at Heriot-Watt Dubai - the first such centre outside of Edinburgh - has key research areas in sustainability, robotics and construction management, engaging with industrial and governmental partners.

Employability and Alumni

Heriot-Watt University ranks 1st in Scotland for graduate salaries with 95% of students in employment or further study within six months of graduation. Work-related learning opportunities are available in many formats, from accredited placements, internships, career mentoring programmes to engaging employers in delivering professional development sessions. Formed in 1854, The Watt Club is the UK's oldest higher education institution alumni association, with over 120,000 members and branches on four continents.

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The University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) is a tertiary partnership, serving the Highlands and Islands, Moray and Perthshire. It has the largest student population in Scotland.



Our ambitious research strategy benefits local communities in Scotland, encompassing national and international activity, particularly in regions similar to our own.

**Professor Neil Simco, Vice-Principal
Research and Impact**

Key Facts

- » The tertiary partnership offers a full range of further and higher education courses for school leavers and adult learners, from access courses to PhD.
- » The partnership has been delivering and developing its blended learning approach for over 20 years.
- » The partnership covers the largest geographical area of any campus-based university or college in the UK and has the largest student population in Scotland, with nearly 40,000 students studying each year.



The partnership was created to have a transformational impact on the prospects of its region, its economy, its people, and its communities. As a flourishing university partnership for the Highlands and Islands, Moray and Perthshire, it retains, attracts, and nurtures talent in its region, reversing population decline and building innovation and socio-economic prosperity.

Students can study a range of vocational and academic courses at both further and higher education levels and the partnership's research is focussed on the social, cultural, and economic needs of its communities.

The partnership serves its dispersed communities as both their local college and university from a network

of campuses and learning centres. Its academic partners ensure the partnership fulfils local needs and benefits from regional resources and national and international relationships.

The organisation is an inclusive partnership where students can join and leave courses at many levels to fit around their commitments and aspirations. Whatever their stage of life or qualifications, students will have the opportunity to keep their skills up to date.

The economic impact of the partnership has increased by a quarter in the last decade. It contributes £560 million to the Highlands and Islands, Moray and Perthshire economies every year and supports 6,200 jobs.



Our partnership provides seamless pathways and removes barriers for students, whether they are from the remotest communities in our region or anywhere in the world.

Dr Lydia Rohmer, Vice-Principal Tertiary



Learning and Teaching

Blended learning is an integral part of the partnership's strategy and UHI has been delivering and developing this approach for over 20 years. This approach combines video conferencing, creative approaches to learning and teaching online, real time support from lecturers and local staff and face-to-face teaching. Staff carefully design learning experiences based on individual needs to ensure students have the best experience and can access learning easily.

The tertiary partnership offers a full range of further and higher education courses for school leavers and adult learners, from access courses to PhD. It provides seamless pathways and removes barriers, allowing students to find their own unique learner journey.

Research Strengths

The partnership's research is focussed on the social, cultural, and economic needs of its communities. Its research centres, which explore topics including marine science, archaeology, and renewable energy, push the boundaries between academic knowledge and businesses-led innovation to support regional economic

growth and prosperity. Over 69% of the partnership's research was ranked as internationally excellent or world-leading in a UK-wide review.

Partnerships and Industry

The partnership spans nine local authorities, two enterprise regions and seven health boards. It has strong links with employers at regional and local levels and focuses on what is most important for its economy and people. The nature of employment is changing, and the partnership is working with employers, communities, and learners to respond to their needs and equip students with the skills to drive its region forward.

Employability and Alumni

The partnership's strong industry links ensure graduates have the skills, qualifications and confidence needed to thrive in the 21st century workplace. Alumni are graduates for life and the partnership helps them navigate future careers with ongoing advice, guidance, and support.

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The Open University (OU) is a world leader in pioneering teaching and learning methods which enable people across the globe to achieve their career and life goals by studying at times and in places that suit them.



The Open University has an astonishing track record of using new and emerging technologies to make higher education available to all people around the world.

**Martha Lane Fox, Chancellor of
The Open University**

Key Facts

- » 91.5% for Scottish student satisfaction (National Student Survey average over 10 years).
- » The UK's largest university, with over 50 years' experience delivering supported distance learning.
- » 72% of Open University research was assessed as world-leading or internationally excellent in the 2014 UK Research Excellence Framework.



[Watch the video](#)

The Open University is the largest academic institution in the UK and at the forefront of flexible distance learning. Its mission is to be open to people, places, methods, and ideas.

The University was founded over 50 years ago with a clear purpose: to open up education to all. This means providing high quality online education which is accessible to all, regardless of age, income, qualifications, or geography.

With 175,000 students globally, including over 20,000 in Scotland, the OU is the most popular choice for part time undergraduates in the UK.

The University's distance learning model and flexibility has met the needs of both individuals and employers in 157 countries worldwide. Currently, it offers over 200 qualifications, from

undergraduate language courses to PhDs, across a number of faculties, schools and institutes, all underpinned by research of international excellence.

The Open University is one of only four universities in Scotland whose MBA is triple accredited.

It pioneers new ways of learning, such as an innovative BBC partnership, to reach a vast global public audience.

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The courses are recognised all over the world. After the MBA, I started a new job with Pfizer. It opened up a new door for me.

Tillmann Henssler, MBA graduate, Germany



Learning and Teaching

OU courses range from humanities, social sciences and business to health care, science and technology. Modules are developed by multi-disciplinary course teams comprising academics, educational technologists and media specialists contributing pedagogic and technical expertise. This approach has helped to build the University's reputation for innovation, rigour and quality and has been adopted by distance teaching institutions worldwide.

The University's supported distance learning model receives high student satisfaction ratings, for example students in Scotland on average rate their experience at 91.5%.

Research Strengths

Regarded as a world leader in developing technology to increase access to education on a global scale, the University's OpenLearn platform leads a vast 'open content portfolio' and includes free study units, as well as games, videos, and academic articles. OpenLearn has received 95.2 million unique visitors since its launch in 2006.

Research not only underpins the Open University's teaching, but it also helps transform people's lives, drive economic growth, and build fairer societies across the world. OU's current projects empower teachers, healthcare workers and higher education experts reaching over 2 million people around the world. Environmental research has helped shape the content and direction of the landmark BBC series Blue Planet II, which prompted unprecedented public and government action to protect our oceans.

Partnerships and Industry

Bespoke training courses are provided for companies through identifying the skills, knowledge and behavioural changes needed to optimise their business performance. Over 70% of OU students work full or part-time during their studies and more than 30,000 UK employers, including 80% of FTSE 100 companies, have sponsored staff with the OU.

Employability and Alumni

Open University alumni are spread over 157 countries. Most alumni say that their studies improved their skillset in relation to their job or work (85%).

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Queen Margaret University aims to shape a better world through education, research and innovation and is known for its distinctive offering in healthcare, social sciences, creative arts, business, management and enterprise, and primary and secondary teaching.



Many of the University academics are internationally-recognised in their field of expertise and all staff are actively engaged with industry.

Gift Thompson, international student, Malawi.

Key Facts

- » QMU offers the broadest range of allied health professional degrees in Scotland including nursing, dietetics, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, podiatry, radiography, audiology, art psychotherapy, music therapy, and speech and language therapy.
- » QMU was the first university in the country to have a Business Gateway located on campus.
- » QMU ranked in the top 68% of universities worldwide in the QS World University Rankings 2021.



Queen Margaret University (QMU) is a modern, distinctive, and ambitious university located only six-minute train ride from Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. The University's purpose-built campus, to the southeast of Edinburgh, offers a vibrant, friendly environment for its 5000 students (8665 including international partnerships) and 500 staff.

The institution was established in 1875. Throughout its history, it has focused on serving the community and improving the quality of life. Today, it continues to be defined by its strong sense of purpose focused on creating a better society, through education, research and innovation, and by providing a supportive and creative learning environment in which students and staff thrive.

QMU is distinctive in its person-centred approach to education and teaching, and its commitment to shaping a better world. It offers students the optimum balance of theoretical and practical learning to equip them with the knowledge, skills, and attitude to make a positive contribution to the world. A 97.1% graduate employment rate (HESA, 2018) demonstrates that QMU graduates have the attributes that employers value.

QMU has widely recognised expertise in business, the creative industries, education, health and rehabilitation, and social sciences. Its research and innovation work informs policy and practice and makes a difference to everyday lives.



QMU's Institute for Global Health & Development deals with today's challenges by enhancing population health around the globe. It's at the frontline of saving lives especially in disfavoured nations. It is built on partnership with people working in different settings.

Ibrahim Bou Orm, PhD student, Lebanon



Learning and Teaching

QMU is distinctive in its person-centred approach to education and teaching, delivering undergraduate and postgraduate taught degrees, as well as doctorates and a Master of Research.

Research Strengths

QMU aims to shape a better world through education, research and innovation; characterised by translational research that informs policy and practice, making a difference to everyday life. The University's strategic research centres, institute and knowledge exchange centres work at the intersection of conventional disciplinary groupings to create innovative approaches to contemporary societal challenges and public discourse.

The latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014) showed that over 58% of QMU's research is world leading or internationally excellent.

Partnerships and Industry

The University is known for its extensive collaborative provision. It currently has seven overseas partners, delivering QMU degrees to more than 3000 students this academic year. A further 1000 students study with UK partner organisations, including growing collaborations with local colleges and NHS boards.

The University is expanding its network of overseas articulation partners to provide further study and industry placement opportunities for international students wishing to study in Scotland. QMU is keen to explore further international partnerships which focus on a) joint and dual degrees, b) articulation arrangements and study abroad.

Many of QMU's academics are leaders in their field with strong industry links. This benefits student by exposing them to the latest industry knowledge whilst enhancing their employability prospects.

Employability and Alumni

An impressive range of career-enhancing extracurricular opportunities are offered including awards, scholarships, internships, volunteering, the Employer Mentoring Programme and overseas travel and international exchanges. An on-campus Business Gateway (business support service) and a Business Innovation Zone support students and graduates who wish to develop as entrepreneurs. Special alumni-supported funds allow students to benefit from overseas travel opportunities.

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Robert Gordon University's mission is to transform people and communities by providing demand-led teaching and research.

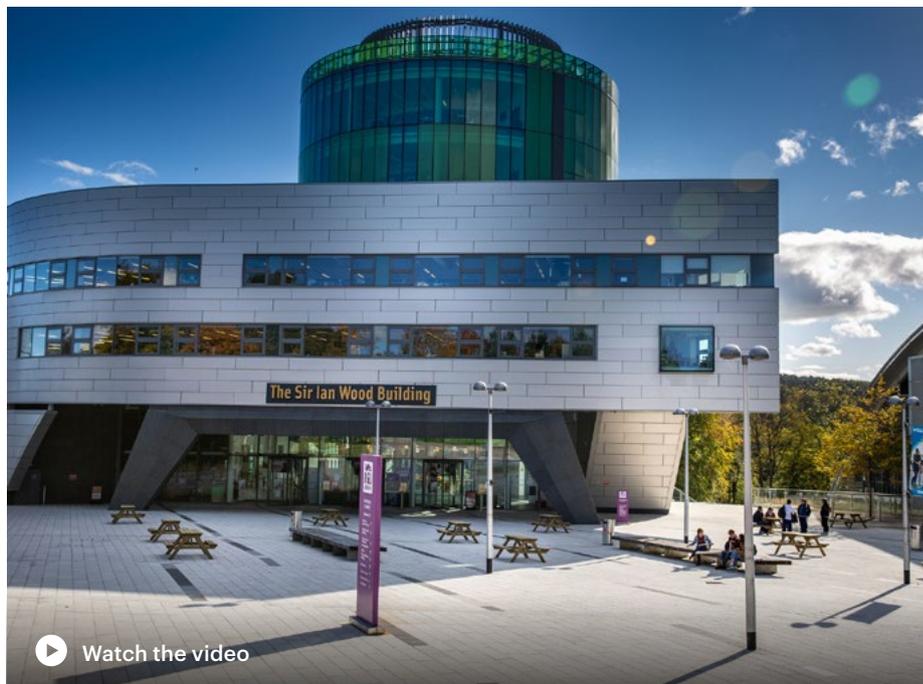


RGU is dedicated to providing students the necessities to be competent and confident in their knowledge and skills to become thoroughly trained and respectable professionals.

Abby Tryon, MSc Physiotherapy
(Pre-registration), Canada

Key Facts

- » RGU was named Scottish University of the Year by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021.
- » Aberdeen Business School was named Business School of the Year at THE Awards 2020 and is the first in the world to achieve joint accreditation from the Association of MBAs and the Business Graduates Association, two of the world's leading authorities on post-graduate business education.
- » RGU is the top Modern (post 1992) University in Scotland (Complete University Guide 2021).



[Watch the video](#)

Robert Gordon University (RGU) is an innovative, inclusive, impactful and professionally-focused institution focused on demand-led teaching and research across eleven academic schools. Its high-quality vocational education and relevant curriculum provides learners with the skills they require to thrive throughout their careers. As a result, the University has a reputation for producing graduates who are highly sought after by employers. Over the last decade RGU has consistently had one of the best records of any UK university for graduate level employment.

Named Scottish University of the Year by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021, RGU has also been ranked 2nd in Scotland and 11th in the UK for Teaching Quality in the same league table for 2022, with two subject areas ranked top in Scotland, and four within the

UK's top ten. RGU's Aberdeen Business School was named Business School of the Year at THE Awards 2020 and is also accredited by AACSB International (AACSB): an accolade achieved by only 5% of global business schools.

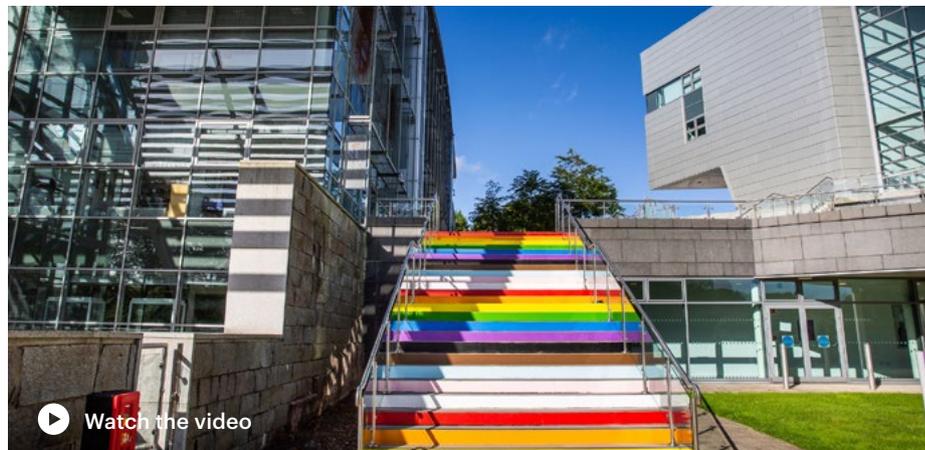
The stunning £120 million riverside campus, on the banks of the River Dee, offers state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities for RGU's diverse population of over 16,000 students and over 1,500 employees.

The University has a truly global reach, with 153 student nationalities represented and an international graduate community of around 90,000 alumni around the world.

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RGU's distinction is the employability factor. It helped me make many industry connections and opened career doors for me. It's one of the best decisions of my life.

Swetha Akshita, MSc International Marketing, India



Learning and Teaching

The University's courses are developed in collaboration with industry to ensure they are tailored to the needs of the current and future employment markets. With over 300 courses from 11 schools, covering a wide range of subjects, the University's high-quality learning and teaching is recognised in university league tables and the National Student Satisfaction survey.

Research Strengths

The University's interdisciplinary and applied research is focused on addressing societal problems by improving quality of life, delivering innovative solutions for business and industry, and contributing towards a sustainable economy. The University is investing up to £30m over the next ten years to grow its globally recognised impactful research.

Partnerships and Industry

RGU's partnership with its Associate College, the North East Scotland College (NESCol), allows both parties to work towards delivery of a joined-up approach to skills development within the region. RGU partners with Opportunity North East (ONE) through roles on the board and sector workstreams of the regional

economic development body. Through a partnership with the local health board, NHS Grampian, the University coordinates the provision of placements for a significant number of health-related courses and provides work-based learning developments to address skills and vacancy shortages in key professions. RGU is the only university to be awarded contracts to deliver paramedic undergraduate education for two regions in Scotland.

Employability and Alumni

Consistently a top 5 ranking UK university in terms of graduate employability, RGU prides itself on the practicality of its degrees and their alignment to the needs of employers. Its partnerships and dialogue with industry partners enable RGU to ensure the readiness of its graduates for their future careers. Furthermore, many degrees have built-in formal work placements, both in the UK and further afield.

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Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

Located in the vibrant city of Glasgow, Scotland's national conservatoire is world top three for performing arts education (2021 QS World University Rankings for Performing Arts).

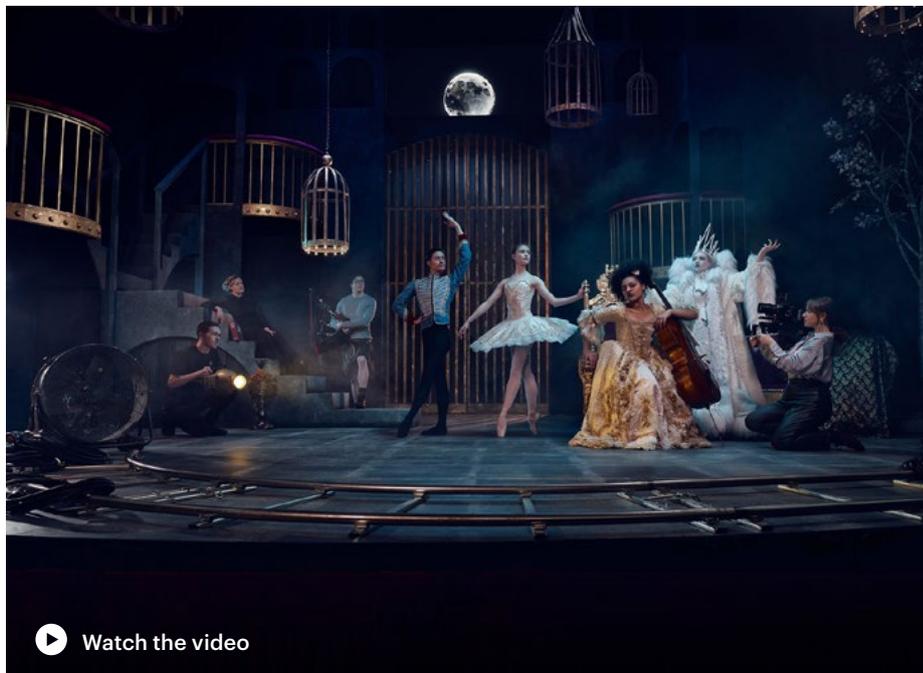


I've lived in Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, China and many more places, but I can honestly say that Scotland is my favourite country. The people make it a place like nowhere else in the world and being a part of the RCS family is incredible.

**May-Ann Blanch, BA Filmmaking student,
England-Vietnam**

Key Facts

- » World top three for performing arts education (2021 QS World University Rankings for Performing Arts).
- » 40% of students come from outside of the UK, representing more than 55 different nationalities.
- » Professional partnerships with all of the national artistic companies.



[▶ Watch the video](#)

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS) is a place like nowhere else, powered by performance, its people, and their passion.

Established in 1847, RCS is recognised consistently as a global leader in performing arts education offering tuition in music, drama, dance, production, film, and education.

Studying at RCS is to be immersed in a creative and collaborative arts community with students from more than 60 countries, innovative and specialist staff and active partnerships with all of Scotland's national arts companies.

RCS is a centre of performance, with purpose-built venues and a learning environment which encourages students to create new work, collaborate with peers across disciplines and develop

ideas across a range of platforms, both physical and virtual.

Through a curriculum built around performance, RCS nurtures each individual's artistry and helps them to refine their art in order to reflect, shape and transform their communities and our world. RCS prepares students for the world as it is and as it will be in the ever-evolving landscape of the arts.

RCS graduates are resourceful, highly employable and members of a dynamic community of artists who make a significant impact across the globe.

At RCS, students develop not just their art but their power to use it.

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There are so many amazing opportunities to make friends and collaborate with people who are doing things outside of your speciality - that's so special.

Mabel Thomas, BA Acting, USA



Learning & Teaching

This world-leading conservatoire is home to some of the finest educators and performers, all united in their commitment to nurture the next generation of performing and production artists.

Specialist teaching across music, drama, dance, production, film and education at undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD levels, as well as the Junior Conservatoire and short courses departments for children, young people, and adults.

RCS is one of the only institutions in Europe which teaches this wide a range of the performing arts on one campus, making it a distinctively creative and collaborative place to study.

Research Strengths

Research at RCS is about inspiring innovative directions for its art forms, fresh insights into processes and practices and new perspectives on their role in economies, cultures, and ecologies. RCS creates world-leading and internationally recognised research and pursues outcomes that include new artworks and performances, exhibitions, recordings, and writing.

Partnerships and Industry

RCS partners with all of the national artistic companies to provide students with the very best learning experiences the Scottish landscape has to offer. Partners include BBC, National Theatre of Scotland, Scottish Ballet, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Scottish Ensemble, Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Scottish Opera.

Prestigious partnerships between RCS and internationally recognised organisations provide unique creative opportunities for students. They include The Prince's Foundation, the exclusive Perthshire destination Gleneagles, and the Buccleuch Living Heritage Trust.

Employability and Alumni

RCS graduates are a talented and richly varied group who make a significant impact across the globe. Alumni perform in symphony orchestras, teach in classrooms and conservatoires, produce world-class arts festivals, create iconic set designs, lead cultural organisations and star in Hollywood movies.

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Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) provides world-class translational research, education, skills, and consulting. As an Enterprise University at the heart of the natural economy its vision is to deliver social, cultural, and economic impact, attractive to learners and collaborators.



I chose to study at SRUC as I loved the courses on offer as well as the fantastic facilities and small class sizes.

Jillian Gordon, Bioscience and Applied Animal Science Graduate, PhD candidate, Scotland

Key Facts

- » SRUC has provided land-based education and training in Scotland for over 100 years.
- » SRUC's research was ranked as the most powerful in Agricultural and Veterinary research in the UK in the Research Excellence Framework (REF).
- » SRUC works with over 18,000 industry partners and provides more business value to SMEs than any other higher education institution in its sector within the UK.



[Watch the video](#)

SRUC was established in 2012 through the merger of the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) with Barony, Elmwood, and Oatridge Colleges. Through these institutions, SRUC can trace its lineage back over 100 years. As a small specialist organisation with campuses across Scotland combined with an extensive network of consultancy offices SRUC provides tertiary education ranging from schools to PhDs.

SRUC's research was ranked as the most powerful in Agricultural and Veterinary research in the UK in the Research Excellence Framework (REF). SRUC's consultancy and commercialisation services provides more business value to SMEs than any other higher education institution in their sector within the UK.

SRUC is on a journey to become Scotland's enterprise university at the heart of sustainable natural economy. Its mission is to create and mobilise knowledge and talent – partnering locally and globally to benefit the natural economy. SRUC envisages a natural economy fuelled by responsible use of natural resources: people, land, energy, water, animals, and plants.

SRUC draws upon longstanding strengths in world-class and sector-leading research, learning and teaching, skills and training and consultancy. The integration of these complementary 'knowledge exchange' services is of significant value to all with an interest in natural economy, be they learners, businesses, communities, or policymakers.



In a world where food, nutritional security and climate change are global challenges, SRUC has a key role to play in tackling these important issues.

Professor Wayne Powell, SRUC Principal and Chief Executive



Watch the video

Learning and Teaching

As a tertiary institution, SRUC is unique in its level of SCQF levels 4 to 12, working closely both with academic and industry partners across the sector. SRUC seeks to meet the needs of the natural economy for an appropriately skilled workforce by focusing on positive purposeful destinations. Widening access opportunities and the learner journey are key. Learners can progress flexibly and appropriately, with recognition given to prior attainment and focusing on their interests.

Research Strengths

SRUC research spans the R&D pipeline with disciplinary and interdisciplinary activities supported largely through external grant income from discovery to applied and industry-led research. A key area that sits across its Research strategy is the initiation of a Challenge Focused Research Portfolio. Challenge Driven Research Centres are the key collaborative research platform in SRUC bringing together academic, industry and policy experts to address and deliver to the key global and local challenges.

They are multi and interdisciplinary and draw on experts from across SRUC and partners to investigate the following areas:

- Driving Data and Digital Innovation
- Global Climate Emergency
- Safe & Improved Food
- Thriving Natural Capital
- Future Food Systems

Partnerships and Industry

The translation of SRUC's innovative research outputs, through close working with SAC Consulting, helps rural industries through the delivery of up to the minute advice and consultancy to approximately 18,000 clients in Scotland, across the rest of the UK and beyond.

Employability and Alumni

Many of SRUC's courses are vocational in nature, blending the academic with the practical. Where appropriate, students can also study for industry-recognised training qualifications. SRUC regularly invites industry representatives, many of whom are alumni, to advise and contribute to teaching.

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University of St Andrews

Known for its rich history, as well as its cutting-edge research and teaching, St Andrews is an innovative Scottish institution with a global orientation, committed to attracting the best minds from around the world.



The University of St Andrews is an outward-looking, global institution, with social responsibility and sustainability at the heart of its values.

Professor Sally Mapstone, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St Andrews

Key Facts

- » The University is top in the UK for student academic experience with a satisfaction rate above 90% (National Student Survey 2021).
- » The University's Global Challenges Forum supports a growing portfolio of research in 49 countries addressing all 17 UN SDGs.
- » The University of St Andrews is ranked first in the UK by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2022.



[Watch the video](#)

Founded in 1413, St Andrews is the third oldest university in the English-speaking world and a highly regarded institution within the UK. The University blends the cosmopolitanism of an international university with a strong sense of community as a result of its location in a small and ancient coastal town. Its diverse community of academics, staff, and students, drawn from over 140 countries and territories, enables St Andrews to take a global perspective aimed at achieving excellence and leadership in research, teaching and the pursuit of knowledge for the cultural and societal common good.

As a research-intensive university, St Andrews brings together leading scholars from around the globe to explore and challenge the world around us. The University's commitment to pursuing ground-breaking research is

further underscored by its investment in world-class facilities, which include the redevelopment of the Scottish Oceans Institute and the opening of the Laidlaw Music Centre.

St Andrews is committed to being a world-leading, diverse, global, and entrepreneurial university, all of which is underpinned by a deep-rooted commitment to social responsibility. The University is proud to have been awarded Sanctuary status by Universities of Sanctuary, acknowledging its desire to provide an academic environment which is safe for those fleeing violence and persecution.

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Being part of the scholarly community at St Andrews was an extremely beneficial and intellectually energizing experience that I will never forget!

Glen MacDonald, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Geography at University of California, Los Angeles, and 2019/20 University of St Andrews Global Fellow, Los Angeles, USA



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Learning and Teaching

The St Andrews approach to learning and teaching offers a combination of traditional and new methods. The University delivers an award-winning student experience that is regularly voted as amongst the very best by students in the National Student Survey. Specialised and flexible programmes are offered across four Faculties (Arts, Divinity, Science, Medicine), with an emphasis on intensive, small-class tuition. More than 10,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students study within an environment that is safe, stimulating, rewarding and interactive.

Research Strengths

St Andrews is a global university which values curiosity-led research and scholarship, and its size and structure promote working across traditional disciplines. The University makes significant contributions to national and global priorities including advanced materials; health; the digital economy; sustainable development; governmental policy. Its scholarship is at the forefront of poetry and playwriting; global cinema; theology; social and cultures studies; philosophy and ethics.

Partnerships and Industry

The University is committed to supporting and developing strategic, multi-dimensional partnerships in Europe and internationally. St Andrews offers a range of successful collaborative programmes and mobility opportunities with partners around the world. Global PhD and Global Fellowship schemes attract prominent international scholars and support collaborative research. Entrepreneurial St Andrews, one of the University's strategic themes, is also driving sustainability-led innovation and strengthening engagement between academia and industry at its new Eden Campus.

Employability and Alumni

The University has a dedicated Careers Centre with expertise in career planning, entrepreneurship, and opportunity development. The Centre builds relationships with global employers and alumni to offer work experience and graduate jobs across a range of sectors. Alumni (c.65,000) also support major fundraising initiatives and investment opportunities through entrepreneurship at St Andrews. The University has dedicated international foundations in the USA, Hong Kong, and Germany, with a further foundation planned for India.



The University of Stirling is a leading UK teaching and research-intensive university, and it is Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence.



At the University of Stirling, being the difference is in our DNA - providing education with a purpose and carrying out research that helps shape society.

Professor Sir Gerry McCormac, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

Key Facts

- » The University of Stirling is Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence and was named the UK's Sports University of the Year 2020 (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020).
- » The University of Stirling has been awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize for the Institute of Aquaculture's pioneering research in the world's fastest-growing food production sector in a bid to tackle global hunger.
- » The University of Stirling is currently nearing completion on a £41.7m transformation that includes a brand-new Campus Central hub and an iconic new sports complex.



[Watch the video](#)

The University of Stirling is an international university committed to helping students make a difference in the world. With a community of 14,000 students from over 120 countries, Stirling is a place where ability – not background – is valued, and teaching, employability and facilities are all rated five-star (QS University Ratings 2021).

Located in the centre of Scotland and less than an hour from Glasgow and Edinburgh, Stirling is ranked among the top 30 Universities in the UK (The Guardian University Guide 2021) and its beautiful 330-acre campus is ranked Top 5 in the world for campus environment (ISB 2018).

As Sports University of the Year 2020 (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020) and Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, Stirling provides access to world-class facilities. Stirling

is also ranked top 15 in the world for employability and top 10 in the UK for clubs and societies (ISB 2018), with more than 120 groups available.

Stirling's international reputation for excellence in teaching and high-quality research addresses key global social, economic, and cultural challenges. In 2019, Stirling was awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize for the Institute of Aquaculture's pioneering research in the world's fastest-growing food production sector in a bid to tackle global hunger.



It's been the best decision to study the University of Stirling. I've developed myself as a person and feel ready to face the business world.

Jennifer Jebathoma, MBA student, India



Learning and Teaching

The University of Stirling has been awarded five QS Stars for teaching (QS University Ratings 2021). Stirling is also rated top 20 in the UK for student satisfaction (NSS 2021), earning a 96% satisfaction rate for lecture expertise (ISB 2018).

With over 220 undergraduate degree combinations and 90 Masters courses and postgraduate research opportunities, the University enables students to explore their passions and boost their employability through world-class learning and teaching.

Research Strengths

With three-quarters of its research ranked world-leading and internationally excellent (REF 2014), the University's ground-breaking research makes a positive impact on health, education and wellbeing, with key strengths across research themes of: Cultures, Communities and Society; Global Security and Resilience; and Living Well. Stirling collaborates with international governments, businesses, industry, and charities to provide solutions to some of the toughest global societal challenges.

Partnerships and Industry

As a global institution, the University has established over 300 overseas teaching and research partnerships across the world. Stirling has strong links with industries, which help inform teaching and offer hands-on learning for students through a range of work-based learning such as internships and work placements.

The University offers a range of work experience opportunities as well as the Stirling Internship Programme and innovative My Stirling Award.

Employability and Alumni

At Stirling, students gain more than a degree. From internships to help finding a job, the Careers and Employability Service provides the support students need to plan their careers, develop employability, or pursue further study. That is why Stirling is ranked 1st in Scotland and Top 5 in the UK for careers services (ISB 2018).

Since the University of Stirling opened its doors in 1967, its alumni family has grown to over 99,000 people across 170 countries.

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The University of Strathclyde is a leading international technological university located in the heart of Glasgow – one of the UK's largest cities.



The people who teach here are not only excellent academics, but professionals with outstanding experience, and they will make sure your time here is unforgettable. Every professor is genuinely interested in their subject and in building your core strengths and raise future 'Strathclyders'.

Rostyslav Sergiyenko, MSc International Management, Ukraine

Key Facts

- » Only University to have won the Times Higher Education University of the Year award twice (2012 and 2019).
- » 20 top 10 subjects in the Complete University Guide 2021.
- » Top 20 UK university for research intensity according to the Times Higher Education's analysis of REF2014.



With more than 23,000 students from over 100 countries, Strathclyde University is a vibrant and welcoming place for students from all backgrounds.

For more than 200 years Strathclyde has been delivering academic excellence through world-class research and teaching, providing students with flexible, innovative learning in preparation for their chosen career path.

Strathclyde was delighted to win Times Higher Education University of the Year 2019 – the only university to be awarded the UK-wide award twice. They have also been recognised as Scottish University of the Year 2020 by the Sunday Times Good University Guide, and were awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize, the highest national honour awarded to the sector. Strathclyde was successful for their innovation in energy innovation.

Scotland's largest city is the backdrop to the Universities students' studies, giving them instant access to world-class architecture and attractions, a diverse culinary scene, vibrant nightlife, and outstanding shopping.

National Geographic named Glasgow as one of its 'Best of the World' destinations, while Rough Guide readers have voted Glasgow the world's friendliest city! Time Out also named Glasgow in the top ten best cities in the world.



From the first day I arrived, the staff were helpful, always smiling, and made sure we are all comfortable. The University is also beautiful - it was nice to walk and look around campus feeling comfortable.

Sara Akhdar, MSc Forensic Science,
Lebanese Canadian



Learning and Teaching

Strathclyde is transforming their campus by investing £1 billion to create a first-class working and learning environment for students. The new £60 million Learning & Teaching building, due for completion this year, will be located in the centre of the campus. The hub will include leading-edge teaching facilities as well as providing a new home for student support services and the Students' Union. Additionally, the recent redevelopment in the Wolfson building has helped to establish it as the centre of Strathclyde's UK-leading Department of Biomedical Engineering and expand its teaching and research capacity.

Research Strengths

Responding to global challenges, the University leads national and international partnerships in research. Each of the four faculties work closely with business, industry, government and policymakers, supporting their enviable track record of making technologies and innovation applicable for the benefit of society.

Partnerships and Industry

Strathclyde has been a pioneer of the 'triple helix' approach of collaboration

between Academia, Government, and Industry for many decades. Industrial partnerships cross a number of industries including; Rolls Royce, Boeing, GSK, Pfizer, Astra Zeneca, Scottish Power, EDF, BAE Systems and Cisco. Strathclyde is a lead University partner of the Glasgow City Innovation District; the first of its kind in Scotland. The University's strengths are in energy, enabling technologies and pharmaceutical manufacturing. Seven clusters of research intensity have been added in recent years. The University is also an anchor institution of the National Manufacturing Institute in Scotland, a new £65M facility where industry, academia, and the public sector collaborate on ground-breaking research.

Employability and Alumni

As 'the Place of Useful Learning', Strathclyde academics are committed to developing highly skilled graduates needed by business and industry. Graduates are entitled to use the Careers Service for up to 5 years after graduation. Strathclyde alumni network is a global community of over 180,000.

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University of the West of Scotland (UWS) is one of Scotland's largest modern universities. With origins dating back to 1897, UWS has four campuses across the west and southwest of Scotland, as well as London.



UWS is a place where ability, not background, matters. As a result of our efforts to widen access to higher education, reduce inequality and close the attainment gap, we are delivering on our purpose to change lives and transform communities.

Professor Craig Mahoney, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

Key Facts

- » In the top 600 universities in Times Higher Education 2021 World University Rankings.
- » Top university in Scotland, and number 33 in the world, for reducing inequalities in Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2021.
- » Shortlisted in Guardian University Awards and Green Gown Awards 2020 for innovative sustainability actions.



The University offers study from degree to postgraduate and PhD levels, as well as providing an extensive range of part-time and continuing professional development options. The wide-ranging portfolio encompasses Business, Creative Industries, Computing, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Education, Social Sciences, Health, Life Sciences and Sport. With 133 nationalities across the University and partners across the globe, UWS is a truly international university.

UWS has four campus sites in the West of Scotland in Ayr, Dumfries, Paisley, and Lanarkshire. UWS opened the doors to its central London campus in 2015, providing a delivery point for UWS degree and postgraduate programmes for its growing international student population.

To provide the best possible learning environments for students, UWS has heavily invested in creating state-of-the-art learning and teaching environments for students and staff. The award-winning Lanarkshire campus provides a flexible, dynamic, and collaborative approach to learning and teaching, as well as being one of Scotland's most sustainable universities. UWS's Ayr campus boasts industry standard performance, broadcasting and editing facilities.

UWS combines first-class teaching with world-leading and internationally excellent research. With research-active teaching staff, the University aims to develop research outputs that have a tangible, early and positive impact on society across the globe.



UWS epitomises institutional innovation, adopts learner-centred pedagogical approaches in creating a supportive learning environment in which the dreams and aspirations of diverse learners are realised.

John Ayanaba, Doctoral Candidate, Ghana



Learning and Teaching

UWS offers career-focussed courses, designed to equip students with the knowledge, experience and confidence to succeed – with over 60 undergraduate courses, and over 80 postgraduate courses, across ten subject areas: Business, Creative Industries, Computing, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Education, Social Sciences, Health, Life Sciences and Sport. UWS delivers high-quality, engaging and interactive on-campus experiences for its students, complemented by its sector-leading, flexible innovative social learning model.

Research Strengths

UWS's research vision is to deliver transformational change through outputs that have a tangible, early and positive impact on society across the globe. While UWS's work covers an enormous breadth of interests, activities fall into three key strategic themes: Health, Society and Sustainability. UWS also has an established track record in applied research and consultancy services to industry. UWS's world-leading research into drone technology, thin films and sensors, AI, 5G networking and arthritis

and dementia care is driving innovative technology developments and helping to shape significant advancements in societies across the world.

Partnerships and Industry

UWS's international partnerships continue to grow and include over 100 European partners; 15 Transnational Education partners; and around 20 Chinese partners.

UWS has a growing international community, with 2,000 international students studying across the University campuses from the US, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, China, and many others. The University has also established links with over 100 educational partners worldwide and International Memoranda of Understanding have been signed, creating new opportunities for collaboration in teaching and research.

Employability and Alumni

UWS Alumni make up a diverse community of over 120,000 graduates across the world. The UWS Alumni Association builds a community for UWS graduates, offering support, specialist benefits, new experiences, and opportunities to give back to current students.

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Connected Scotland is a partnership made of nine stakeholder organisations: Universities Scotland, Scottish Government, British Council Scotland, The Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland's Enterprise Agencies, Scottish Funding Council, Research Innovation Scotland, Colleges Scotland, and College Development Network.



With an ambitious goal of growing the sector's export income, Connected Scotland identifies and pursues international opportunities in support of higher education's international ambitions that can be better reached by working together. The partnership embodies the 'Team Scotland' approach and provides a distinctive infrastructure that reflects the sector's collaborative spirit and global outlook.

The partnership provides enhanced, collaborative support to institutions in strengthening their existing international links, facilitating projects of scale and collaborative ventures that may be too large or bear too much risk for a single institution. Connected Scotland also develops and aims to nurture the international community in key countries through events, training, workshops, and delegations. Lastly, it provides a helpful network for sharing market insight and intelligence.

The partnership has a substantial record of joint projects and delegations in support of the sector's international reach, which the group has assisted with planning and delivery, resources, and financial support, as well as follow-up and wider evaluation activity. Recent projects include delegations to the British Council's annual conference Going Global in Malaysia in April 2018, the Deputy First Minister's visits to India in 2017 and 2018 resulting in a 2-year scholarship for post-graduate programmes which welcomed 15 talented students from India to Scotland. Most recently, Connected Scotland collaborated on a programme of events at the Going Global conference in Berlin in May 2019 and on virtual events across 2020 and 2021 in support of Scotland's wider engagement with Europe.

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