The University of Leicester is a leading UK University committed to international excellence through the creation of world-changing research and high quality, inspirational teaching.

In October 2008 the University was named University of the Year 2008-9 by the Times Higher Education at their annual awards. The judges cited Leicester's ability to "evidence commitment to high quality, a belief in the synergy of teaching and research and a conviction that higher education is a power for good".

A Growing Reputation

The University is ranked 12th in the UK (out of 120 institutions) by the Independent's Good University Guide. The Guide describes Leicester as a “first class university”. Leicester is ranked 14th by the Guardian University Guide and Times University Guide

Leicester features in the world’s top 200 universities (151st in the Shanghai Jiao Tong Table and 177th in the Times Higher World University rankings 2008).

Leicester is a member of the 1994 Group of research intensive universities.

Teaching that Inspires

For four consecutive years, the University of Leicester has recorded some of the highest scores for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey. In 2008 92% of full-time students taught at Leicester were satisfied with their programme.

This is a level of satisfaction exceeded only by Cambridge amongst mainstream universities teaching full-time students in England.

Leicester is home to two prestigious national Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (in Genetics and Geographical Information Science) and plays an important role in a third (Physics).

Teaching in 18 subject areas has been graded as "Excellent" by the Quality Assurance Agency – including 14 successive scores. Leicester has one of the highest student completion rates in the UK. Our completion rate is consistently above 90%.

Research that Changes the World

The research conducted by the University has the strongest impact of any Midlands university measured by citations per academic. Our citation levels are the 7th highest in the UK relative to size (THE/QS World University Ranking September 2008); Leicester’s Quality Related research funding (QR) is the 19th highest of Britain’s 120 universities.

It was here that DNA Genetic Fingerprinting was invented by Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys. Our world-class research is diverse and significant in its impact. For example, our recent work has demonstrated links between hormones and heart disease, discovered new techniques for lifting fingerprints from metals (for example bullets), highlighted that Renaissance England possessed unprecedented diverse and flourishing satire and comedy, and demonstrated that diet has a significant impact on the evolution of species.

Leicester has one of the highest proportions of staff who are research active in the UK, with approximately 93% of staff submitted for the national 2008 Research Assessment Exercise. Of these, Leicester has 87% of research activity deemed by the RAE to be producing internationally significant research.

Leicester is home to the department with the greatest concentration of world class research of any department of any discipline in the UK – in our Department of Museum Studies.

A Major Player

A University of 21,000 students, our turnover is in excess £200m per annum. Our turnover has a secondary knock on effect of £300m into the regional economy. Our students’ spending contributes a further £125m directly and indirectly into the economy. In total the University contributes well over half a billion pounds of activity annually to the economy. The University directly employs over 3,000 people and indirectly supports the employment of just under 3,000 others.

Further Information

Further information about the University is available at www.le.ac.uk
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