

## Times Higher Education University of the Year 2008-9

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



“A first class University”

Complete University  
Guide April 2009

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%.

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### 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.

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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

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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 3000 people and indirectly supports the employment of just under 3000 others.

### Further Information

Further information about the University is available at [www.le.ac.uk](http://www.le.ac.uk)

1. 'Jane' the 21-foot long cast of a Tyrannosaurus rex now on permanent display in the Bennett building.
2. The new £32 million award-winning David Wilson Library.
3. Prof. Annette Cashmore who was named as a National Teaching Fellow in 2008.

# Profile 2009

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The stand-out  
choice in a very  
tough competition.

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR 2008/9**

## University of Leicester Principal Officers

(From 1 August 2009)

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## Student Numbers 2008/09 (as at 1 December 2008)

Distributions of Full-Time Students by Faculty				
Faculty	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total	
Arts	1855	188	2043	
Science	1677	440	2117	
Social Sciences	1917	1144	3061	
Law	908	109	1017	
Medicine & BiolSciences	2290	481	2771	
	<b>8647</b>	<b>2362</b>	<b>11009</b>	
Distributions of Full-Time Students by Fee Type				
	Home/EU	Overseas	Total	
Undergraduate	7823	824	8647	
Postgraduate	1162	1200	2362	
	<b>8985</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>11009</b>	
		18.4%		
Distribution of Full-Time Students by Sex				
	Male	Female	Total	
Undergraduate	4134	4513	8647	
Postgraduate	1101	1261	2362	
	<b>5235</b>	<b>5774</b>	<b>11009</b>	
		52.5%		
Mature students (Full-Time Undergraduates)				
	Under 21 on date of admission	Over 21 on date of admission	Total	
	7582	1065	8647	
		12.3%		
Total Registered Students				
	Undergraduate	Postgraduate (Taught)	Postgraduate (Research)	Total
Full-time (Home)	7823	787	375	8985
Full-time (Overseas)	824	922	278	2024
Part-time	231	398	399	1028
Distance Learning (Home)	849	2983	68	3900
Distance Learning (Ovs)	620	4269	113	5002
	<b>10347</b>	<b>9359</b>	<b>1233</b>	<b>20939</b>
Occasionals/Incoming exchange students	314	5	–	319
Accredited Adult Education	310	–	–	310
In-service teacher education	–	60	–	60
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>10971</b>	<b>9424</b>	<b>1233</b>	<b>21628</b>

## Staff profile as at 31 July 2008

Non-clinical academic staff		
	full-time	part-time
Professors	168	4
Senior Lecturers/Readers	183	4
Lecturers	315	15
	<b>666</b>	<b>23</b>
Clinical academic staff		
	full-time	part-time
Professors	37	0
Senior Lecturers/Readers	36	1
Lecturers	12	16
	<b>85</b>	<b>17</b>
Academic-Related		
	full-time	part-time
Admin	215	29
Library	16	8
Computer	49	6
Other related	146	52
Research	342	48
Clinical research	35	3
	<b>803</b>	<b>146</b>
Support Staff		
	full-time	part-time
Clerical	405	304
Technical	276	96
Manual and Ancillary	232	612
	<b>913</b>	<b>1012</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>2467</b>	<b>1198</b>

## Destination of 2007 Graduates

	First Degree		Higher Degree	
Working	842	58.6%	416	81.9%
Work & study	111	7.7%	29	5.7%
Further study	354	24.7%	29	5.7%
Unemployed	68	4.7%	25	4.9%
Other	61	4.2%	9	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1436</b>		<b>508</b>	

## Principal Countries of Domicile – Full-time International Students

The University had students from 67 countries outside the European Union on its degree courses and Study Abroad Programme in 2007-08. The largest numbers were from:

People's Republic of China 26%, India 9%, Canada 7%, Nigeria 6%, Malaysia 5%, Pakistan 5%, Taiwan 5%, United States of America 5%, Hong Kong 4%, Saudi Arabia 2%, other countries 31%.

## Income 2007/08

	£000
Funding Council Grants	
Recurrent (Teaching)	37,279
Recurrent (Research)	18,444
Recurrent (Other Grants)	7,443
Capital Grant	2,941
Academic Fees and Support Grants	
Full-time course fees	38,393
Part-time course fees	17,290
Research Training Support Grants	1,897
Research Grants and Contracts	
Research Councils	16,864
UK-based Charities	10,412
UK Government, LAs and the NHS	5,622
UK Industry and Commerce	3,632
EU Government Bodies	3,477
Other Sources	1,506
Other Income	
Other Services Rendered	2,180
Residences and Catering	14,551
Bookshop	1,806
Income from the NHS	11,617
General and Specific Endowments	273
Investment Income	1,659
Departmental and Other Income	8,026
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>205,312</b>