

University of Leicester

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. It has been named University of the Year 2008 by the Times Higher Education magazine.

A Growing Reputation

The University is ranked 12th in the UK (out of 113 institutions) by *The Independent's* Complete University Guide. The Guide describes Leicester as a "first class university". Leicester is

ranked 14th by *The Guardian* and *The Times* University Guides and 18th by *The Sunday Times* University Guide.

Leicester is one of just 21 British Universities to feature in the world's top 200. The University of Leicester remained unchanged in joint 16th place amongst British universities this year and was ranked joint 151st in the world. The study, carried out by Shanghai Jiao Tong University, uses a range of data sources to compile the table of the world's top 500 universities. The University is also ranked 177th in the world by the *Times Higher Education* magazine.

Over the past four years Leicester has received four nominations for University of the Year from the *Times Higher* and *The Sunday Times*.

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



1.



Teaching that Inspires

Amongst full time students taught at mainstream universities Cambridge came top in England. 93% of students taught there were satisfied with their programmes followed by Leicester (92%), UEA (92%) and Oxford (92%). This is the fourth successive year that Leicester has been ranked top in the Midlands.

In total, three subject areas at Leicester were ranked top in the country in terms of average overall satisfaction scores (Engineering, Geology & French with the School of Modern Languages scoring 98% as a whole). Genetics and Politics were ranked 2nd.

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 have 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%.

2.



Research that Changes the World

The research conducted by the University has the strongest impact of any Midlands university and the tenth greatest impact in England according to *The Guardian* (30th October 2007).

It was here that DNA Genetic Fingerprinting was invented by Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys in what is now the UK's only 5* research rated Genetics department.

Research at Leicester is thriving. We have a world-class reputation for our work in Cardiovascular Medicine, Physics and Space Science, Economics, Engineering, Law, English, Historical Studies, Archaeology, Mathematics, and across the biological sciences.

Our research strengths stretch across our five faculties. Over 90% of academic staff are research active. Thirteen departments gained the 5 or 5* ratings that indicate internationally significant work in the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise.

According to Thomson Scientific Leicester has the tenth highest number of highly cited researchers in the UK.

3.



A Major Player

The University's turnover is £200m per annum. Our turnover has a secondary knock on effect of £262m into the economy. Our students' spending contributes a further £125m directly and indirectly into the economy. In total the University contributes 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

- 1. Prof. Annette Cashmore who was named as a National Teaching Fellow in 2008.
- 2. A Prey's eye view of a Stickleback. An award winning photograph by Dr. Mark Purnell, Geology.
- 3. Inside the new David Wilson Library.

Profile 2009

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

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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 |
| | 666 | 23 |

Clinical academic staff

| | full-time | part-time |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Professors | 37 | 0 |
| Senior Lecturers/Readers | 36 | 1 |
| Lecturers | 12 | 16 |
| | 85 | 17 |

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 |
| | 803 | 146 |

Support Staff

| | full-time | part-time |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Clerical | 405 | 304 |
| Technical | 276 | 96 |
| Manual and Ancillary | 232 | 612 |
| | 913 | 1012 |

Grand total

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | 2467 | 1198 |
|--|-------------|-------------|

Destination of Leavers 06/07

| | 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% |
| Total | 1436 | | 508 | |

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 2006/2007

| | 2006/7 £000 |
|---|----------------|
| Funding Council Grants | |
| Recurrent (Teaching) | 35435 |
| Recurrent (Research) | 17757 |
| Recurrent (Other Grants) | 5764 |
| Capital Grants | 3271 |
| Academic Fees and Support Grants | |
| Full-time course fees | 30056 |
| Part-time course fees | 13773 |
| Research Training Support Grants | 994 |
| Research Grants and Contracts | |
| Research Councils | 15076 |
| UK-based Charities | 8979 |
| "UK Government, LAs and the NHS | 5430 |
| UK Industry and Commerce | 4272 |
| EU Government Bodies | 2451 |
| Other Sources | 1418 |
| Other Income | |
| Other Services Rendered | 3100 |
| Residences and Catering | 15101 |
| Bookshop | 1968 |
| Income from the NHS | 11648 |
| General and Specific Endowments | 218 |
| Investment Income | 1494 |
| Departmental and Other Income | 7290 |
| Total Income | 185,495 |

Student Numbers 2007/08 (as at 1 December 2007)

Distributions of Full-Time Students by Faculty

| Faculty | Undergraduate | Postgraduate | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Arts | 1679 | 166 | 1845 |
| Science | 1442 | 361 | 1803 |
| Social Sciences | 1642 | 1031 | 2673 |
| Law | 888 | 95 | 983 |
| Medicine & Bio Sciences | 2266 | 475 | 2741 |
| | 7917 | 2128 | 10045 |

Distribution of Full-Time Students by Fee Type

| | Home/EU | Overseas | Total |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Undergraduate | 7167 | 750 | 7917 |
| Postgraduate | 1136 | 992 | 2128 |
| | 8303 | 1742 | 10045 |
| | | 17.3% | |

Distribution of Full-Time Students by Sex

| | Male | Female | Total |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Undergraduate | 3719 | 4198 | 7917 |
| Postgraduate | 953 | 1175 | 2128 |
| | 4672 | 5373 | 10045 |
| | 46.5% | 53.5% | |

Mature students (Full-Time Undergraduates)

| | Under 21 on date of admission | Over 21 on date of admission | Total |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | 6881 | 1036 | 7917 |
| | | 13.1% | |

Total Registered Students

| | Undergraduate | Postgraduate (Taught) | Postgraduate (Research) | Total |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Full-time (Home) | 7167 | 767 | 369 | 8303 |
| Full-time (Overseas) | 750 | 731 | 261 | 1742 |
| Part-time | 231 | 403 | 372 | 1006 |
| Distance Learning (Home) | 675 | 2845 | 37 | 3557 |
| Distance Learning (Ovs) | 414 | 3471 | 72 | 3957 |
| | 9237 | 8217 | 1111 | 18565 |
| Occasionals/Incoming exchange students | 282 | — | — | 282 |
| Accredited Adult Education | 416 | — | — | 416 |
| In-service teacher education | — | 112 | — | 112 |
| Grand Total | 9935 | 8329 | 1111 | 19375 |