

Key Facts 2015





We are ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world by the QS World University Rankings 2014 and 20th in the UK in the *Complete University Guide 2015*. The University is also a member of the Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities.

We are creating a £40m National Centre for Ageing Science and Innovation following backing from the Government.

The 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) placed us 16th in the UK for research power.

We were voted one of the best universities to work for in the Times Higher Education Best University Workplace Survey 2014.

We were placed joint 6th in the UK for overall student satisfaction in the latest National Student Survey. Our international students put us in the world's top 50 (ISB 2013).



As a world class civic university Newcastle's work is focused on addressing some of society's most pressing problems. We want our research and teaching to have the maximum impact in Newcastle and the North East, the UK and the world.

Our three major research areas of Ageing, Social Renewal and Sustainability are tackling profound global issues such as dementia, human trafficking and energy storage.

Our staff and students actively engage with our many stakeholders including: business, policymakers, charities and the public.

Since 2012 we have worked with 540 small and medium-sized enterprises to support their growth and in the last three years 140 spin-outs and graduate businesses have been launched by the University and are still active, bringing jobs and new investment to the North East.

World Class

Civic University



We have invested over £150m in transforming our campus and in projects that are bringing new business and jobs to the region:

Science Central – a partnership with Newcastle City Council – is creating a ‘living laboratory’ in the heart of the city where our £58m Urban Sciences Building will bring together scientists from a range of disciplines to trial innovative urban technologies and understand the demands of future cities.

The UK’s largest Smart Grid project sees our experts working with industry to decarbonise the electricity system while ensuring a secure and sustainable supply for customers.

The Neptune National Centre for Subsea and Offshore Engineering will be home to a world-leading centre of excellence for hyperbaric testing – the first of its kind in the UK and the first such commercial facility in the world.

Regional Roots

Newcastle University staff and students work with governments, NGOs, universities, colleges, schools and businesses worldwide to further our work and broaden our international reach.

Most visible are our medical campus in Malaysia and our engineering base in Singapore.

In China, we are growing a strong partnership with Xiamen University which will include teaching programmes and collaborative research.

In Australia, we continue to deepen our interdisciplinary research links with Monash University while in the USA we are working in partnership with three other world class civic universities: Cornell, Indiana and Pittsburgh.

A strong link with academic colleagues in Brazil has blossomed from a small research staff exchange in computing science to a university-wide programme of research and exchange.

Global Profile

Facts and Figures

Academic Year 2014-15

Chancellor: Sir Liam Donaldson, Pro-Chancellor: Mr Mark I'Anson MBE

Vice-Chancellor: Professor Chris Brink

Home and overseas students					
Undergraduate	Home (UK & EU)	Overseas	Total	Overseas Campuses	Grand Total
Full time	14,030	2,302	16,332	1,158	17,490
Part time	60	9	69		69
Total	14,090	2,311	16,401		17,559

Postgraduate					
Full time	Part time	Total	Overseas Campuses	Grand Total	
2,028	2,793	4,821	16	4,837	
1,305	146	1,451	17	1,468	
3,333	2,939	6,272	33	6,305	
Total		22,673	1,191	23,864	

Distribution of students by faculty				
Faculty	Full & Part Time	NUIS, Singapore	NUMed, Malaysia	Grand Total
Medical Sciences	4,742		475	5,217
Science, Agriculture & Engineering	6,762	716		7,478
Humanities & Social Sciences	11,169			11,169
Total				23,864

Distribution of staff				
	UK	NUIS, Singapore	NUMed, Malaysia	Grand Total
Academic	2,483	37	47	2,567
Senior Support	792		10	802
Administrative Support	1,101		24	1,125
Specialist	476		2	478
Operational	675		10	685
O'seas non-academic		13		13
Total	5,527	50	93	5,670

Degrees awarded (academic year 2013-14)	
Undergraduate	4,627
Postgraduate	3,643
Total	8,270

Income (year ended 31 July 2014)		
	£m	\$m
Funding Council Grants	82.0	138.5
Academic fees and support grants	179.8	303.6
Research grants and contracts	102.0	172.2
Other operating income	68.3	115.3
Endowment income and interest receivable	6.4	10.9
Total	438.5	740.5

Origin of new research awards (year ended 31 July 2014)		
	£m	\$m
Research councils	37.6	63.5
European Commission	14.4	24.3
UK-based charities	25.3	42.7
Other	47.5	80.3
Total	124.8	210.8

The conversion rate used here is £1 = \$1.68862 (Rate at 31 July 2014 - figures may not add up exactly, due to rounding).

Research Excellence

Newcastle University is a member of the Russell Group, the association of 24 leading research-intensive UK universities. We have research links with many other countries and a proven track record of meeting the most pressing societal challenges through socially relevant research.

The most recent independent assessment of UK university research quality, the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014) confirmed Newcastle University's position as one of the most powerful research universities in the country, placing it 16th in the UK for research power.

The University's performance in 28 individual fields of research was reviewed by panels of internationally-renowned experts who were specifically looking for the institution's impact on global society. The results showed that the vast majority of Newcastle University's research was placed in the top two categories of 4* (world leading) or 3* (internationally excellent).



Recognised as one of the most powerful research universities in the country, the Research Excellence Framework 2014 categorised the vast majority of our research as world leading or internationally excellent.

We are ranked 8th in the UK for Medical and Life Sciences research quality. Our work in this field includes developing a pioneering IVF technique to tackle devastating mitochondrial diseases – a world first for Newcastle.

We are ranked 1st in the UK for Computing Science research impact. An example of our work in this field is developing computer systems to de-risk clinical trials, helping to develop new, less invasive methods for drug discovery.

Our research quality in English was ranked in the UK top 3, with all of its impact being rated as world leading. An example of the impact of this research included work by Professor Jackie Kay around her critically acclaimed memoir about inter-racial adoption.

Research

REF 2014: Results at a Glance



We are ranked **16th** for **research power** out of 154 higher education institutions in the UK



The vast majority of our research (**78%**) is **world-leading** or **internationally excellent** (4* or 3*)



952 staff members submitted research of the assessment. That's **80%** of our eligible staff.



Ranked **3rd** for English with **100%** of research rated **world-leading** for impact.



We are ranked in the **top 12** for Geography, Architecture and Planning, and Cultural and Media Studies research quality.



We made **28** submissions to **27** units of assessments and **113** impact case studies



Ranked **4th** amongst UK medical schools for Clinical Medicine research intensity. Ranked **5th** amongst dental schools for research quality.



Ranked **5th** for biological sciences research quality and Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience research impact.



Ranked **1st** in the UK for Computing Science research impact, ranked **3rd** in the UK for Civil Engineering research power and ranked **11th** in the UK for Mathematical Sciences research.

Excellence



£27m
student
accommodation
investment

We continue to improve learning facilities on campus including: upgrading IT facilities, improving library resources and developing innovative, user-friendly learning spaces.

We support our students to develop skills for learning, life and work through our Pride of Newcastle University Awards scheme. The scheme has offered students 12,000 opportunities in accredited and paid placements, volunteering and entrepreneurship modules.

We have invested £5m in refurbishing student accommodation including the installation of Wi-Fi in all rooms and upgrading heating systems to reduce our carbon emissions.

We have also created 650 en-suite rooms in our new accommodation blocks at Kensington and Park Terraces.

Sport is a major part of student life at Newcastle. We rank consistently highly in the British University and Colleges Sport (BUCS) programme.

Education



93.7%
graduate
employment
or further
training

rise up

Join the entrepreneurial revolution

Don't follow the norm.
Don't accept mediocrity.
Don't curb your enthusiasm.

Don't be afraid to do your own thing.
I believe I can do it better.
I want to make the rules.
I know I can make a go of it.
I want to work for myself.
Rise up.

Over 93% of our 2013 graduates progressed to employment or further study within six months of graduating.

We have a strong focus on student entrepreneurship via our Careers Service Rise Up initiative and we work closely with hundreds of local firms securing industry placements for our graduates.

Over 100 Research Scholarships and expeditions are awarded to our students every year, helping them to lead projects all over the world.

Our Widening Participation record for the North East of England is way beyond national benchmarks thanks to our work with schools and colleges to help pupils understand the opportunities we offer, regardless of circumstances.

Our students volunteered over 45,000 hours to community causes in the last year.

Our 122,000-strong network of alumni helps us foster links and connections for our students across the globe.

For Life



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FOR HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION
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