Lancaster is ranked amongst the best in the UK. We’re not only The Times and Sunday Times University of the Year, but are ranked 6th in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018. We are also in the top 10 of The Complete University Guide and the Guardian University Guide.

Our facilities have won awards, our research is recognised as world-leading and our Teaching Excellence Framework Gold award in 2017 shows that our teaching is of the highest quality found in the UK. Yet the standards we’ve set are only a starting point – year on year, we’re making improvements and doing more.

We think that being exceptional doesn’t have to mean being elite. Our founding principle is that ‘truth lies open to all’.
This refers to question 27 of the survey, which asks students whether they are satisfied with the overall quality of their course.

The 2017 survey reveals that 91%* of our students are satisfied with their course.

*Lancaster University achieved a 75% response rate (compared to a sector response rate of 68%).
High standards. Open doors.

The UK offers a wealth of options for university study. We know it can be hard to know which institutions are best and, more importantly, which one is going to be right for you.

At Lancaster, we look to the objective measures we set year after year as a benchmark of our quality. With published league tables based on official statistics, it’s not a matter of opinion. It comes down to facts – and the results are good. We outperform most of the Russell Group universities (24 of the UK’s leading research universities) in most categories.

We’re proud to stand among – or even above – such renowned and well-regarded institutions. But our elite standards don’t come with an elitist attitude. Our motto of ‘truth lies open to all’ means we’re here to teach students who are ready to learn. Nothing else should count.

Lancaster is one of the best universities in the UK

We’re not just a top-10 university. Based on the average positions in The Times/Sunday Times, Complete and Guardian league tables, we’re also ranked higher than 18 of the Russell Group, including the London School of Economics, Edinburgh University, Bristol, Glasgow and Leeds.

Our students are among the UK’s most satisfied

Our rate of student satisfaction, as measured by the Complete University Guide, is among the highest in the country. It’s even higher than 21 of the Russell Group – putting us above the likes of King’s College London, Nottingham, Southampton and Oxford.

A Lancaster degree means you’re well-equipped for work or further study

According to The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, our graduates have better rates of employment or further study within 6 months of graduating than 19 of the Russell Group. We think that gives us an edge over the likes of Durham, Exeter, Liverpool and Cardiff, to name but a few.
A campus touching every continent

Our campus may be self-contained, but our community stretches far beyond Lancaster, with an influence and impact which is felt right across the globe.

We have more than 150 academic partners across 24 countries around the world. With these strong links among universities and institutions in the USA, Asia and Europe, we’re at the forefront of international, collaborative research projects, working on major global issues. It also means that we can help our students explore the world in a wide range of different study placements, cultural exchanges and volunteering programmes.

Today, we have students working toward Lancaster University degrees on three different continents, with many destined to join our campus to complete their studies. We welcome thousands of students to Lancaster from more than a hundred countries – including China, Ghana, India, Nigeria and Malaysia – giving our community a broad cultural base and vibrant make-up.

Ranked 135th out of 959 universities in the 2018 QS World Rankings

Over 2,000 students studying for a Lancaster degree outside the UK

Ranked 71st in the Times Higher Education Best Universities in Europe 2018

Over 130,000 alumni in 180 countries worldwide

Joint institute with Beijing Jiaotong University in Weihai, China established in 2016

Academic partnership with Sunway University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia established in 2006

Campus in Ghana opened in 2013

For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk
Science and Technology

* We are leading flood mitigation research which aims to solve one of the most pressing problems to face water science in a generation.
* Our physicists are looking at the formation of galaxies and the Universe itself.
* We are developing new materials to dramatically increase the security of telecommunications.
* We have shown how data mining techniques can be used to identify when Twitter users are radicalised.

Health and Medicine

* We are working on psychological treatments for a range of mental health conditions such as bipolar disorder.
* Our research is helping to understand the metabolic behaviour of abnormal cells, like cancer.
* We are working with the NHS on new ways of supporting patients in the face of an ageing population.

World-leading research

Lancaster has been recognised for its research, with 35% of our research classed as world-leading and 48% classed as internationally excellent in the latest Research Excellence Framework, 2014.

Our teams work to find the answers to global questions affecting us all. Renowned experts at the forefront of their fields are shaping our understanding of the world. Their work feeds into our degree programmes, ensuring that your education—whatever your path or preferred subject—is informed by cutting-edge thinking.

Every day, we discover, explore and understand more. Here are some of our unique research projects.

Management

* Our researchers have explored the impact of performance-enhancing drugs in the workplace.
* Our leading research helps family firms innovate, grow and succeed across generations.
* Our experts are using mathematical modelling to reduce airport congestion.

Arts and Social Sciences

* Our linguists have discovered how language shapes how the brain perceives time.
* Our researchers are helping shape the way forward for anti-trafficking initiatives in the EU.
* We are leading research into patterns of energy demands and how they change.
Our collegiate advantage

We’re one of a handful of universities that have a college structure. It doesn’t just make us different. We think it makes us better.

As well as the physical places where you live and socialise, your college provides a community within the university, a supportive environment and a ready-made social network from day one.

Being part of one of our colleges means that although you’re studying at a large university with thousands of others, you’re also part of a small, friendly community where it’s easy to meet new friends. You’ll spend time there, whether at special events, in the leisure facilities or in the college bar. You’ll have the chance to represent your college, whether in the sporting arena, team competitions, on a quiz team or on the student-run committee. And, if you ever need help, you can turn to your college for welfare support or the guidance of an experienced advisor.

After your exam results, we’ll confirm your place with us and ask you to choose your college (along with your accommodation if you’re staying on campus). From the first day, when your fellow college members are on hand to show you around your accommodation, to the day you graduate with your friends, your college is an integral part of the Lancaster University experience.

“The collegiate system was one of the main reasons I came to Lancaster. The benefits hit home from the moment you arrive and the Freshers’ Rep takes you to your room to help you to settle in. This emphasis on welfare runs through the fabric of the University and is aided by the colleges. No-one slips through the net.”

Sophie Thickitt, Fylde College, BSc Hons Geography
After coming to Lancaster and joining Fylde College, Sophie was elected as Education and Welfare Officer.
Say hello to your future

Throughout your time at Lancaster University, we’re here to offer more than an experience – we’re here to help you discover the path to the future you want. We’re good at it too. In fact, we’re ranked 9th in UK for graduate prospects according to The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide.

Our Careers Service works closely with academic colleagues, major graduate employers and global businesses to ensure that you have the chance to develop key skills, gain work experience and meet mentors and alumni. Thanks to those strong business connections, we can work with you to offer the kind of industrial placements, internships and work experience opportunities that can help you realise your career ambitions. And with connections to some of the top global graduate recruiters, high growth businesses and employers across every sector, we can help you take your first vital steps in the world of work.

The services we offer include

† Annual Careers Fairs attracting 100+ employers
† Sector-specific careers fairs, events and workshops, and employer networking
† Career-mentoring programmes where you can learn from an employer or a previous graduate
† Career-planning workshops on how to construct a brilliant CV, develop a LinkedIn profile or succeed at psychometric testing – and more
† Practical courses in employability, enterprise skills and career management
† Updates on graduate schemes, internships and work experience vacancies

Our professional Employment Recruitment Service can help you find part-time work on campus or nearby. There are lots of opportunities not only to earn some extra money, but also to develop useful skills and experience.

Contact us
For more information please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/careers

See overleaf for more information

* Lancaster University achieved a 78.2% response rate. For further information please see www.hesa.ac.uk/files/UKPIs_2015-16_Employment.xlsx

97% of our graduates go into a job or further study with six months (85% at graduate level), according to the latest Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey*, 2015 - 16.

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Say hello to your future

Knowledge Bank
Our online resource offers 24/7 careers help, ranging from videos, learning pages and psychometric tests, to insights from top employers on their recruitment and selection methods. With over 6,000 graduate opportunities listed every year on our exclusive Lancaster University job search portal, we’ll help you discover a world of possibilities for your career.

Experience
Many employers value practical experience just as much as high-quality qualifications, so we make sure there are plenty of opportunities to experience the workplace during your time in Lancaster.

That’s why so many of our courses offer the chance to go on a placement with an employer. Some can last as long as a year, while others involve short-term projects. We can also help you organise internships during the holidays or find a part-time role to help you develop professional skills whilst earning in your spare time.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/employment-and-recruitment-services

Opportunities for innovative thinkers
If you’re eager to make your mark on the professional world, you don’t have to wait until you’ve graduated to get started. You can get involved in a range of activities to help you create – and make the most of – your own opportunities.

Our Enterprise Centre offers a wealth of expertise, support and contacts to help you turn your business ideas into a reality. We can also support you in a wide range of inter-college and inter-university enterprise competitions, as well as business leadership courses and activities.

Volunteering
Lancaster University has a thriving volunteering culture, with around 1,300 students involved every year. Our Students’ Union works with a number of charities, schools and local organisations to arrange a variety of volunteering opportunities. As a great way to develop skills, enhance your CV and – above all – make a positive contribution to the community, volunteering is as rewarding as it is beneficial.

Lancaster Award
The Lancaster Award can help you stand out from the crowd and enhance your future employment prospects. Developed in partnership with employers, it’s a rewarding way of developing the skills and experience that will support your career prospects.

Expert help
We know that it can be daunting to start thinking about your future. So our team of experienced careers professionals are here to give you the support and help you need to plan your next steps. We understand the vast array of options you face. We’ll help you to choose what’s right for you, whether that’s applying for a graduate job, continuing your studies to a higher level, or both.

Lasting support
You probably won’t need us after you graduate – most of our students go straight into work or continue their studies. But careers aren’t straight lines on one simple track. Your aims in life can shift over time and your circumstances may change. When that happens, we’ll be here to help. We provide our graduates with lifetime access to our services. Put simply, we’re here for as long as you need us.

For more information
www.lancaster.ac.uk/hello-future/