Campus Development

Over £170 million has been invested into the campus since 2013 with up to £250 million planned over the next five years.

The Campus Masterplan underpins the University’s commitment to provide world-class teaching and research facilities.

Lancaster University’s Strategy maps out an ambitious future as a globally significant university in the top 10 in the UK and top 100 in the world.

To achieve this, the University is committed to a continuous improvement programme of the existing facilities, as well as a provision of new buildings to accommodate the expected growth in student numbers.
Library Extension
Following the successful development of the Library over recent years, and the rise in demand from students, an extension will be constructed along the west elevation of the existing building to significantly increase study space.

Three of the four floors will be purpose-built Library space, consisting of collaboration and mixed study spaces. The fourth-floor, accessed independently, will become a new shared space for teaching and LU societies to utilise.

Construction is planned to start towards the end of 2019 and will be open for the start of 2021.
Investment in Student Accommodation

The University has set out ambitious growth plans for the next 10 years with a target of over 15,000 students accommodated at the Bailrigg campus by 2021.

Year after year, our accommodation is recognised by the prestigious National Student Housing Awards, most recently for our Grizedale Townhouses being named as 'Best Individual Accommodation 2018'.

Together with plans to develop new accommodation on campus, the refurbishment of existing residencies helps to achieve these high standards whilst maintaining an outstanding student experience on campus, during significant growth in student numbers.
400 Seat Lecture Theatre

As part of the Lancaster University’s growth strategy and in response to feedback from staff and students, the University is investing £4.7m in a purpose-built, 400-seat lecture theatre.

The state-of-the-art facility will be set back from the Spine, connecting to the FASS building on North Campus. With a capacity of 400 seats, the lecture theatre will become the largest on campus, easing the demand on other teaching facilities and doubling-up as space to host large-scale conferences.

Engineering Phase 2 Development

Following the success of the new Engineering building in 2015, a second Engineering building will be constructed to allow for expansion within the department.

The state-of-the-art building will be purpose built for the Engineering Department, which has seen growth in specialisms such as Nuclear, Energy and Chemical Engineering thanks to the specially designed workshops, teaching laboratories and research areas.

Plans also include the introduction of a 3D lecture theatre, as well as provisions to refurbish parts of the former Engineering building to further enhance facilities there too.
Lancaster University is investing up to £1 million to transform Edward Roberts Court into the main food destination on campus. Initial plans will refurbish the space, re-shaping the accessible pedestrian route through the area, as well as increasing the number of outdoor and sheltered seating areas. The construction phase is scheduled to start in summer 2019.
Currently Onsite...

Management School Remodelling

The programme will deliver a truly world-class and innovative teaching, research and business engagement environment to cater for the future needs of students, staff and business partners.

The remodelling project plays an important role in the LUMS Strategic ambition to be recognised as a leading international management school.
Sports Centre Extension

A new £6million Sports Hall is being developed to expand the capacity of the Sport Lancaster offering.

Complimenting the existing Sports Hall, the extension will provide a multi-functional hall that features a variety of full-size courts including a Basketball court and eight Badminton courts. Retractable seating, with the capacity to seat more than 500 people will also be installed under the plans.

The building is planned to open in 2020.
Health Innovation Campus

Construction is well underway to create Lancaster University’s Health Innovation Campus (HIC). The development will create a world-class centre of excellence in innovation to transform healthcare and change practice regionally, nationally and internationally.

The Health Innovation Campus will bring together innovators, academics, entrepreneurs, businesses, local government, citizens and healthcare providers.

The campus will be co-located with Lancaster University’s Faculty of Health and Medicine, recognised as one of the top establishments for training doctors in the UK.
Recently Completed...

Phase 2 of the Library refurbishment introduced an additional 44 study spaces by transforming part of the special collections area. Each study space was fitted with individual power supplies and enhanced WiFi coverage, in addition to this, new furniture was installed to the reading room, meaning that 96 study spaces were improved as part of the refurbishment. The project was the first refurbishment to achieve an environmental performance ‘BREEAM Excellent’ rating.
Spine Remodelling Project

The Spine Remodelling Project has rejuvenated what is arguably one of the most used ‘spaces’ on campus; the main pathway from the North to the South of campus.

The spine is now wheelchair accessible from end to end and provides a vibrant, light, weather protected route, offering a variety of environments.

The project successfully completed in Autumn 2018 as one of the University’s largest projects to date.

LEC Atrium Refurbishment

The Lancaster Environment Centre (LEC) atrium has been upgraded to reflect the department’s reputation as one of the world’s largest and highest rated multi-disciplinary centres of environmental research.

The newly refurbished space provides a cutting-edge breakout space with a new energy efficient roof, environmentally friendly flooring and furniture to accommodate a wealth of plants and features.
To meet the increasing demand for sports facilities, the University invested in a state of the art 500m2 extension. Accommodating the Human Performance facility and Conditioning Suite comprising of cardiovascular and free weight activities. Complementing the existing facade of the building, the extension is clad with an eye catching red metal rain-screen. The building is constructed with a sustainable design, featuring high standards of thermal and mechanical ventilation influenced by BREEAM Excellent principles.
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