

University Research Strategy

2008 – 2013

The vision

As an established and highly successful research-led University, we will be consistently ranked among the top 15 Universities in the UK and top 150 in the World, in terms of our research excellence. We will be Internationally renowned for our world class activities in a number of strategically important centres of excellence, whilst simultaneously demonstrating excellence across a broader range of disciplinary areas. We will be recognised as possessing an outstanding, vibrant and supportive research environment, that assists us in attracting staff and research students of the highest calibre. Our research will be driven by effective leadership, under-pinned by a sustainable funding base, and supported by high quality management and administration.

Key Strategic Objectives

- To be internationally renowned for our world class activities in a number of strategically important centres of excellence, whilst simultaneously demonstrating excellence across a broader range of disciplinary areas.
- To be recognised internally and externally for the provision of outstanding research leadership, infrastructure, facilities, and support, and be admired for our creativity in developing and supporting new talent and initiatives.
- To substantially increase our share of external research grant income, in order to provide a sustainable funding base for our research.
- To attract increasing numbers of high quality postgraduate research students, and provide them with a stimulating and supportive research environment and training.
- To have active engagement with a number of key strategic partners from across the world and be increasingly sought out by potential collaborators, partners, funders, policy makers, and the media, so that we increasingly shape the external research agenda.