The University of Reading is ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world (THE World University Rankings 2011–2012).

We have been awarded the Queen’s Anniversary Prize four times. Most recently in 2011 for our Department of Typography & Graphic Communication.

In the National Student Survey 2012, 88% of students at Reading were satisfied with the quality of their course.

In the latest Research Assessment Exercise, almost 90% of the University’s research was deemed of international standing.

Our Department of Meteorology is one of only 12 institutions to have been awarded a Regius Professorship by HM The Queen to mark her Diamond Jubilee.

First in the world for the quality of its students – Henley Business School is one of the largest full-service business schools in Europe.

£30 million has been invested in the redevelopment of our London Road campus to provide a new home for our Institute of Education.

We have invested nearly £400 million in student accommodation, teaching and research facilities in the past 10 years.

The University produced eleven Olympians in 2012, ten in rowing and one in men’s hockey.

Student demand for a place at Reading is high: almost seven applications per place.
Pioneers in multidisciplinary work in biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences

The largest dealing centre in Europe outside financial institutions in our ICMA Centre

23,000 young people visit our campuses each year during our open days.

60,000 people attend our public lectures, events or visit our museums every year.

We aim to reduce our carbon emissions by 35% by 2016 and carbon dioxide emissions by 45% by 2020.

100,000 The number of alumni that are in touch with us across the world. Their contributions, have helped raise over £30 million for the University.

92% of our international students are satisfied with the welcome they receive.

Henley Business School is one of the UK’s top business schools – The Times Good University Guide 2013.

We host one of the most successful Knowledge Transfer Partnerships in the country.

92% of our recent graduates are employed, in further study or volunteering; well above the national average.

Our Whiteknights campus was voted first in the Times Higher Education Student Experience survey and has a Green Flag Award.
Caring about our community

We are one of the largest employers in the region with a staff of nearly 4,000.

200 of our students help in local schools.

£650 million is contributed by the University annually to the local economy.

£3 million has been raised from over 6,000 donors by the University’s Annual Fund to help students.

106 places at our day nursery on campus which caters for children of students and staff.

Established and driving forward

The University of Reading has a long and established history. Our Royal Charter was granted in 1926, though our origins began over 120 years ago as an extension of Oxford University.

Today we are truly international with our student count from outside the UK at over 6,000.

Our new Centre for Food Security is founded on a 100 year history of research into agriculture and food at Reading.

170,000 people have studied at the University of Reading and our graduates come from 180 countries.

In 2010 the University of Reading celebrated 150 Years of formal art education. Our prestigious Art Department has its origins in the School of Art that opened in the town centre in 1860.

160 hectares of historic grounds is the area our UK campuses cover.

£650m
£3m
106
1926
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160

Local economy
Contribution
Donors

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