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# mission

The University of Sussex was founded 50 years ago, in 1961. Our founders charted an inspiring and innovative vision, creating new ways of thinking and redrawing the map of learning. 50 years on, Sussex has become a powerful force in global higher education – a progressive university delivering innovative thought and action, with a worldwide reputation for excellence in learning, research and discovery.

We have fostered Nobel Prize winners and future leaders of vital organisations and institutions, confident communicators, creative thinkers and internationalists delivering positive change in the world.

As we look towards our next 50 years and beyond, our purpose is to deliver innovative and inspiring research, scholarship, and teaching and learning. Our work will lead to positive change in individuals, organisations and societies.

# ranking

**8th**  
**UK**

**16th**  
**Europe**

**79th**  
**World**

*Times Higher Education Magazine – World University Rankings 2010*

# 50 years

The academic year 2011-12 sees the 50th anniversary of our founding, in 1961. To mark this important moment, we will be holding a series of events and activities over the course of the year that will recognise the University's past, celebrate the 50-year milestone, and look to how we can play a significant role in the future of education and research.

Celebrations for the 50th anniversary get underway with a major event, 'Back to your future', on 10 and 11 September 2011, where we will be welcoming alumni of all ages back to campus with free seminars and talks, departmental lunches, a boundary walk, a Charleston-style tea and talk, live bands and more.

Other elements of the 50th celebrations will include:

- An exhibition exploring the work of Sussex architect Sir Basil Spence
- The Sussex Conversations: high-level panel discussions featuring renowned academics and public figures
- A collaboration with Turner Prize winner (and Sussex alumnus) Jeremy Deller
- 50 fellowships will be endowed upon those associated with the University who have made distinguished contributions in any field or activity since its foundation.

The events will be as inclusive as possible, and there will be plenty of opportunities for everyone in the Sussex community to get involved in the celebrations.

Find out more at [www.sussex.ac.uk/fiftyyears](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/fiftyyears)

# research

Sussex is an internationally renowned research-led university, attracting significant levels of funding from industry, research organisations and Government agencies, and has strong links with business.

In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), over 90 per cent of Sussex research activity was rated as world leading, internationally excellent or internationally recognised, confirming Sussex as one of the leading 30 research universities in the UK.

Our campus boasts such cutting-edge facilities as the Genome Damage and Stability Centre; the state-of-the-art medical imaging equipment at the Brighton and Sussex Medical School

(BSMS); and the University's Library, home to remarkable resources such as the Mass Observation Archive.

Our interdisciplinary research themes are aligning our intellectual power to work on major issues of the day:

**Citizenship and democratisation:** freedom, violence and reconciling conflict in an insecure world

**Culture and heritage:** constructing identity and culture through notions of memory and place

**Digital and social media:** applying digital media to construct and communicate across space and society

**Environment and health:** enhancing health and well-being by promoting illness prevention and disease management

**Global transformations:** rethinking social adaptation in the context of changing environments and the global economy

**Mind and brain:** unravelling the mind, brain and consciousness: from cell to self and personal identity.

We have important academic partnerships with, among others, American Express, Rolls-Royce, and the the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Find out more at

[www.sussex.ac.uk/about/research](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/about/research)

# teaching and learning

We offer over 200 undergraduate degrees and around 140 taught postgraduate programmes. Around a quarter of our students come from outside the UK (from over 120 countries), with teaching and research staff from over 50 nations. A large number of our undergraduates also spend a year of their degree studying overseas.

In the *Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2010*, Sussex is ranked 6th in the UK for teaching and learning.

This measure takes account of the high quality of staff and lectures; how helpful and interested staff are; whether courses are well structured; good personal relationships with teaching staff; tuition group size; and fairness of workload.

And according to the 2010 National Student Survey, more than 90 per cent of Sussex students are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of their degree, placing Sussex 7th overall. 92 per cent are satisfied with their teaching – placing Sussex in the top 3 universities in the UK. Sussex is also ranked 4th for its academic support.

# students

As of December 2010:

<b>8,362</b>	<b>3,479</b>	<b>11,841</b>
<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Postgraduate</b>	<b>Total</b>

<b>8,876</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,428</b>
<b>UK</b>	<b>EU</b>	<b>Asia</b>

**Undergraduate student profile:**

<b>22%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Mature</b>	<b>Students with disabilities</b>	<b>Widening participation</b>

Sussex undergraduates going on to further study: **1 in 5**

# student experience

The number of UK and EU students wanting to study at the University of Sussex has risen more than 75 per cent over the past two years. This growth in prospective student interest is running at more than three times the national average. We attribute this rise to our continuing focus on improving the student experience at Sussex:

- Fulton, a major new teaching building, opened in September 2010, offering students a range of teaching space, equipped with state-of-the-art technology.
- The Library is undergoing a major refurbishment to provide better learning spaces for our students and staff, and the 24-hour opening pilot scheme has now been made permanent.
- New student accommodation at Northfield will open in September 2011, giving our students an extra 777 study bedrooms on campus – all en-suite.

- The Sussex Plus programme is helping our undergraduate students to make the most of their extra-curricular activities, giving them a way to demonstrate their transferable skills to prospective employers.
- The new SussexMobile app gives smartphone users easy access to useful university information, including personalised teaching timetables.
- Our ever-popular Junior Research Associate scheme continues to encourage talented and ambitious undergraduates to consider postgraduate study and even an academic career. Selected Sussex students are awarded a bursary to support them while they undertake a research project during the summer break.

# reputation

‘The reputation for radicalism and liberalism gained during the swinging 1960s may still be fondly prized, but today Sussex is very much a part of the educational establishment and has the hard statistics to back it up. Once again it is ranked 21st nationally in our league table (up from 30th in 2007).

*Sunday Times University Guide 2010*

# staff

Our world-renowned academic staff work at the cutting edge of their fields of expertise across the arts, science and social sciences. We've counted three Nobel Prize winners, 14 Fellows of the Royal Society, six Fellows of the British Academy and a winner of the prestigious Crafoord Prize on our faculty.

As of December 2010:

<b>511</b>	teaching faculty
<b>294</b>	research faculty
<b>38</b>	Brighton and Sussex Medical School faculty
<b>1,326</b>	support staff

# business

We're an integral part of the economic development of Sussex and the Southeast. Our Sussex Innovation Centre (SInC) is a key resource for the region through its incubation facilities for high-technology companies, support for business development, and innovative New Product Network.

The Centre provides excellent facilities and a thriving business environment for over 70 high-growth companies working within the IT, biotech, media and engineering sectors. Since 1996, over 160 companies have been based at SInC – their cumulative revenue exceeding £250 million – employing over 400 people.

Over 90 per cent of SInC companies have become sustainable and profitable businesses, virtually all staying in the local area.

Through our Regional Development Office (RDO), we offer:

- consultancy for leading-edge research – practical expertise and access to a range of technology, scientific and engineering facilities
- people development – including opportunities for continued professional development
- training needs analysis and business brokerage
- entrepreneurship training
- short- and long-term project work opportunities for current students and graduates.

Conference Services offer a suite of eight conference rooms all year round in the Conference Centre, accommodating from 10 to 220 people. Facilities include integral audiovisual equipment and dedicated customer support. 850 bedrooms (500 of them en suite) are available for residential conferences during the University's summer vacation period.

Find out more at  
**[www.sussex.ac.uk/business](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/business)**

accessible

**30 minutes to/from Gatwick Airport**

**60 minutes to/from central London**

**90 minutes to/from Heathrow Airport**

# location

The University of Sussex is the only university surrounded by a (newly designated) national park, the South Downs. Yet, it's just 50 minutes from London by train and four miles from lovely Brighton, with its vibrant nightlife, great shops, Royal Pavilion and seaside attractions.

*Guardian University Guide, 2010*

# sustainable

Our senior management has initiated and gives full support to our Environmental Management System, EcoCampus. This sets a robust framework to manage and improve our environmental performance in order that Sussex can grow in a sustainable manner.

Recent achievements include:

- Investing £475,000 in carbon reduction initiatives, delivering 890 tonnes of carbon reduction
- Setting challenging targets for reducing our environmental impacts associated with carbon emissions, water use, transport, procurement, construction and refurbishment, and community engagement

- Improving our position in the national People and Planet Green League Table by 16 places
- Appointing a Professor and Senior Lecturer in Climate Change, Martin Todd
- Achieving the second stage (Silver) accreditation of EcoCampus.

We have set challenging targets, particularly for carbon reduction – and this will be the main thrust of our efforts over the next few years. We also have a well-developed Carbon Management Plan which identifies how we will achieve those targets.

Find out more at  
[www.sussex.ac.uk/efm/energy](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/efm/energy)

# campus

The University of Sussex is known for its beautiful downlands setting, and is the only UK university entirely surrounded by a national park.

Designed by Sir Basil Spence, the original buildings that make up the heart of campus were given listed building status in 1993.

Falmer House is one of only two post-war educational buildings in the UK to be Grade 1 listed, in recognition of its 'exceptional status'.

For our future we have a masterplan to shape the development of the campus in support of our ambitious academic goals.

Current construction projects include:

- A major new academic building to replace Arts D and E and the Russell Building, providing a mix of teaching and learning space and a large lecture theatre.
- Refurbishing the Library to provide flexible, accessible, technology-rich learning spaces for our students and staff, including a new café on the ground floor.
- Reopening the Gardner Centre, now renamed as the Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts, to give the arts a new home at Sussex.
- Remodelling the ground and first floors of Bramber House to improve and extend the dining facilities, and create a new supermarket and other retail outlets.
- Northfield student residences, giving us 777 high-quality study bedrooms at the north end of campus.

Find out more at

[www.sussex.ac.uk/efm/projects](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/efm/projects)

# income

**For year ended 31 July 2010**

**Higher Education funding council grants £56.7 million**

**Tuition fees and support grants £49.1 million**

**Research grants and contracts £29.6 million**

**Other operating income £30 million**

**Other income £0.5 million**

**Total £166 million**

# expenditure

**For year ended 31 July 2010:**

**Schools £60.9 million**

**Academic services £11.7 million**

**Research grants and contracts £21.4 million**

**Residences, catering and business £15.9 million**

**Premises £13.3 million**

**Administration £11.7 million**

**Other £30.8 million**

**Total expenditure £165.7 million**

# alumni

## Arts

**Ian McEwan CBE**, author  
**Jeremy Deller**, Turner Prize winner and Tate Trustee • **C J Sansom and Philippa Gregory**, authors.

## Business

**Zhang Xin**, Property Developer  
**Sir Robert Wilson**, KCMG, Chair of BG Group • **Hannah Jones**, Vice President: Corporate Responsibility of Nike Inc  
**Keith Skeoch**, CEO for Standard Life Investments • **Sean Phelan**, Founder of Multimap • **Dame Gail Rebuck DBE**, Chair and Chief Executive, Random House Group • **Shamshad Akhtar**, World Bank Vice-President for Middle East and North Africa Region.

## Law

**Michael Turner QC** • **Richard Wilson QC**  
**Richard Miller QC** • **Iain Cullen**, Partner at Simmons & Simmons • **Sandra Davis**, Partner at Mishcon de Reya.

## Media

**Helen Boaden**, Director BBC News  
**Alexandra Shulman OBE**, Editor of UK *Vogue* • **Catherine Mayer**, London Bureau Chief of *TIME* • **Dermot Murnaghan**, News Presenter, Sky News • **Robin Lustig**, BBC Journalist.

## Public service

**Michael Fuller**, Chief Inspector of the HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate  
**Sir Suma Chakrabarti KCB**, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice  
**Jamie Shea**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges Division at NATO.

## Politics

**Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP**, **Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw MP**, and **Rt Hon Tony Baldry MP**, three of our eight alumni who are currently Members of Parliament  
**Festus Mogae**, former President of the Republic of Botswana.

## Science

**Calestous Juma**, Professor of the Practice of International Development and Director, Science, Technology and Globalization Project at Harvard University • **Professor Georgina Mace CBE FRS**, Director of the NERC Centre for Population Biology at Imperial College • **Professor Sir Peter Knight FRS**, at Imperial College.