The University of Sussex was founded just over 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 move into 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.
rankings
In recent years the University of Sussex has climbed the rankings and in 2012/13 continued to do well. In the 2012 National Student Survey rankings, nearly 90 per cent of Sussex students were satisfied or very satisfied with the teaching on their course, keeping us in the top 20 universities across the UK for teaching satisfaction. Sussex teaching ranks among the leading universities in the Russell and 1994 Groups of research-intensive universities.

*The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2012*: Sussex is ranked 13th in the UK, 34th in Europe and 110th in the world, setting us alongside some of the world’s most prestigious institutions.

*The Sunday Times University Guide 2013*: Sussex is placed 19th in the UK for student satisfaction.

*The Complete University Guide (The Independent)*: Sussex is placed 21st in the UK.

*The Times Good University Guide 2012*: Sussex is placed joint 18th in the rankings.

*The Which? University Guide 2012*: Sussex is ranked 14th in the UK for student satisfaction.

The 2012 Academic Ranking of World Universities: Sussex is placed in the top 150 globally, and within the top 14 in the UK.

2012 QS World University Rankings: Sussex is ranked 188 in the world, having risen 9 places since 2011.
celebrating 50 years of excellence
The academic year 2011/2012 saw the 50th anniversary of our founding, in 1961. To mark this important milestone, we held a series of events and activities over the course of the year to recognise the University’s past, celebrate the 50-year achievement, and look to how we can play a significant role in the future of education and research, creating an ongoing legacy.

The Sussex Conversations, a major series of high-level panel discussions, featured renowned academics and public figures. Building on the success of the anniversary Conversations (now available to view at www.sussex.ac.uk/fiftyyears/sussexconversations), April 2013 saw the first in a new series, to be held annually, the theme of which was *Capitalism is dead, long live capitalism?*

Sussex also awarded gold medals to past students and academics of the University who have made a global impact in their professional field. Eight leading writers, artists, thinkers and scientists were selected to receive the medals:

- Distinguished historian and former Vice-Chancellor of Sussex Lord Briggs
- Booker Prize-winning author Ian McEwan
- Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller
- former President of Botswana Festus Mogae
- Professor Emeritus Margaret Boden OBE, who is a world authority on artificial intelligence
- Nobel Prize winners Professor Sir Harry Kroto, Sir Paul Nurse and Sir Anthony Leggett – all three of whom carried out groundbreaking research at Sussex during their academic careers.
The University of Sussex is a leading research university of international standing with award-winning faculty, attracting significant levels of funding from industry, research organisations and Government agencies.

Our strengths range across the arts, social sciences, science and medicine, with excellence demonstrated both within individual subjects and across thematic areas.

In the 2008 assessment of the standards of research in UK universities, the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), over 90 per cent of Sussex research activity was rated as world leading, internationally excellent or internationally recognised, confirming Sussex among the leading research universities in the UK.
One in six of the research outputs produced by staff was rated as world leading, with over 90 per cent producing work that is internationally recognised or better.

We recognise the importance of supporting research through collaboration. We have important partnerships with, among others, General Electric, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A); Renmin and Nanjing Universities in China; and Yale University in the US. We are also part of the South East Physics Network (SEPnet), funded by £12.5 million of Government grants to support vital UK science research, teaching and development.

Our campus boasts such cutting-edge research centres as the Genome Damage and Stability Centre, the Sackler Centre for Consciousness Science, and the Andrew and Virginia Rudd Centre for Adoption Research and Practice. We also have excellent research facilities such as the University’s Library, home to remarkable resources such as the Mass Observation Archive, and our Doctoral School hosts an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Doctoral Training Centre. The Centre receives around £3.5 million in funding from the ESRC. With matched funding from the University, this provides up to 110 doctoral studentships over five years from October 2011. Sussex also hosts over 110 AHRC-funded students, supported by a £2.6-million AHRC block grant, and a number of AHRC collaborative awards with highly prestigious national and local organisations such as the British Library, the National Trust, Brighton Pavilion Museums and the Charleston Trust.

Find out more at www.sussex.ac.uk/about/research
teaching and learning
We offer over 130 undergraduate degrees and around 150 taught postgraduate courses. Around a third 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.

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There were also strong performances among individual subjects at Sussex: American studies; anthropology; electrical engineering; history; international development; law; physics and astronomy; psychology; social work; and sociology were all rated in their respective top 10s in the UK.

In September 2012, the Sussex academic year became based on two 12-week terms (autumn and spring) when teaching takes place, with a shorter summer term for assessments and some postgraduate teaching. The aim of this restructure is to have simpler, more understandable course structures that will allow students and faculty to plan their work more effectively, and allow for more interdisciplinarity through greater scope for modules that can be shared across disciplines.

The latest Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) review of Sussex took place in April 2013, and we expect it to have a positive outcome.
students
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Percentage of our graduates in work or further study: 94%*

*Which? University (www.university.which.co.uk)
student experience
Sussex continues to be a popular choice, with an increase in undergraduate intake from 2011 to 2012, despite the national introduction of tuition fees for students starting courses in September 2012, and further growth in postgraduate applications, meaning that a number of courses were full earlier than ever before.

In 2012, Sussex launched its First-Generation Scholars scheme to support students whose parents have not been to university, and those from low-income families. As well as extensive financial support, the scheme includes free summer schools, funded placements, and a work-study programme.

The £7.4-million Library refurbishment is complete, including the new Research Hive, a dedicated space for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

Our new Jubilee building opened at the end of 2012. Home to the School of Business, Management and Economics, it also includes a 500-seat lecture theatre (the largest on campus), general and specialist teaching spaces, academic and support space, and social and café facilities.

Complete refurbishment has begun on the Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts (previously known as the Gardner Centre). Due to open in 2014, the Centre will bring together researchers and students from across the University to engage with a wide range of artistic methods, mentors and projects.

Our innovative 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.
Sussex social media
staff
Our world-renowned academic staff work at the cutting edge of their fields of expertise across the arts, science and social sciences. Three Nobel Prizes and one Crafoord Prize have been awarded for research conducted at Sussex. We currently have 14 Fellows of the Royal Society, 12 Fellows of the British Academy, 15 Academicians of the Social Sciences and nine Fellows of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

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We’re an integral part of the economic development of Sussex and the South East. 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. In recognition of his role in promoting enterprise skills and supporting entrepreneurs, Director of SInC, Mike Herd, received the Queen’s Award for Enterprise Promotion in 2013.

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, more than 160 companies have been based at
SInC – their cumulative revenue exceeding £250 million – employing over 400 people.

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

Through our Research and Enterprise division, 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, along with over 90 seminar rooms and 17 lecture theatres.

Find out more at 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, lively Brighton, with its vibrant nightlife, second-largest arts festival in the UK, al fresco lifestyle, great shops, Royal Pavilion and seaside attractions.

*Guardian University Guide, 2013*
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 so that Sussex can grow in a sustainable manner.

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.

Recent achievements include:

• The University’s CO₂ emissions are 25 per cent (5,643 tonnes) lower than in 2005/06. We are now two years ahead of schedule in our bid to nearly halve our carbon footprint.

• Using state-of-the-art technologies such as passive ventilation, reduced solar gain, rainwater harvesting and energy-efficient lighting for new buildings. Fulton, Jubilee and Northfield have all been classified ‘Excellent’ by the Building Research Establishment’s Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM).

• Sussex has also become one of just 11 UK universities to receive the ‘gold’ accreditation for the EcoCampus Environmental Management System (EMS). Work is well under way to achieve ‘platinum’ accreditation.

Find out more at www.sussex.ac.uk/efm/energy
The University of Sussex is known for its beautiful downlands setting, and is the only UK university 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 and recently completed construction projects include:

• The Jubilee building, our major new £30-million academic building. The new home for the School of Business, Management and Economics, it provides a mix of teaching and learning space, a large lecture theatre and a café.

• 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 950+ high-quality study bedrooms at the north end of campus.

• A new purpose-built Nursery and Pre-School building in the south-east corner of campus, providing a total of 101 places.

Find out more at www.sussex.ac.uk/efm/projects
income
For year ended 31 July 2012
Tuition fees and support grants £69.1 million
Higher-Education funding council grants £48.8 million
Research grants and contracts £24.7 million
Other operating income £39.6 million
Other income £0.5 million
Total income £182.7 million
expenditure
For year ended 31 July 2012:
Academic schools £65.9 million
Academic services £10.5 million
Research grants and contracts £17.9 million
Residences, catering and business £18.2 million
Premises £17.5 million
Administration £17 million
Other £22 million

Total expenditure £169 million
alumni

Arts
Ian McEwan CBE, author • Jeremy Deller, Turner Prize winner and Tate Trustee
CJ Sansom and Philippa Gregory, authors.

Business
Zhang Xin, Property Developer • Hannah Jones, Vice-President of Sustainable Business and Innovation, and Government Affairs, 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.

Charities and NGOs
Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations • David Bull, Chief Executive, UNICEF • Geoffrey Dennis, Chief Executive, CARE International • Barbara Stocking, Chief Executive, Oxfam GB • Sally Hunt, General Secretary, University and College Union (UCU).
Law

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

Media

Alexandra Shulman OBE, Editor of UK Vogue Catherine Mayer, Europe Editor, TIME • Dermot Murnaghan, News Presenter, Sky News • Becky Anderson, CNN news anchor • Clive Myrie, BBC television news journalist • James Woudhuysen, futurist and speaker.

Music

Jessie Ware, vocalist • Darren Foreman, known as Beardyman, performance artist.

Public service

Michael Fuller, Chief Inspector of the HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate • Sir Suma Chakrabarti KCB, President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development • Jamie Shea, Deputy Assistant Secretary-General, Emerging Security Challenges Division at NATO • Jil Matheson, National Statistician, Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority.

Politics

Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP • Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw MP • Rt Hon Peter Hain MP • Rt Hon Tony Baldry MP • 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, Harvard University • Professor Georgina Mace CBE FRS, Director of the NERC Centre for Population Biology, Imperial College • Professor Sir Peter Knight FRS, Principal of the Kavli Royal Society International Centre.