University of Sussex Gender Pay Gap Report 2024

Summary

Our mean gender pay gap for 2024 is 14.4%, a reduction of 2.5 percentage points. Our median gender pay gap is 12.5%, an increase of 0.1 percentage points.



Population	Academic	Professional Services	Total	% of staff
Female	990	1062	2052	56%
Male	998	561	1559	43%
All Staff	1988	1623	3611	

What causes our gender pay gap?

The key driver for our gender pay gap is the demographic of our workforce.

- The mean gender pay gap continues to reduce over time.
- Of our workforce, 56% are female, but they are not distributed evenly.
- 45% of staff in the top quartile are female, whereas 69% of staff in the bottom quartile are female.
- This year the academic cohort is split 50/50 male and female *for the first time*.
- The top quartile of academics has shifted considerably from 33% female in the previous year to 41% female.
- The large percentage change in the mean gender pay gap this year is partly due to detailed work to accurately include some previously unavailable pay elements in the calculation.

Pay Quartiles



Female Male

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Proportion of Staff Receiving a Bonus

	Population	Academic	Professional Services	Total	% of Staff
	Female	53	147	200	8.2%
	Male	66	47	113	6.1%
านร	Other	SUPP	SUPP	SUPP	8.3%
Gap	All Staff	SUPP	SUPP	SUPP	7.3%

Bonus pay gap.

- The mean gender bonus gap fluctuates over time, with an increase this year of 17.4% to 59.8%
- The median gender bonus gap has decreased from 38.6% to 33.6%.
- Clinical Excellence Awards paid to our staff in the medical school have a significant impact on the bonus pay gap because individual awards are relatively large compared to other bonus awards.

How we are reducing our gender pay gap

We remain committed to reducing our gender pay gap. This includes the following actions designed to address gender pay equality:

Recruitment Policy and Procedure

- Improving the representation and distribution of staff throughout the pay quartiles
- Revised guidance on starting salaries.
- Develop processes for appointing interim or acting up roles and develop an approach to positive action.
- New Applicant tracking system for recruitment.

Promotion and Career Progression

- Develop a pay framework, benefits and promotional criteria that are open, transparent, and foster equality.
- Clear review processes and clear criteria for promotion, job evaluation and pay increases. Revised grade 10 pay framework.
- Revised academic promotion process, including monitoring of promotion rates by gender.
- Review effectiveness of identity-based mentoring scheme.

Diverse Representation

- Fair, transparent and effectively delivered remuneration, reward, and recognition.
- Equality monitoring of Council and Senate membership, and other leadership committees and measures to address underrepresentation.
- Job Families project.
- Improve completion rates for mandatory and recommended online EDI training.
- All schools to hold an Athena Swan award by 2025.
- Review effectiveness of identity-based mentoring scheme.
- An Equal Pay Audit is also planned for the 23/24 Academic Year.
- Revised and embedded equality analysis
- Review shared parental pay provision.

Our Gender Equality Action Plan outlines our commitments to improving gender equality and reducing our gender pay gap

Note One: Gender pay gap only reports on full pay relevant employees and is a snapshot taken on 31 March 2023. Note Two: Bonus pay gap reports on all pay relevant employees. The relevant period is the 12-month period leading up to the snapshot date. Note Three: Pay quartiles - Staff are ordered from highest to lowest paid based on the hourly pay rate used in the pay gap calculations. The data set is then divided equally into four.