

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION FOR ACADEMIC PROVOST & ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT (INTERNATIONAL)

**JOIN OUR REMARKABLE COMMUNITY AS  
THE INAUGURAL ACADEMIC PROVOST  
FOR OUR NEW CAMPUS IN DELHI, INDIA**

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**Thank you for your interest in the role of founding Academic Provost & Associate Vice-President (International) at the University of Southampton Delhi.**

Southampton’s international strategy positions the University as a ‘Gateway to the World’, deeply committed to making a positive social impact, transforming lives and enhancing prosperity across the globe. At the heart of this vision is the intention to augment the impact of globally relevant research, education and enterprise through capacity-building, equitable and sustainable partnerships.

Specifically, the international strategy states that we will use Transnational Education to improve the accessibility of a University of Southampton qualification globally, building on the experience of running our Malaysia campus to develop a multi-nodal global footprint.

In the 21st century, no university can claim to be global without engaging with India. We have a strong network of alumni, corporate and non-profit partners, and other supporters continually working to enhance opportunities between India and Southampton.

As a next step in our engagement, we have approval from the University Grants Commission to open India’s first comprehensive Foreign Higher Education Institution (FHEI) campus, University of Southampton Delhi, based in Delhi NCR. University of Southampton Delhi will be the highest ranked university, and the only world top 100 university, with a campus in India.\*

The Delhi campus will create a long-term presence in India, undertaking education, research, enterprise and engagement. The campus will offer Indian students a unique opportunity to study for a Southampton degree in India, as well as enabling the University to generate knowledge and world-class insights that positively impact India. The campus will also enable the University to build on existing links by amplifying research impact, extending teaching collaboration, creating two-way student and staff mobility and ensuring local community engagement.

The Academic Provost & Associate Vice-President (International) will lead and have oversight of the Delhi campus, and its academic programmes, including: research and enterprise; education via the delivery of University of Southampton courses, which will be across multiple disciplines; student experience; and civic and public engagement.



**Professor Andrew Atherton**  
Vice-President International and Engagement

\*Southampton ranks 80th in the world (QS World University Rankings, 2025); top Indian institution is IIT Bombay (ranked 118th in QS World University Rankings, 2025)



“The founding Academic Provost & Associate Vice-President (International) will have a critical role in building the Delhi campus culture to ensure staff, students, and partners embrace the University’s overall vision of building an inclusive world, wherever they are located.”

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Our impact in aerodynamics, astronautics, materials, structures and propulsion is showcased by the talent of two early-career researchers from India, Dr Nina Vaidya and Dr Swathi Krishna, and also by Professor Bharath Ganapathisubramani. Together their research and teaching mirrors India's vision to harness, sustain and augment space technology for national development.

# TOGETHER WE ADVANCE

**Together we can make a real impact on the future.**

Our University community is committed to the highest quality in everything we do. We have a global reputation for our passion and ability to work collaboratively in delivering world-class education, research and innovation that makes a real impact on society's biggest challenges.

To meet those challenges head-on, we must have a team that is reflective of society and our students. We strive for greater inclusivity in our community. Diversity is a strength and makes us more creative, accelerating our impact on society. We celebrate an equal and respectful environment in which people from all walks of life and backgrounds are welcome to join us.

Our people inspire and empower one another to share and apply their knowledge to transform lives. They are key to what we do, and who we are. Working collaboratively and fostering a culture of transformational leadership are two of our five core values. These values form part of our University Strategy and are there to help us achieve our overall purpose and vision: to inspire excellence, to achieve the remarkable, and build an inclusive world. Find out more about our values on page six.

Our people are our University, which is why our Strategy and all of our activities focus on the communities that make up our institution. We are made up of brilliant minds, motivated leaders and passionate changemakers. By working collaboratively, we can achieve incredible things.

Our exceptional students share in the journeys of discovery and become confident thinkers who can realise their full potential. We attract high-quality students from over 130 countries, and educate students through University of Southampton Malaysia and collaborations with prestigious partners globally.

As our students become graduates of the University, they join our wider global community of over 280,000 alumni, with access to a network that can provide further opportunities across the world.

As a forward-thinking institution, we will strengthen our reputation, increasing our national and international rankings to secure a position in the top 10 in the UK and strengthen our position in the top 100 internationally.

Our strong research partnerships, public engagement and achievements in entrepreneurial activities have been recognised in our very strong all-round performance in the first and second Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) exercises.

**Collaborate with us: together we advance.**

 **Find out more**  
The University Strategy



Our collaboration between the Indian national census and the School of Geography and Environmental Science's WorldPop geospatial project, involves integrating survey and satellite datasets to map out population numbers and age/gender breakdowns in a level of detail never before produced.



# OUR VALUES

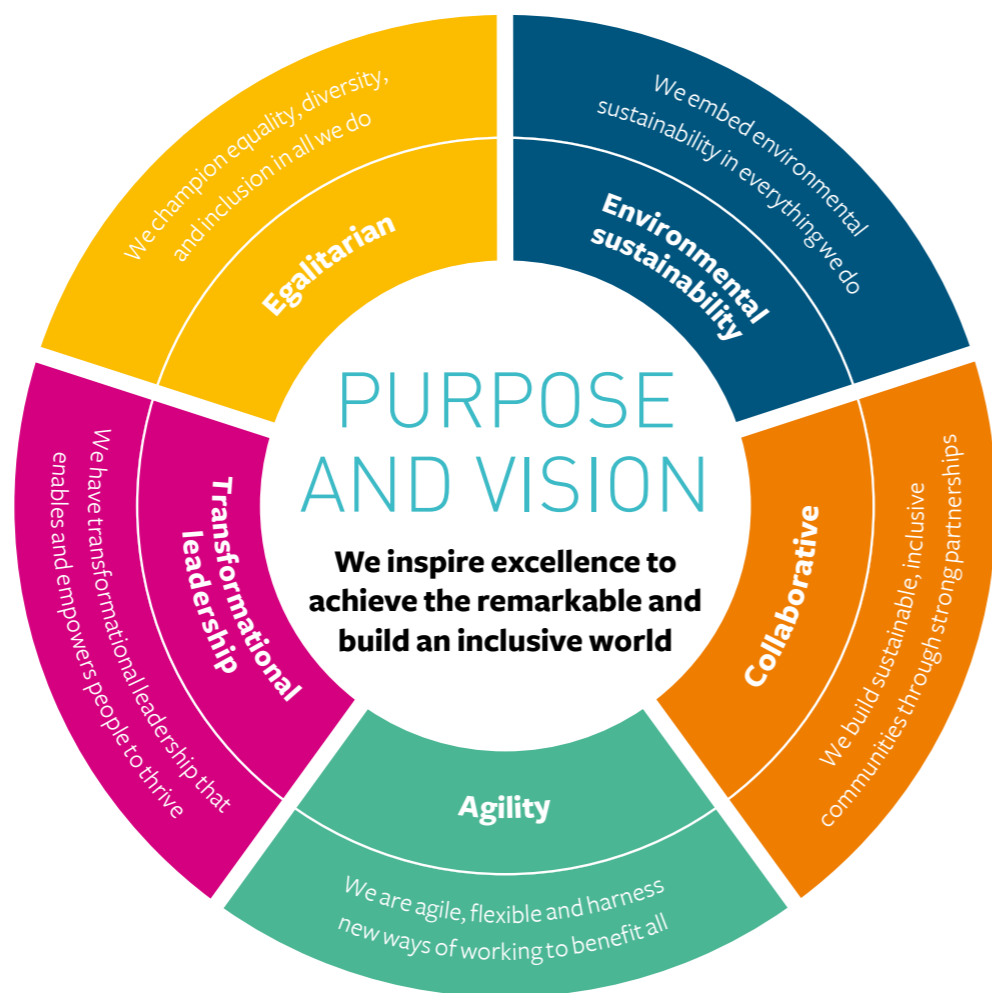
Our values provide the lens through which we make decisions, guiding our actions, collective behaviours and systems.

They are integral to our purpose of building an inclusive community that makes positive change.

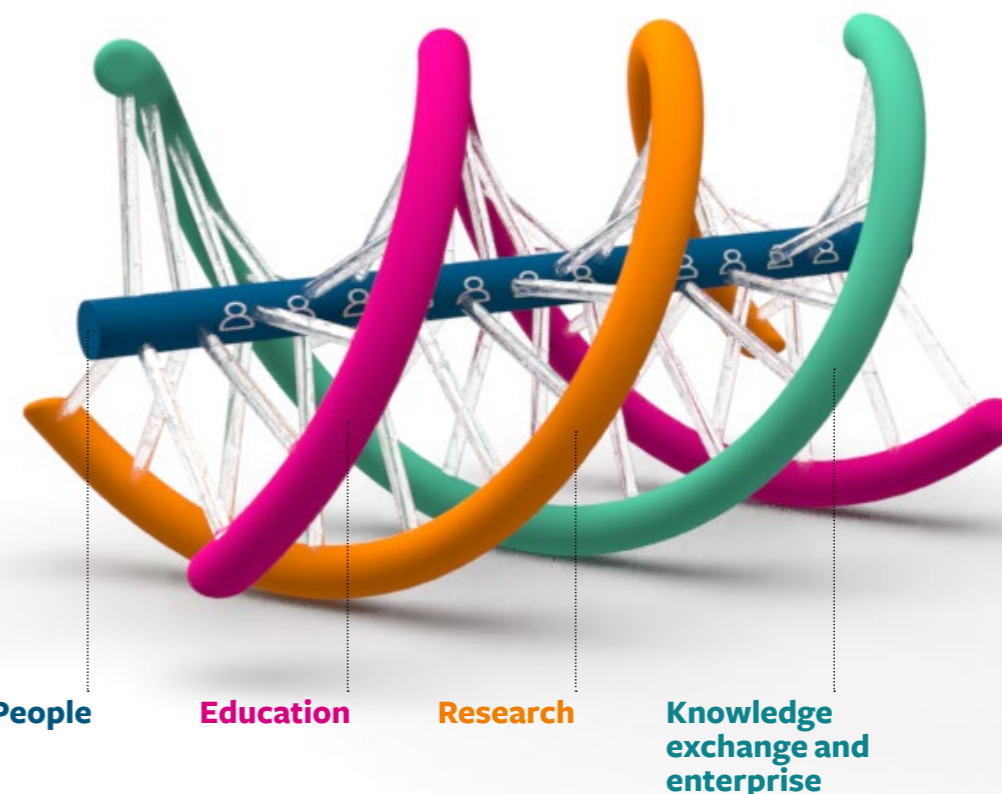
We are ambitious, both personally and institutionally, which requires us to be collaborative and collegial.

As a community of talented individuals, our systems need to enable and empower us. Our community upholds academic freedom and develops through constructive, civil debate.

Ensuring different views are heard allows us to make the best decisions.



## People are at the core of our Triple Helix



Our highly-ranked **education, research and knowledge exchange and enterprise (KEE)** are already distinctively intertwined.

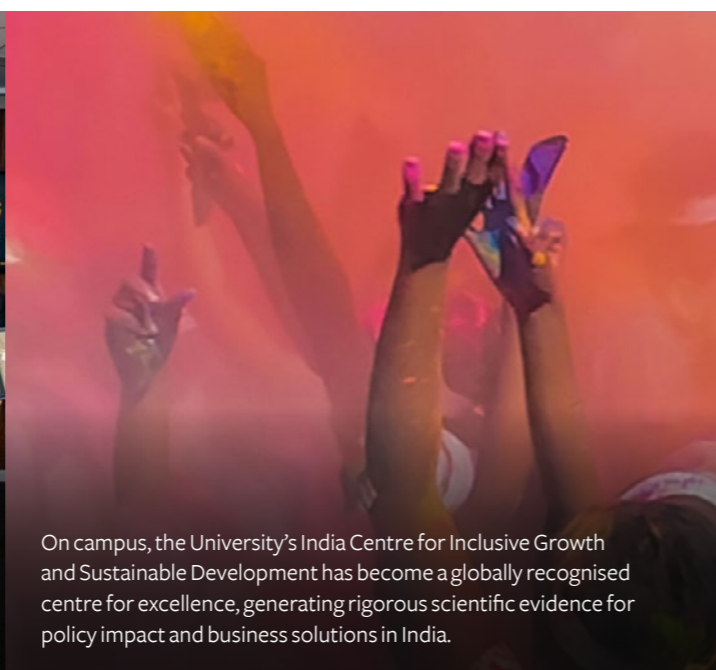
By strengthening and increasing these links, our Triple Helix approach will achieve greater impact and accelerate new ways to tackle the world's most complex problems.

This scaling up is a challenging goal we commit to achieve; its reach and ambition sets us apart.

### Our values in action



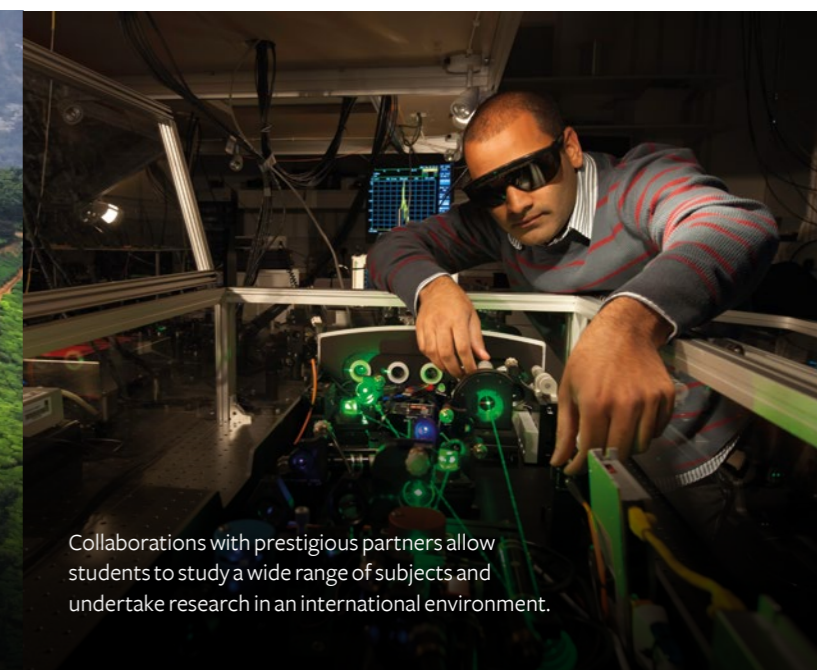
Our annual Vice-Chancellor's Awards recognise and celebrate the exceptional contributions made by our staff during the academic year.



On campus, the University's India Centre for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development has become a globally recognised centre for excellence, generating rigorous scientific evidence for policy impact and business solutions in India.



Professor Kalyanaraman Kumaran's research on intergenerational nutritional programming of non-communicable diseases in a rural South Indian population, builds on 25 years of maternal health research in India.



Collaborations with prestigious partners allow students to study a wide range of subjects and undertake research in an international environment.



# EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

**It matters to us in all that we do.**

At the University of Southampton, we believe that we can only truly play our part in supporting society if we are reflective of society. We are therefore passionate about creating a working environment in which you are free to bring your whole self to work.

We are proud to support many staff and student networks, and we encourage these groups to get involved in helping us create a forward-thinking and desirable workplace.

To ensure we achieve our goal of amplifying the impact of globally relevant research, education and enterprise through long-term, capacity-building, equitable partnerships, we want to attract people who care about the world and share our passion for creating an innovative and forward-thinking learning and research environment. In the UK, we are proud of our Stonewall Diversity Champion status, Athena SWAN silver award and Race Equality Charter Bronze Award, so we must ensure the Delhi campus fully reflects the University's overall vision of building an inclusive world.



“As the Associate Vice-President, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, I believe this important role is a signal of our University’s real commitment to become a more accountable and inclusive community, and to embrace a culture that reflects all students, staff and employees.”

**Pascal Matthias**  
Associate Vice-President, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion





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I have been deeply impressed with the University of Southampton’s multidisciplinary expertise, portfolio of world-class research and industry partnerships, which are contributing to the betterment of society.”

**Professor, Lord Patel of Bradford OBE**  
Chancellor

## OVERVIEW OF THE ROLE

**India is a natural partner for Southampton, given its emergence as a global power and the talent and energy of its students, researchers, citizens and entrepreneurs.**

**This campus is one of the University’s top strategic priorities, and as a result we are seeking a standout candidate with a deep affinity with south Asia to join us on this exciting journey as our founding Academic Provost & Associate Vice-President (International).**

The Delhi campus will reflect the University’s overall vision of building an inclusive world where knowledge is applied to transform lives. The campus will focus on:

- Applying real-world benefits of Southampton research to solve fundamental social and environmental challenges on the largest scale, thus enabling India to become the leading light globally on progress with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Building capacity through the provision of transformational enterprise and employment-focused education opportunities to talented, but underserved Indian students, thereby also positively impacting their families and communities.

- Learning from and alongside Indian thought leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators and academic talent in a rising global superpower, and collaborating to build shared expertise, networks, and insights.

Reporting directly to the Vice-President (International and Engagement) and working closely with the President and Vice-Chancellor, and members of the University Executive Board, the Academic Provost & Associate Vice-President (International) will be responsible for the overall strategic development and academic leadership of the campus.

They will work in close partnership with the operational lead of our delivery partner to ensure excellent resourcing and management of the campus, enabling a positive and

collaborative relationship, resulting in an excellent student and staff experience. They will ensure the achievement of the targets set out in the Delhi campus business plan, including recruitment and retention targets, and in so doing, ensure the campus is the first choice for talented students wishing to stay in India. They will have a keen focus on the student experience, including continually innovating our sector-leading graduate employability proposition.

Finally, they will proactively foster, secure and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with stakeholders and advisers in India and the UK, including UGC, state and national government, strategic employer partners, alumni and the wider community.

### How to apply

For a conversation in confidence or details of how to apply, please contact

**Mark Holleran**  
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**020 3290 2907**

The closing date for receipt of applications is midnight (GMT) on **Sunday 13 October 2024**.

Following a longlist meeting of the Search Committee, successful candidates will be invited to a telephone interview.

Upon completion of all telephone interviews, successful shortlisted candidates will be invited to the UK for two days for an in-person Engagement Day on **Tuesday 5 November 2024**, followed by an Interview Day on **Wednesday 6 November 2024**.



# ROLE OF THE ACADEMIC PROVOST & ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT (INTERNATIONAL)

## Job Purpose

The Academic Provost & Associate Vice-President (International) is a key strategic role, providing inspirational leadership for the University of Southampton Delhi in the delivery of the University's International Strategy.

The post-holder will be responsible for the strategic leadership, academic development, culture resourcing, governance and management of the campus, in partnership with our Campus Delivery Partner, who will provide operational leadership and delivery.

The post-holder will ensure the campus has clear strategic direction, aligned with the University's 'Triple Helix' approach. They will work closely with senior academic and professional services colleagues across the University to develop and run a sector-leading, people-focused international campus in India, delivering world-class education, research, and knowledge exchange and enterprise in an environment where students and staff can thrive.

The post-holder will ensure the achievement of targets set out in the University of Southampton Delhi Business Plan, securing its inauguration, success and long-term sustainability. This includes ensuring the highest reputation for the campus, delivering our ambitious recruitment and retention targets, creating a positive and collaborative environment, and maintaining a keen focus on the student experience and student employability.

## Strategic leadership

- Work effectively as lead academic officer for University of Southampton Delhi, and as a senior member of the University, contributing to the development and implementation of the University strategy at the Delhi campus, and more widely in the University.
- Lead the academic strategy of University of Southampton Delhi in a transparent, visible and consultative manner.

- Ensure that the University's 'Triple Helix' strategy of excellence in education, research, and knowledge exchange and enterprise, is realised at the campus.

- Establish and maintain a high-performing, collegiate, inclusive and respected campus senior leadership team.

- Oversee the management, performance and development of the campus academic, research and technical staff.

- Work in close partnership with the Campus Delivery Partner (who will deliver operational leadership of the campus).

- Monitor and manage the relationship with the Campus Delivery Partner to ensure it is positive and collaborative and allows for the best student and staff experience.

## Strategic development and resourcing

- Lead the production of the India Campus Business Plan to be submitted as part of the University's annual planning round, taking part in scrutiny activities such as the Academic Planning Review as appropriate.

- Develop and implement business plans for excellence in research, education, knowledge exchange and enterprise, to ensure achievement of agreed campus performance targets including tuition fee, research and other income.

- Ensure delivery of viable student cohorts which meet our goal of 'growth with excellence', working closely with the Campus Delivery Partner to confirm the annual marketing and recruitment plan.

- Work with the Campus Delivery Partner to review activities and resources; ensure appropriate resource allocation; ensure the operation is efficient, offers the best return on investment and value for money; and ensure excellent communications across the campus.

- Continually review and refresh operational plans to ensure that they remain focused on the delivery of business plans.

- Monitor relevant KPIs, budget information, student and staff feedback and other sources of quantitative and qualitative data in support of this goal.

## Governance

- Chair the University of Southampton Delhi Campus Board, ensuring the business of the campus remains strategically aligned to the wider University and focused on the delivery of the campus business plan.

- Contribute to the work of the Campus Operations Committee (led by the Campus Delivery Partner Chief Operating Officer).

- Provide high-quality management information to the University Council, University Executive Board, and other governance committees (including Senate and relevant sub-committees), and the University's International Executive Board and Planning & Resources Group, to report on performance and to support decision-making.

- Ensure that the campus complies with relevant UK legislation, University Regulations and Ordinances, and the University's Quality Management & Enhancement Frameworks.

- Ensure that the campus complies with relevant Indian legislation, including the regulations as stipulated by the University Grants Commission.

- Ensure that staff are aware of, and comply with, relevant legislation, and take responsibility for understanding and implementing the University's policies and procedures including those governing health and safety, equal opportunities, copyright, data protection, freedom of information, and disability, across the whole of the area.

## Stakeholder engagement

- Proactively foster, secure and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with stakeholders and advisers in India and the UK.

- Manage relations with the regulating body (the University Grants Commission in India), as well as state and national governments.

- Maintain deep engagement with employers, alumni and the wider community.

- Represent the University of Southampton Delhi nationally and internationally at the highest levels, raising profile, identifying and delivering partnership/business opportunities and advising senior management accordingly.

- Work in partnership with faculties to ensure that the activities of the University of Southampton Delhi support and enhance the work of the wider University.

- Work within the agreed core administration structure to organise and manage the campus to achieve its academic and performance goals.

- Maintain and grow the connections between all Schools to ensure a cohesive campus operation.

- Work with the Director of Learning and Teaching (Delhi), and in partnership with the faculties of the University, to ensure delivery of the University's portfolio of taught programmes in line with expected standards, ensuring complete comparability of awards and an excellent education and student experience.

- Work with the Director of Research and Innovation (Delhi), and in partnership with the faculties of the University, to develop a local research and knowledge exchange plan, developing a culture of high-quality research at the campus.

## People management and innovation

- Ensure that effective recruitment, induction, support, development, and training provisions are in place to enable campus staff to fulfil their potential and meet best practice.

- Conduct and oversee the appraisal and performance management of directly and indirectly managed staff, ensuring that all staff understand their contribution to the campus, and to the University Strategy, so that they can develop their skills and improve performance.

- Promote and support continuous innovation and enhancement in the delivery of education, ensuring excellence in educational outcomes and experience for all students.

- Promote and support the production of excellent research and innovation across the campus, identifying and exploiting opportunities for working with industry, public bodies and other external stakeholders, maximising impact and securing growth in external research and enterprise income.

- Manage risks in line with University policies, and through embedding and monitoring risk management in decision making.

## Culture and inclusion

- Promote a culture of equality, diversity, inclusion and respect throughout the campus.

- Work with colleagues to embed EDI initiatives and follow best practice.

- Ensure the proper conduct of the campus in accordance with the University's rules, regulations, policies and procedures, particularly those in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion, and health and safety, recognising and adapting to relevant legislation and regulations in India, while upholding and promoting the University's values.

## Internal and External Relationships

### Internal

All colleagues at the University of Southampton Delhi, vice-presidents of the University, including specifically those with the portfolio for education and research, members of Council, senior executives of the University, other senior office holders of the University, directors of professional services and the Vice-Chancellor's Office, deans and heads of schools, members of staff and students within the campus.

### External

Key stakeholders, including the business community, government, funding and relevant professional bodies and societies, the University's Campus Delivery Partner, equivalent post-holders in other universities, nationally and internationally, including active participation in relevant bodies for leads of overseas campuses, or similar roles, local, national and international government bodies and public organisations, as applicable, related commercial organisations, as applicable, and alumni and donors.

## Special Requirements

The person appointed, if not already a member of the academic staff at the University, will be conferred with an academic title commensurate with their academic standing and discipline.

It is expected that the person appointed will continue with and develop their own research, ensuring academic standing and prestige within area of specialism continues.

Based in Delhi, India, this role will require visits to the UK and travel through Asia as and when required.

Willingness to work out of hours where necessary.

Cultural and cross-cultural sensitivity and understanding.

Ability to represent the University of Southampton at senior level nationally and internationally.

# CANDIDATE PROFILE

## Qualifications, knowledge and experience

- A higher degree, PhD, or professional doctorate in a relevant academic area.
- A proven track record of outstanding academic achievement, of international standing, in a field of expertise relevant to the University, potentially recognised by membership of a relevant prestigious society or organisation.
- Experience in a senior academic leadership role with detailed knowledge of drivers and trends in international higher education, especially in India.
- A proven track record of providing strategic and visionary direction and maximising performance in a complex organisation, with an understanding of how to bring together multiple disciplines.
- Proven experience of managing significant organisational change.

## Expected behaviours

- Apply and actively promote equality, diversity and inclusion principles to the responsibilities of the role.

## Planning and organisation

- Proven ability to develop business and operational plans with financial and reputational impact.
- Proven ability to lead outreach activities and programme development.

## Problem-solving and initiative

- Able to make judgements on significant new problems where precedent may not apply.
- Able to develop innovative solutions and practical implementations for strategic change.

## Management and teamwork

- Proven ability to lead by example and instil a strong team ethos.
- Ability to manage a range of cross-disciplinary academic, technical, and professional services colleagues.
- Ability to manage the relationship with delivery partners, holding to account while building collaboration.
- Able to implement successful change management initiatives and formulate strategic plans that reflect and support the priority needs of the University.
- Able to recognise and deal with obstacles and difficulties so that teams can deliver.
- Able to demonstrate leadership and to raise performance standards throughout own work areas.

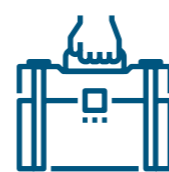
## Communicating and influencing

- Able to establish and build major relationships with key stakeholders, funders and policymakers.
- Able to use influence to develop positions or strategies.
- Demonstrable networking skills and ability to develop and nurture partnerships and alliances contributing to the University's profile.
- Generate a culture of enthusiasm and passion for continuous improvement and excitement regarding leading-edge developments.
- Able to inspire and motivate employees at all levels.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including crafting and delivering complex messages for a diverse range of stakeholders.

## Other skills and behaviours

- Experience of operating in multi- and inter-cultural contexts, with the ability to lead a complex organisation within the specific context of India.
- Ability to lead and manage change through an organisation.
- Financial acumen with the ability to increase or develop additional sources of income through education, research, knowledge exchange and enterprise activities.
- Demonstrates cultural and cross-cultural sensitivity and understanding.
- Able to represent the University of Southampton at senior level nationally and internationally.
- Able to build connections with relevant sector networks.
- Able to demonstrate alignment with the University's core values in all areas of work, and champion our behaviours.

Southampton is ranked  
**80th**  
in the world<sup>1</sup>



Received  
**£122.5m**  
in research grant and contracts income in 2022/23<sup>2</sup>

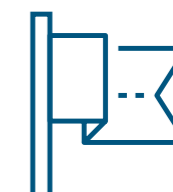


**92%**  
of our research has been classed as world leading or internationally excellent<sup>3</sup>



A founding member of the Russell Group of 24 major research-intensive universities in the UK

Annual award-winning 'Spark India' student social impact fellowship experience, running since  
**2010**  
in Mumbai.



We attract high-quality students from over 130 countries



**Highest proportion** of India-UK collaborative indexed publications of any Russell Group university over the last decade (adjusted for total institutional scholarly outputs).

We have  
**140**  
Indian staff on campus and  
**670**  
current India students



**£4.14bn**  
of economic impact across the UK in 2020/21<sup>6</sup>



**Ranked 20th**  
in the UK<sup>4</sup>

Our 285,000 alumni community spans over  
**185**  
countries

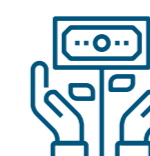


**We employ over 6,500 staff**

**Very strong**  
performance in the first KEF exercise<sup>5</sup>



Our income was  
**£730m**  
in the 2022/23



The University creates and underpins employment in other organisations, amounting to over  
**16,000**  
jobs across the UK<sup>6</sup>



At any one time we are working with over  
**1,000**  
external organisations around the globe

1 QS World University Rankings, 2025  
2 University of Southampton Financial Report, 2022/23  
3 Research Excellence Framework, 2021  
4 The Complete University Guide, 2025  
5 Performing at or above the cluster average across every perspective  
6 The economic and social impact of the University of Southampton, London Economics, 2022



# OUR CAMPUSES

We have seven campuses in the UK and one in the state of Johor, south Malaysia. Like all our established campuses, our new campus in Delhi, India will have its own personality, world-leading facilities and specialisms.

## Highfield Campus

Our main campus, Highfield, is the largest of our campuses, and the heart of the University. It is home to many of our state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities, and combines a lively and exciting atmosphere with calm, green surroundings.

## University Hospital Campus

Based at University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, our hospital campus is the main site for the study of medicine and healthcare. It hosts a purpose-built research hub, and is also home to the University's dedicated Centre for Cancer Immunology – the first of its kind in the UK. This site will soon see the development of a new medical health research building.

## Boldrewood Innovation Campus

Boldrewood is the base for engineering studies and research. Facilities include laboratories for studying unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), fluid dynamics and high-performance sports, a driving simulator, flight simulators, design studios, a 138m towing tank and our £48m National Infrastructure Laboratory (NIL). The NIL houses five new engineering laboratories, including a 30m x 15m large structures testing laboratory and a cutting-edge geotechnical centrifuge.

## Waterfront Campus

Our unique waterfront campus, based at the National Oceanography Centre Southampton (NOCS), is one of the world's leading research centres for the study of ocean and Earth science, with facilities including the Coral Reef Laboratory, a multi-use research aquarium, our 19.75m purpose-built catamaran and the National Oceanographic Library.

## Avenue Campus

Just a few minutes' walk from Highfield, and on the edge of Southampton Common, Avenue Campus is the base for our humanities subjects. Avenue has its own lecture theatres and catering facilities, plus a purpose-built £3m archaeology building and a new interactive digital humanities hub.

## City Centre Campus

In the heart of the Cultural Quarter in the city centre, our Sir James Matthews Building offers updated teaching and learning spaces alongside facilities for meeting local and regional civic partners. The Building also includes a student enterprise zone and an artisan cafe.

## Winchester Campus

Based in the historic city of Winchester, our specialist arts campus is home to a vibrant community of over 1,300 art and design students. With creative ambition at its core, Winchester School of Art (WSA) offers cutting-edge resources and facilities including specialist computer suites, photography studios, laser cutting, 3D printing and more.

## Johor Campus, Malaysia

The Malaysia campus is located in a brand-new state-of-the-art building, with spacious laboratories, teaching and social spaces. The building is adjacent to luxury student accommodation, a large shopping mall, and all the facilities of EduCity, and is just an hour's drive from Changi Airport, Singapore.

## Delhi NCR Campus, India

The campus is located in a vibrant commercial district, with a high number of blue-chip companies and start-ups to connect students and graduates to. It is close to transportation, with accommodation, food and beverages, and shops also nearby.



Avenue Campus



University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS)



Highfield Campus



Boldrewood Innovation Campus



National Oceanography Centre Southampton (NOCS)



University of Southampton Malaysia



Sir James Matthew Building



Winchester School of Art (WSA)



# COMPREHENSIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Our long-established connections with government, business and education partners open doors to future opportunities and provide credibility by association for our graduates.



## With government and policymakers, such as:

- Niti Aayog
- Union and State Government Ministries
- Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India
- Invest India
- The Bar Council of India
- University Grants Commission



## With research and education partners, such as:

- IITs (Bhubaneswar, Delhi, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras and Roorkee)
- IIT-B, Bangalore
- TISS and IIPS, Mumbai
- O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat
- Pearl Academy, Delhi
- JNU, Delhi



## With enterprise and non-profit partners, such as:

- FICCI
- CII
- Navjyoti Foundation, Haryana
- Mijwan Welfare Society, Uttar Pradesh
- Sneha India, Maharashtra
- Population Council, Delhi

# THE UNIVERSITY AND INDIA

The University's institutional links with India pre-date the formal establishment of the University of Southampton itself in 1952.

The first recorded Indian student is Mr Samarendra Nath Das, a University of Calcutta graduate, who was awarded a PGCE by University College Southampton in 1938.

Since then, the University's departments and faculty have built extensive research and education collaborations across the Indian higher education sector, from IITs founded in the same era as Southampton, to emerging and disruptor institutions.

We have 150 Indian staff; over 2,200 alumni in India and a further 800 Indian alumni in the UK. We are the only university outside India to be playing a close scientific role in India's flagship AstroSat space mission, the first astronomy-dedicated space mission.

## Education

The University's strategic approach in India is to secure and curate a number of highly prized education partnerships which align with Southampton's mission, vision, and objectives. As a double top 100 university, these are best in class institutions where innovation and quality are integral to the partnership.

## Research

Southampton has had the highest proportion of India-UK collaborations in the indexed publications of any Russell Group university in the last decade (when adjusted for total institutional scholarly outputs). Furthermore, Southampton's annual increase in publication volume between India and the UK is one of the fastest growing in the Russell Group.

## The India Centre

As a result of our history and academic collaborations in and with India, the University established the India Centre for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development in 2019 to bring together all India-centred academic activity under one roof. In this way, one of the largest and most rapidly emerging countries in terms of dynamic economic growth, tertiary education enrolment, and scientific and entrepreneurial endeavour has become a key partner for the University of Southampton, across the Triple Helix of education, research, and knowledge exchange.



My engineering degree forced me to think in more creative ways. The lecturers would bring the big component of their research into the lectures, and their open-ended questions helped me transition from a 'this is what we know' to 'this is what we don't know' mindset, which is really exciting"

### Dr Reshma Rao

MEng Mechanical Engineering 2010-2014  
Recipient of the India UK Achievers honours award – recognising 75 young Indian alumni who have made substantial contributions to their fields – and the Asian Women of Achievement award (2023).



**400**

All of our **400** taught programmes have been mapped against the **UN Sustainable Development Goals\***

\*As reported by the Sustainability and Resilience Institute, established and substantially resourced by the University



Professor Mark E. Smith, President and Vice-Chancellor, and HE Mr Vikram Doraiswami IFS, the Indian High Commissioner to the UK, signing the Memorandum of Understanding for the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Chair in the presence of colleagues and fellow signatories.



HE Mr Vikram K Doraiswami IFS speaks to an audience at the India Centre's Fifth-Year Anniversary Celebrations.





## **Find out more**

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