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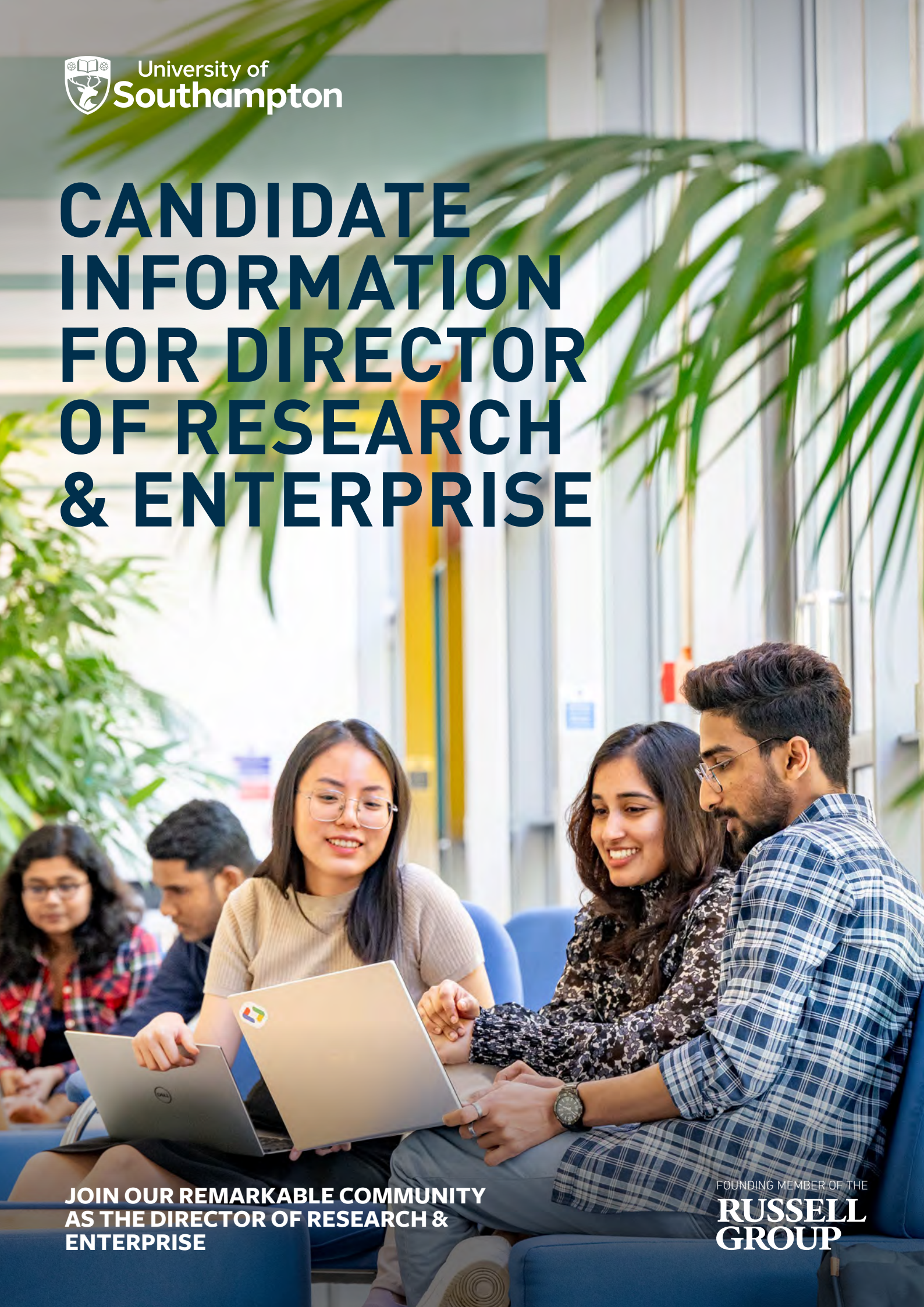

JOIN OUR REMARKABLE COMMUNITY AS THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH & ENTERPRISE

FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE RUSSELL GROUP

Thank you for your interest in the role of Director of Research and Enterprise 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 part of our continued global engagement, the University of Southampton has officially opened the University of Southampton Delhi — India's first comprehensive Foreign Higher Education Institution (FHEI) campus, located in Delhi NCR. This marks a significant milestone, with Southampton now the highest-ranked university and the only world top 100 institution to establish a physical 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 Director of Research and Enterprise is a key strategic role, providing leadership for the research, knowledge exchange and enterprise activity undertaken at the University of Southampton Delhi.

Professor Andrew Atherton
Vice-President International and Engagement

**Southampton ranks 87th in the world (QS World University Rankings, 2026). Top Indian institution is IITD Delhi (ranked 123rd in QS World University Ranking, 2026)

"The Director of Research and Enterprise will play a critical role in ensuring a world-class research, knowledge exchange and enterprise ecosystem at the University of Southampton Delhi."

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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.

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.

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 VALUES

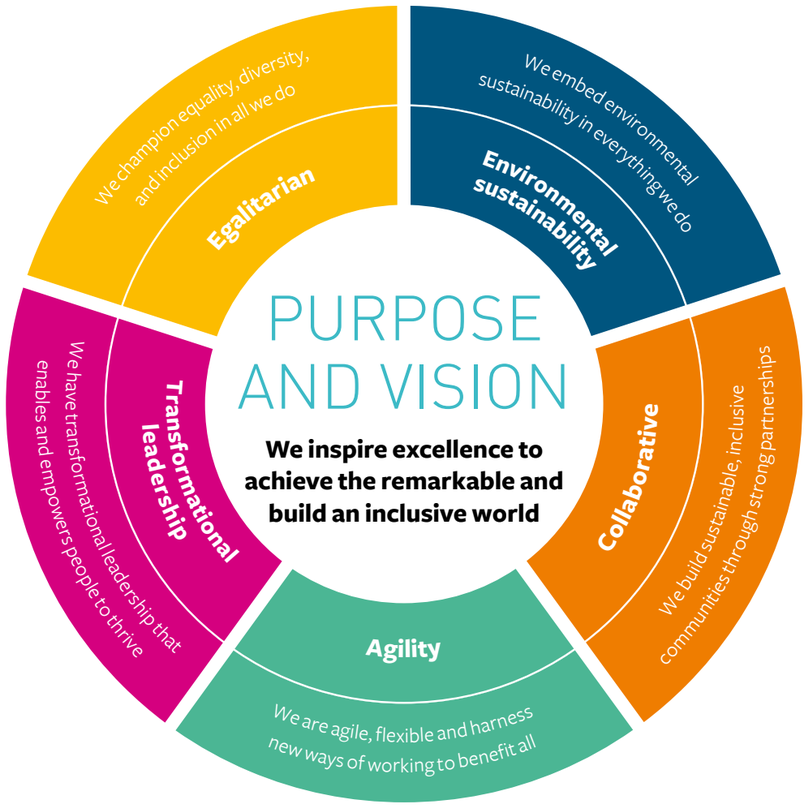
Our values provide the lens through which we make decisions, guiding our actions, collective behaviours and systems.

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.

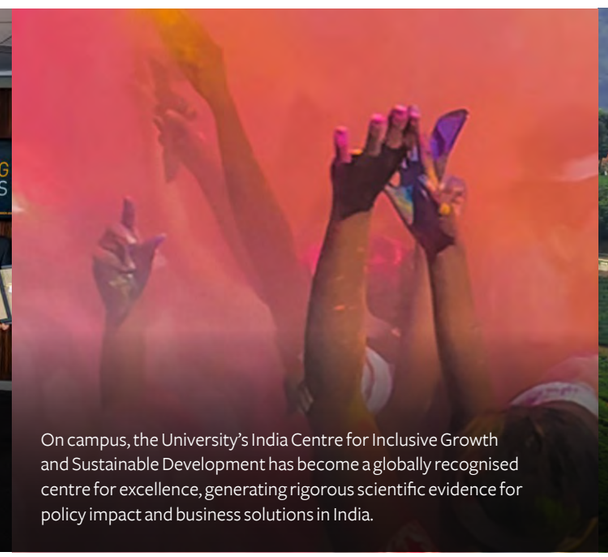
As a community of talented individuals, our systems need to enable and empower us. Our community upholds academic freedom and develops through constructive, civil debate.

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

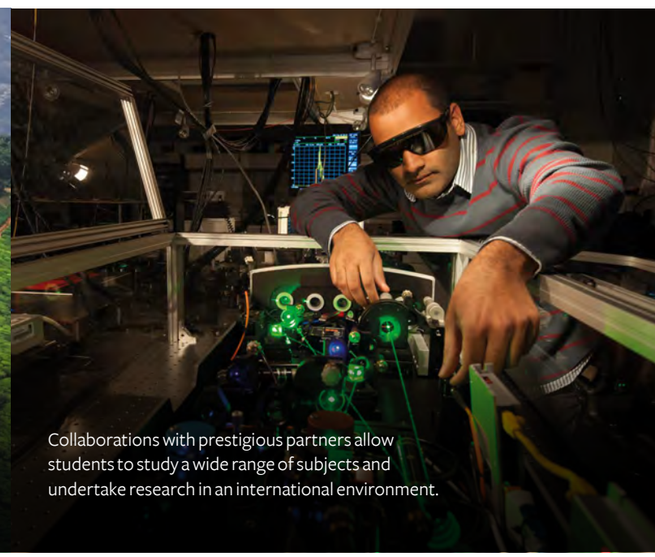


Our values in action

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.

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.

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 the Director of Research and Enterprise will be central to expanding our University's global influence and advancing our research ambitions. This role reflects our commitment to building meaningful partnerships, driving innovative projects, and delivering knowledge that benefits both our academic community and the wider world. Through this position, we aim to create an environment where ideas are valued, collaboration is championed, and real-world impact is achieved.”

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

> “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 represents a natural and strategic partner for Southampton, given its emergence as a global power and the remarkable talent, drive, and innovation of its students, researchers, entrepreneurs, and citizens.

Our Delhi campus is among the University’s highest strategic priorities. We are therefore seeking an exceptional individual to join us on this exciting journey as our Director of Research and Enterprise.

The Delhi campus will embody the University’s vision of creating an inclusive world where knowledge transforms lives. Its focus will include:

- Advancing research, knowledge exchange, and enterprise (KEE) that is locally grounded and globally impactful.
- Delivering a world class education and student experience consistent with the hallmarks of the University of Southampton experience, with a strong emphasis on producing career-ready graduates who will make a meaningful impact.
- 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.
- Collaborating with Indian thought leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators and academic talent to build shared expertise, networks, and insights.

Reporting to the Academic Provost & Associate Vice-President (International) and working closely with the Vice-Presidents International & Engagement, Chief Operating Officer of the Delhi campus and the Director of Teaching and Learning, the role holder will lead the development and execution of a comprehensive campus research and KEE strategy that reflects and delivers the Universities strategic plan. They will oversee its implementation, monitor progress against KPI’s, and ensure activities are effectively launched and embedded across the University.

The role includes strategic leadership of all research and enterprise activity at the campus, ensuring compliance with University policies and processes, and the expectations of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and other funding bodies.

Finally, the role holder will have an understanding of and empathy with India and South Asia to proactively foster, secure and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with funders, stakeholders and advisers in India and the UK, including supporting the relationship with regulating bodies, UKRI India, and state and national government bodies.

How to apply

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

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The closing date for receipt of applications is midnight (GMT) on **Thursday 2nd October 2025**.

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 then be invited to India for a two-day selection process: a virtual Engagement Day on **Wednesday 19th November 2025**, followed by an in-person Interview Day at the Delhi campus on **Thursday 20th November 2025**.

ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE

Job Purpose

The Director of Research and Enterprise is a key strategic role who will provide strategic leadership for the research and knowledge exchange and enterprise (KEE) activity undertaken at the University of Southampton Delhi. The role holder will work collaboratively with the Academic Provost, the Chief Operating Officer and the wider campus community to develop campus plans that reflect and deliver against the University priorities for both research and KEE strategy. They will then lead and promote the development and implementation of this and will monitor and report on the implementation of the plans against KPIs set through the annual business plan. Critically they will be responsible for building the research and KEE activities from start-up and will collaboratively across the whole university to ensure new activities begin effectively and are embedded over time, building and fostering mutually beneficial connections to allow work in this area to flourish.

The role holder will assume overall responsibility for ensuring compliance of the campus' research and KEE activity with both the University's policies and processes but also in line with the expectations of the University Grants Commission (UGC), and the many funding bodies that the University will engage with. They will work collaboratively across the University to ensure connection with the work of colleagues on our other campuses. They will hold responsibility for oversight of relevant assurance processes, including the reporting that will feed into key campus committees, University committees, and UGC.

The role holder will have a clear responsibility for ensuring the implementation of staff development, the evaluation of performance, and the dissemination of good practice relating to research and KEE activities. Working with the Centre for Higher Education Practice the role holder will support staff in their development, and in the embedding of continuous improvement across the research and KEE portfolios at the campus.

They will also have an understanding of and empathy with India and South Asia to proactively foster, secure and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with funders, stakeholders and advisers in India and the UK including supporting the relationship with regulating bodies, UKRI India, and state and national government bodies.

Research and KEE leadership

- Work with the Academic Provost and the Chief Operating Officer to develop of a campus plans for research and KEE that reflect and delivers against the University priorities in the relevant strategic plans. In so doing, work to develop and embed research activity across a small number of key research themes.
- Work with the University Vice President Research & Enterprise and Associate Deans Research and Enterprise to ensure the relevant elements of the wider University strategic plans and priorities are operationalised on the campus.
- Implement and monitor campus research and KEE action plan that takes an evidence-based approach to building and enhancing activity.
- Ensure that research and enterprise activities are aligned with India's National Education Policy 2020 and contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in areas such as inclusive growth, digital innovation, and climate resilience.
- Work to ensure the campus research and enterprise strategy is in alignment and positioned to enhance the University's national and international profile.
- Work in conjunction with Associate Deans of Research and Enterprise (ADR/E) across the University to share and harmonize best practice to ensure consistency, efficiency and effectiveness of research responsibilities and processes.
- Identify and lead interdisciplinary opportunities at the campus that will generate added value and work with the wider team of ADR/Es and institute Directors in pursuing and implementing opportunities.
- Serve as a member of the University's Research & Enterprise Committee.

Research & KEE leadership on campus

- Chair the campus Research & Enterprise Committee.
- Work in partnership with the University Research & Innovation Services team and the Chief Operating Officer to build an effective and robust research administration and management function that provides efficient and effective support for research activities.
- Contribute to campus networks, working groups and committees to support delivery of the campus and University education strategies.
- Ensure that effective processes are in place for governance, approvals, review and conduct of research at the campus.
- Work to ensure the identification of new research and opportunities and the diversification of income streams.
- Co-ordinate campus-wide bids for major programme grants, major capital equipment bids and, represent the campus in University-wide research applications, making decisions on behalf of the Academic Provost regarding the content of, and participation in, such bids.
- Ensure that a positive research culture exists across the campus that allows all staff and students involved in research and enterprise to thrive and to realise their full potential. Particular attention should be paid to ensuring that diversity is valued and that positive steps are taken to ensure inclusion across all aspects of diversity.
- Work with the Academic Provost and the Chief Operating Officer to lead and coordinate campus research infrastructure.

Development and Performance

- Play a role in the recruitment and promotion of all balanced contract Education, Research and Enterprise (ERE) posts and Research-focused posts across campus, ensuring appointments are aligned with Campus and University strategy.
- In collaboration with the Academic Provost, the Director of Learning & Teaching, the Chief Operating Officer, the Doctoral College and Researcher Development office within CHEP, provide an environment and plan development activities that meet career development and university requirements including the Concordat for Early Career Researchers and requirements for the training of doctoral students.
- In conjunction with the Academic Provost and the Chief Operating Officer, and in line with University, campus and wider requirements, ensure implementation of a performance framework that utilises research performance metrics (including income, applications, awards, publications, PGR students) and oversee monitoring of objectives and metrics at individual staff appraisal e.g. appraisal moderation.
- Deputise for the Academic Provost & Associate Vice President (International) as required and take on other duties that fall within the scope of the post as allocated by the Academic Provost.
- Promote a culture of equality, diversity, inclusion and respect throughout the campus.
- Work with colleagues to embed EDI initiatives and follow best practice.
- Any other duties as allocated by the line manager following consultation with the post holder.

Internal and external relationships:

- All colleagues at the University of Southampton Delhi.
- The University's Campus Delivery Partner.
- Vice Presidents of the University, particularly the Vice President Research & Enterprise.
- Members of the wider Professional Services with responsibility for research and enterprise activities including the Executive Director Research & Innovation Services, the Executive Director Finance and the University Librarian & Director Library & Learning Services.
- 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.
- The Deans of Faculties; Vice-President(s), Associate Vice-President(s); members of the Vice-Chancellors Office.
- University and Faculty academic staff; other Associate Deans and Officers of the University (Heads of
- Schools/Deputy Heads of School Research/Heads of Departments/ Deputy Heads etc.).
- Director of the Doctoral College, Faculty Directors of Graduate Schools.
- Director of the Centre for Higher Education Practice.
- Local, national and international public and private sector regulatory bodies and public organisations.
- Funding bodies (including charities and UKRI, European Union, corporate and other sponsors).

Special requirements

The person appointed, if not already a member of 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 scholarship, professional development and 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

Knowledge, Experience and Qualifications

Essential

- A higher degree, PhD or professional doctorate in a relevant academic area or equivalent professional qualifications and experience in a subject area relevant to the campus.
- Well-established national and international reputation in a subject area relevant to the campus and University.
- Extensive track record of published research.
- Significant track record of research leadership within a subject area relevant to the campus.
- Active participation in cutting-edge research.
- Knowledge and awareness of sector strategies and developments and the strategies of relevant funding bodies.
- Evidence of a track record of providing strategic and visionary direction in the development of research and/or enterprise.

Desirable

- Knowledge and awareness of the broad context of Higher Education and government policy in both India and the UK, the current and forthcoming challenges, and opportunities it presents.
- Expertise and knowledge of the Indian higher education sector and/or knowledge of the National Education Policy of India.

Teamwork and Communication

Essential

- Ability to work across multiple disciplines within a faculty or campus with credibility.
- 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.
- A proven track record of achieving performance targets and supporting others to meet their performance targets.
- Ability to shape a positive culture of management, leadership and engagement at all levels of the campus through exceptional leadership and personal example.
- Able to establish and build major relationships with stakeholders.
- Ability to influence, collaborate and interact effectively with a range of stakeholders including staff (at all levels), students and others.
- Able to use influence to develop positions or strategies.
- Demonstrable networking skills and ability to develop and nurture partnerships and alliances across the University.
- Generate a culture of enthusiasm and passion for continuous improvement.
- 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.
- Ability to achieve results through persuasion and negotiation where no direct authority exists.

Desirable

- Experience of leading and managing research and enterprise teams in a transnational campus of a major university.
- Experience of ensuring a harmonious relationship between different parts of a wider global university.
- Experience of research and enterprise strategies for a transnational campus of a university.

Planning, Organisation and Resource Management

Essential

- Proven ability to plan and shape the direction of an area of research and/or enterprise activity with substantial impact on finance and/or reputation for the university.
- Experience of leading research and enterprise planning processes.
- Ability to manage a range of cross-disciplinary academic and technical activities.

Problem Solving and Initiative

Essential

- Ability to develop significant new concepts and original ideas within own field in response to intractable issues of importance to the research area.
- Able to make judgements on significant new problems where precedent may not apply.
- Able to develop innovative solutions and practical implementations for strategic change.
- Ability to respond and adapt with agility to often rapidly moving events and developments in both the internal and external contexts.

Other skills and behaviours

Essential

- Ability to lead and manage change through an organisation.
- Cultural and cross-cultural sensitivity and understanding.
- Able to represent the University of Southampton at senior level nationally and internationally .
- Connections to relevant sector networks.
- Able to demonstrate alignment with the University's core values in all areas of work, and champion those behaviours in the directorate.
- Apply and actively promote equality, diversity and inclusion principles to the responsibilities of the role.

Desirable

- Knowledge and understanding of current issues relating to the provision of modern, user-focused research and enterprise activity within a global university.

Southampton is ranked

87th

in the world[1]

Received **£122.5m** in research grant and contracts income in 2022/23[2]

92%

of our research has been classed as world leading or internationally excellent[3]

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

We attract high-quality students from **over 130 countries**

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

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 over **140** Indian staff on campus and **670** current India students

£4.14bn of economic impact across the UK in 2020/21[6]

Ranked 17th in the UK[4]

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

We employ over 6,500 staff

Very strong performance in the first KEF exercise[5]

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[6]

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

1 QS World University Rankings, 2026

2 *University of Southampton Financial Report*, 2022/23

3 Research Excellence Framework, 2021

4 *The Complete University Guide*, 2026

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 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.

A short walk across Guildhall Square from the Sir James Matthews Building is the University's John Hansard Gallery, one of the UK's leading contemporary art galleries, which plays a dynamic role in the cultural life of Southampton and the region.

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 Campus

Highfield Campus

Delhi NCR Campus, India

Waterfront Campus

Boldrewood Innovation Campus

University of Southampton Malaysia

City Centre Campus

Winchester Campus

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, Sonipat
- 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

“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*

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 over 140 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.

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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