

SHAPE OUR SUCCESS

JOIN OUR REMARKABLE COMMUNITY AS
DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOREWORD

Thank you for your interest in the position of Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

The need for internationally excellent, research-intensive universities like Southampton to help tackle some of the world's biggest challenges has never been more important and urgent. At Southampton, our aim is to change the world for the better. Bringing together realms of research, creativity and knowledge, we are focused on having a truly collaborative, immersive and groundbreaking impact. We care about the challenges that humanity is facing and work to support others on both a local and global scale.

Our University Strategy, launched in January 2022, places people at its heart and encapsulates the Triple Helix of excellence: research, education, knowledge exchange and enterprise — creating a distinctive and inclusive environment where everyone can flourish. Since its launch, we have accelerated progress by investing significantly in our campuses, enhancing support for staff and students, and celebrating the diverse contributions that shape our community.

We are proud to be a founding member of the UK's prestigious Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities. With campus operations in Malaysia and India, and partnerships across the globe, our international outlook attracts exceptional talent from around the world.

As Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, you will provide strategic and visionary leadership that advances the Faculty's national and international standing, and shapes the future of Social Sciences at Southampton. Drawing on your academic leadership and strategic insight, you will champion excellence across education, research, and knowledge exchange and enterprise. You will drive interdisciplinary innovation, foster a culture of collaboration, and build influential partnerships that deliver meaningful impact on the complex societal challenges our disciplines address.

We are committed to being a fully diverse and inclusive institution. Please see page 8 for more information on equality, diversity and inclusion.



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Tackling homelessness

Southampton's clinical psychologists link research, education and social enterprise to tackle homelessness. Led by Professor Nick Maguire our psychologists are supporting people who experience homelessness, while also developing a postgraduate certificate programme in psychology that will train the next generation of practitioners to end this societal injustice.

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 300,000 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 Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) exercises.

Collaborate with us: together we advance.

 **Find out more**
The University Strategy

Bridging the gap between national policy and local action

The political rhetoric around climate change coupled with the hugely ambitious national targets to reduce our carbon emissions, provides local authorities with an almost unattainable task. And how this is done 'on the ground', while balancing the need for high-level services for the community, is crucial.

Third-year PhD student Emily Cole is working with local authorities in Hampshire to understand the challenges they face, how they make decisions about land allocation, and recommend where renewable energy and conservation areas could go.



Can Renewable Energy and Nature Work Together? | Southampton PhD

OUR VALUES

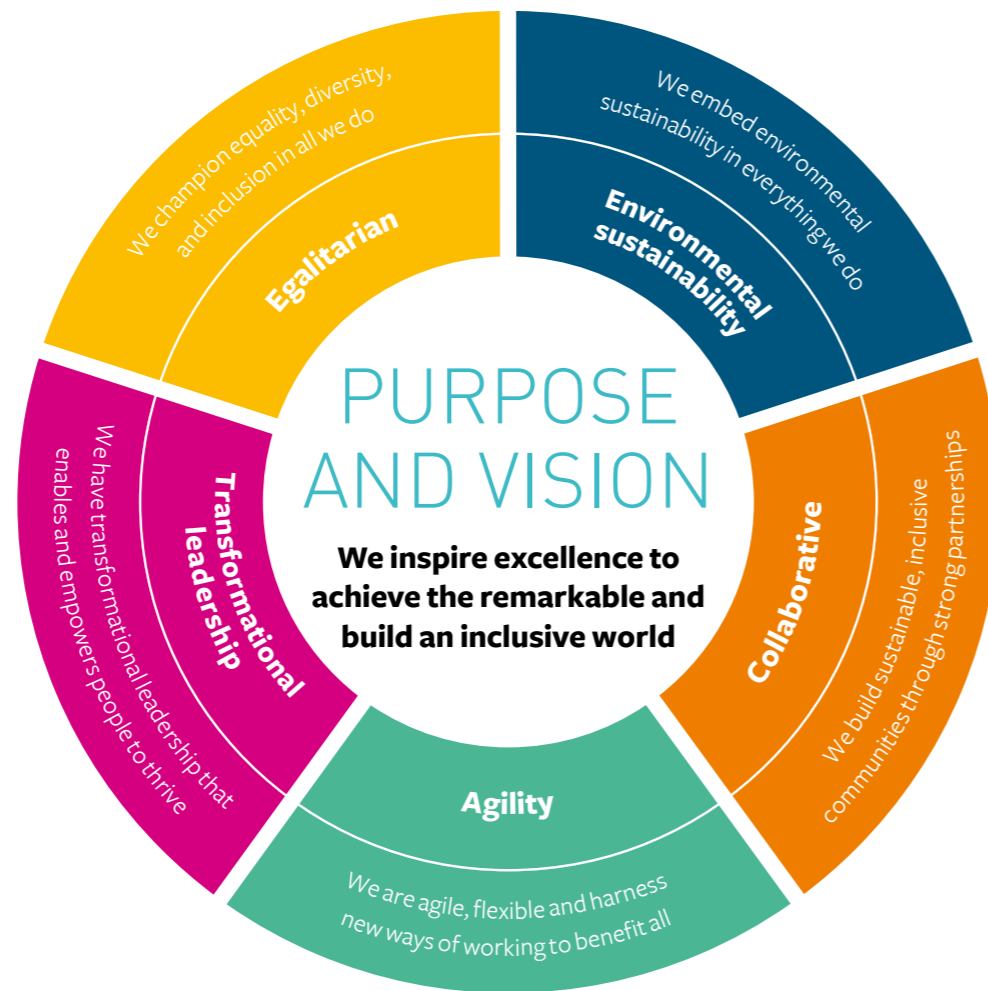
Our values provide the lens through which we make decisions, guiding our actions, collective behaviours and systems.

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.

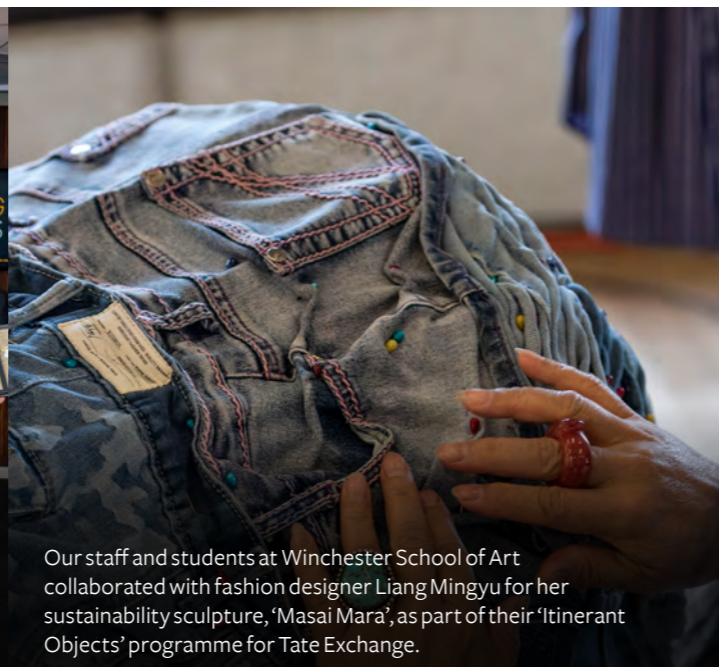
By strengthening and increasing these links, our Triple Helix approach will achieve greater impact and accelerate new ways to tackle the world's most complex problems.

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

Our values in action



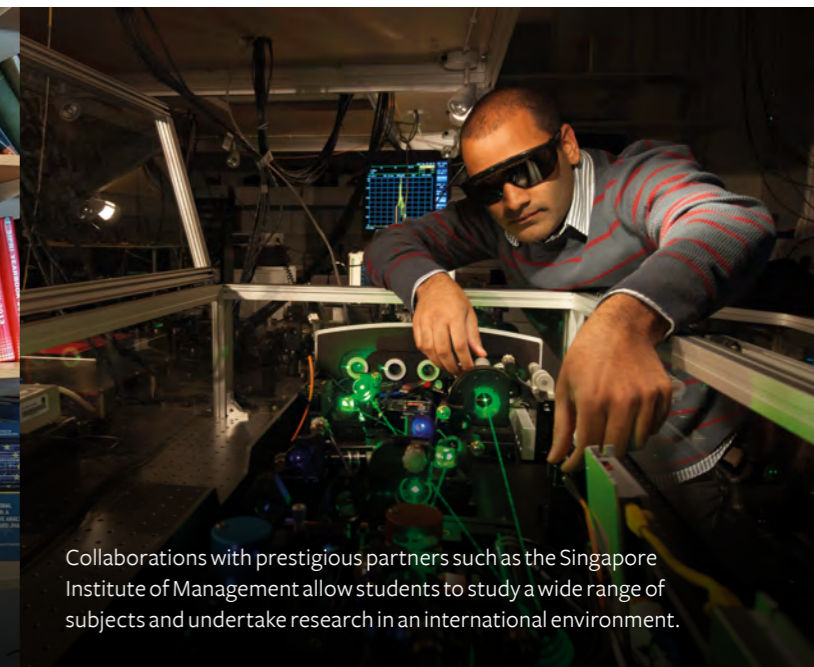
Our annual Vice-Chancellor's Awards recognise and celebrate the exceptional contributions made by our staff during the academic year.



Our staff and students at Winchester School of Art collaborated with fashion designer Liang Mingyu for her sustainability sculpture, 'Masai Mara', as part of their 'Itinerant Objects' programme for Tate Exchange.



Dr Kamil Zwolski, Associate Professor in International Politics, was awarded a prestigious National Teaching Fellowship for his innovative approach to teaching.



Collaborations with prestigious partners such as the Singapore Institute of Management allow students to study a wide range of subjects and undertake research in an international environment.

OUR CAMPUSES

We have six campuses in Southampton, one in Winchester, one in Malaysia and one in India. Each has 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

University Hospital Southampton 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

Based at the National Oceanography Centre Southampton 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, Winchester School of Art is home to a vibrant community of over 1,300 art and design students. With creative ambition at its core, 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



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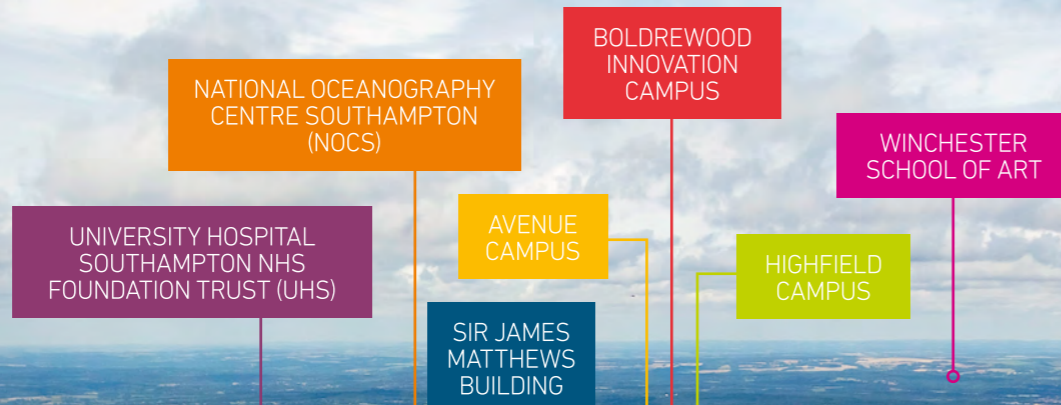


City Centre Campus



Winchester Campus

THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS REGION



7th
most liveable
city in the UK*

*PWC Good Growth for Cities, 2025

The University's core purpose and vision is to inspire excellence to achieve the remarkable and build an inclusive world, and our partners in the city play a vital role in helping us in this.

Our foundations and heritage make the University a gateway to the world and our Strategy emphasises our commitment to 'place' and being a civic university. We are deeply committed to Southampton as a city of culture and across the region will further develop our civic role of making a positive impact.

Being a civic university allows us to rethink how we contribute to our region, so that civic engagement can become hardwired into institutional culture.

Articulation of the benefit the University brings to the region through the productive relationships we have with local and regional government, will help mobilise a community of supporters to benefit all communities. Over 50 per cent of our UK-based alumni (over 80,000 people) live within 50 miles of the University alongside 'friends' who support us philanthropically and through collaboration.

Underpinned by the four pillars of the Civic Charter – Place, People, Partnerships and Impact – we will work together with our friends and civic partnerships to improve the lives and environment of people across diverse communities in a just and responsible way. The University will become a truly integrated part of its local communities.

Southampton

Southampton is a fantastic place in which to live, work and socialise. Regardless of what life stage you are at, you will find a dynamic and vibrant city that caters for all. With an enviable location on the coast, yet just over an hour from London, the region combines incredible natural beauty with a thriving social scene – making it a desirable place to live! As an ethnically rich city that is growing rapidly, Southampton is benefitting from considerable investments in the region.

The city centre is currently thriving thanks to over £600m of regeneration plans and projects, including the historic Bargate Quarter, with new hotels, homes and transport links. This is a city of growth and transformation, and it is an exciting time to be here.

There is something for everyone in Southampton and the surrounding areas. For outdoor enthusiasts, water sports, sailing and ocean racing are easily available, while the beautiful New Forest National Park is just 30 minutes away. With many excellent local schools and nurseries, families will find a fantastic quality of life, while there's a thriving LGBTQ+ social scene. Multiple faiths are celebrated in the city, and the rich cultural heritage of Winchester is just on our doorstep.

Winchester

On the edge of the South Downs National Park, England's ancient capital, Winchester, is steeped in history and is complemented by a lively atmosphere and a wide variety of pubs and restaurants, museums, theatres and galleries. With direct rail links to London, our Winchester School of Art campus is one of the UK's leading art and design institutions.

 [View our virtual tours](#)

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 **Find out more**

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