Cambridge research in numbers

At Cambridge, we are committed to achieving excellence in research and scholarship, and to ensuring that our research contributes to the well-being of society. We provide a creative and supportive environment in which ideas are generated and can flourish. The following statistics give a flavour of the importance of research at Cambridge.

The University
There are currently
- nearly 1,500 tenured academics
- more than 3,000 contract research staff
- and almost 4,000 PhD students at the University of Cambridge

The University's teaching and research is organised into six schools:
- Arts and Humanities
- Biological Sciences
- Clinical Medicine
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Technology

There are over 70 academic faculties and departments
- More than 140 University centres & institutes contribute to specific areas of research
- 8 Strategic Research Initiatives
- 7 Strategic Research Networks
- build on areas of existing research strength to tackle multi-disciplinary challenges

1 of 10 leading universities in the International Alliance of Research Universities
1 of 21 leading universities in the League of European Research Universities

Funding
In 2011–12 the University received £293m in research grants and contracts
- 94 Starting Grants and Advanced Grants from the European Research Council – more than any other university in Europe
- 1st The highest UK recipient of European Commission research & technological development funding (November 2010)

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Partnership

The University works with over 200 industrial partners and 700 UK and overseas organisations to sponsor research at Cambridge.

In 2012-13, as a result of its research, the University signed 95 licences, filed 163 new patents, and formed 5 companies.

Research in action

1st The University's overall ranking in the most recent (2008) Research Assessment Exercise, coming top in 19 research disciplines.

Over 13.14 citations per FTE from publications published in 2011 on Scopus.

In 2012 academics published 160 books and nearly 400 chapters and presented papers at over 500 conferences.

Cambridge academics contribute to approximately 12,000 publications each year.

23 Cambridge academics were elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society between 2010-13.

28 Cambridge academics were elected to the Fellowship of the British Academy between 2010-13.

89 affiliates of the University of Cambridge have been awarded the Nobel Prize.

Public engagement with research

Around 35,000 people attend the 200 events at the Cambridge Science Festival each year.

The Festival of Ideas attracts 15,000 visitors to 200 events in 30 locations over 2 weeks.

Figures are based on information available at the time of printing - September 2013.