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## Introduction

Sheffield Hallam is a large and diverse university, driven by a purpose to transform lives and a passion for driving meaningful change that makes a positive impact on our students, our staff, our place and the range of communities we serve.

Our core ambition is to be a world-leading applied university through the impact we have on students and society. Rooted in our region, but engaging on a global level, we aim to make a positive impact through the power of our high-quality teaching, award-winning research, talented people and strong partnerships.

To achieve this, our University Strategy 2030 focuses our work on making an impact in three key areas: *enabling healthier lives*, *building stronger communities*, *and driving future* 

economies. These areas relate strongly to our purpose, our research strengths and the professions our students go into.

As we navigate an increasingly complex future, the work of universities is needed more than ever. Here, we tell the story of who we are and what we do, our students, our research and innovation, our commitment to our region, and our work with partners. All of which aims to bring about meaningful change and make a positive impact on society.

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Professor Liz Mossop, Vice-Chancellor, Sheffield Hallam University





# **Our University**

We can trace our roots right back to 1843, when the Sheffield School of Design was founded in the city to provide skilled designers to support Britain's industry.

Today, our university community has grown to include over 32,000 students\*, 3,500 staff and more than 340,000 alumni around the world. We have two main campuses, City Campus in the heart of Sheffield and Collegiate Campus, a 20-minute walk away in the popular Ecclesall Road area.

We were awarded Gold in the latest Teaching Excellence Framework, which recognises our committed staff who deliver inspirational teaching and learning. We take pride in supporting all our students to fulfil their potential, whatever their background.

- Sheffield Hallam is a large university, providing a broad range of courses across a mix of subjects that balance demand with the changing needs of students, employers and our partners.
- We are one of the UK's largest providers of teacher education, rated 'Outstanding' across all age phases\*\*, and we have one of the largest health and social care schools in the UK, training the next generation of nurses, midwives and healthcare professionals.
- We are also home to the Sheffield Business School, the Sheffield Creative Industries Institute and other schools and institutes for computing, engineering, built environment, sport, life sciences, arts and social sciences.
- We support close to 3,000 degree apprentices with more than 700 employer partners.

<sup>\*2023/24</sup> Higher Education Statistics Agency published numbers \*\*Ofsted inspection May 2024

### **Our students**

We aim to provide an excellent experience for our students, delivering inspirational teaching and learning that helps them to become confident learners. They graduate with the skills and experience they need to drive meaningful change and make a positive impact on the world.

Our students matter. That's why they are supported throughout their time here to fulfil their potential, whatever their background and from wherever their Hallam journey begins, so they can gain the skills and confidence they need to succeed and thrive.

Our courses are designed with industry experts and focus on collaboration and cross-disciplinary learning, embedded work experience opportunities, employability and digital skills pathways.

- 95% of our students are in work or further study 15 months after graduating\*.
- More than 50% our students come from within 30 miles of our campus.
- More than 50% are the first in their family to attend university.
- Nearly 20% of our student community are international students, predominantly from India and Nigeria.



<sup>\*2022/23</sup> Graduate Outcomes Survey



## Our research

Our award-winning Research, Innovation and Knowledge Exchange has a real-world impact – locally, nationally and around the world.

We undertake high-quality interdisciplinary research in world-class facilities across a range of disciplines, including science and engineering, health and wellbeing, social sciences, arts and culture, and much more.

In the last Research Excellence Framework (2021), 72% of research submitted was rated world-class or internationally excellent.

In line with our University Strategy 2030, our research activity enhances our students' experience and drives meaningful change and impact in three key areas. Examples include:

- Enabling healthier lives developing a programme to provide physical activity, nutritional and psychological support for people undergoing cancer treatment, improving survival rates amongst participants.
- Building stronger communities creating an award-winning digital platform used by over 40,000 United Nations agency staff to keep them safe in some of the world's most volatile environments.
- Driving future economies leading the South Yorkshire Innovation Programme, providing local employers with access to academic experts, student projects, work placements, facilities, and technical workshops.

# Our place

We are a leading civic university, firmly rooted in our region, yet engaging on a global level to make an impact across the world.

At the heart of South Yorkshire, we are woven into the fabric and culture of our region. This commitment to place - and with it, opportunity - means we are a leader in widening access to higher education for students from disadvantaged and under-represented backgrounds.

From our roots almost 200 years ago, we continue that civic tradition through our anchor leadership role and significant contribution to our region's economy, workforce, infrastructure, health, culture and environment.

- Our priorities closely align with South Yorkshire's Growth Plan, the Sheffield City Goals, and the ambitions of our other local authority partners.
- We play a key role in supporting the Mayor's ambition for South Yorkshire to be a preventative health and wellbeing hub.
- The development of our City Campus has created a shared asset for our region, delivering regeneration at a key city gateway and a new public green space.
- Our widening participation team engages with more than 1,000 educational settings and more than 60,000 young people across our region every year.





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