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Challenges for the Higher Education Sector

Financial sustainability (tuition fees, NI increases, capital investment...)

Global (recruitment, reputation, conflicts/disasters...)

Diversity and inclusion (community, widening participation...)

Impact and contribution (economic, social, environmental...)





University of Bath's Reputation

We are firmly established as a top 10 UK university with a reputation for research and teaching excellence...

and we are in the top 10% of universities globally





Excellent Reputation for Sport



Top 10 in the world for Sports-related subjects in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

17 Olympic/Paralympic medals – 4 **gold**, 9 silver and 4 **bronze** – for Bath-based athletes at Paris 2024





Implementing our Strategic Priorities



Global impact with excellence

In order to deliver our mission and vision, we must become increasingly focussed on global impact.

Our aim is to be on a trajectory towards the top 100 universities in the world.

This will require focussed & action-led strategies to attract global talent, form meaningful partnerships and activate our alumni and supporter networks.



Foundations for the future

Big ambitions need firm foundations.

To prepare for the next 60 years and beyond:

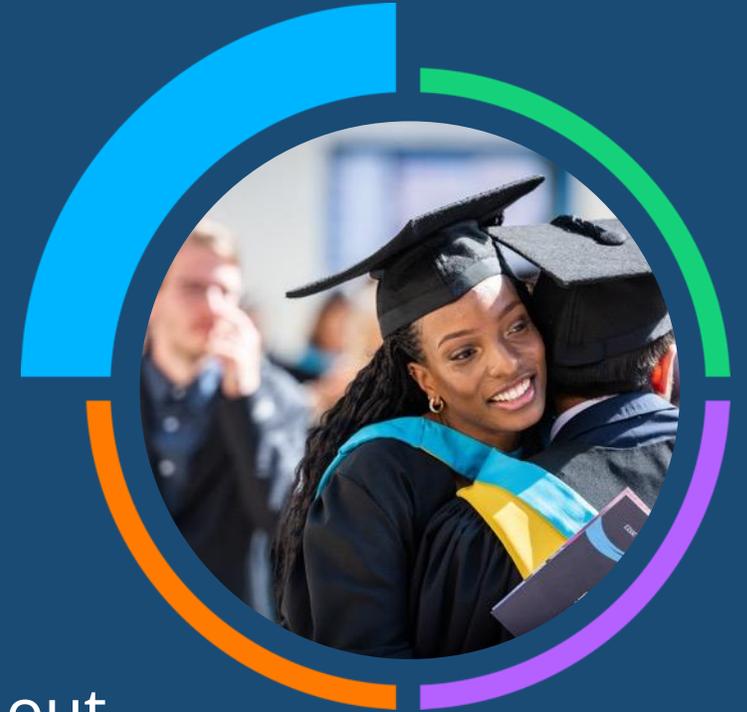
We need to generate enough margin for sustainable investment in our people, capabilities, physical and digital infrastructure.



Education

Driving excellence in education

- Demand for Bath places remains high
- New Employability Strategic Plan
- Mandatory pastoral support training for all academic advisors and doctoral supervisors
- Year 2 undergraduate CT programmes rolled out successfully
- Postgraduate taught strategic review underway





Research

Driving high impact research

- 2 new Institutes launched in Jan 2025
- 10 new projects funded through our Hydrogen research hub
- Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice signed
- £11M to establish a Mental Health research Group
- Research Culture Action Plan launched





Partnerships

Enhancing strategic partnerships

- New Brunel Centre – led by Bath
- SpinOutWest – pilot led by Bath
- South West Life Sciences – with Bristol
- £300M investment vehicle with QantX
- MoU with the United Nations
- Futures West
- Future Ambition Board
- Bath Quays North





Community

Fostering an outstanding and inclusive community

- University Mental Health Charter Award – one of only 15
- Athena SWAN awards for Maths and Chemistry
- Interfaith Steering Group
- Race Equality Charter submission to be made
- #NeverOK Student Workshops





Community

New honorary graduates 2024-25

Adam Leon Smith
Dr John Harris
Anthony Payne
Dame Dawn Childs
Nigel Owens
Rob Bell
Lawrence Churchill
Dave McNulty
Cordelia O'Hara
Gareth Owen
Prof Dame Melanie Welham





Community

New President's Award Winners

Jamie Feilden
Tish Feilden
Marian McNeir
Iestyn Lewis





The Future

Key Appointments

Lydia Lee, Director of Advancement (Jan 2025)
Professor Marcus Munafò, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (May 2025)
Pro-Vice-Chancellor Global (TBC)
University Secretary (TBC)







THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS ?