

# Academic Assembly 2 May 2023

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# Rankings and Reputation

## National Rankings and Awards



7<sup>th</sup> in the UK in  
The Guardian University Guide 2023  
11 subjects in the top 10



8<sup>th</sup> overall  
6<sup>th</sup> for graduate prospects  
26 subjects in the top 10



8<sup>th</sup> overall for 2023  
Top university in the South West  
15 subjects in the top 10



1<sup>st</sup> in England and 3<sup>rd</sup> in UK  
9 courses achieved satisfaction  
ratings of 100%



92% of our research rated  
as 'world-leading' or  
'internationally excellent'



2 Queen's  
Anniversary Prizes

## International Rankings



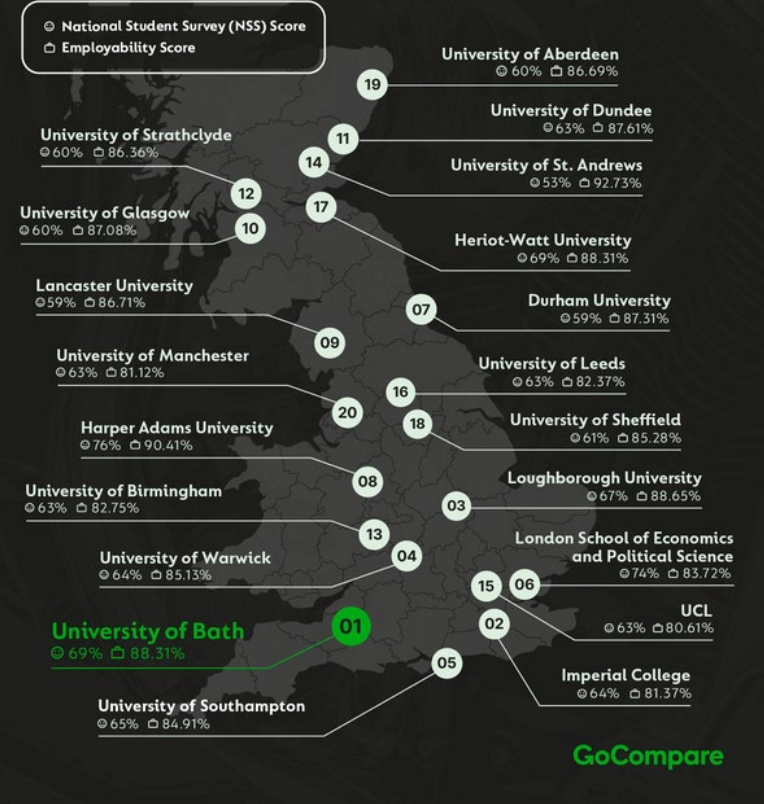
179<sup>th</sup>/1,422 for 2023  
93<sup>rd</sup> in the QS Graduate Employability Rankings  
134<sup>th</sup> in Leiden 2021



201-250 in THE World  
University Rankings 2021

## The UK University Ivy League

The top 20 according to their NSS and employability score



# Our University Strategy 2021-2026



# Fostering an Outstanding and Inclusive Community

## An increasingly diverse community

- 20,311 students representing 153 nationalities – 32% come from outside the UK
- A significant increase in UK students from Widening Participation backgrounds with the University's Gold Scholarship Programme (a 2021 upReach Student Social Mobility Awards winner) supporting up to 50 students a year
- Over 3,500 members of staff representing 87 nationalities
- Over 145,000 alumni living and working in more than 170 countries



# Fostering an Outstanding and Inclusive Community

## Initiatives

- Support for members of our community affected by global events and cost of living
- More regular staff surveys – Reward, Hybrid Working, Wellbeing, Workload
- Outstanding Student Engagement in SU
- Student inclusion – Living Ambassador Scheme
  
- Athena Swan Awards held by all 16 academic departments
- Statement of Equality Objectives approved
- Application for the University Mental Health Charter Award submitted
- Culture of Care training package launched
- Suicide Safer Community Action Plan approved
- Accessibility Committee set up and external audit commissioned
- National pay and pension issues continue, but locally we have:
  - signed a pioneering collective agreement on anti-casualisation
  - brought forward implementation of the voluntary living wage
  - completed the second round of the new Professorial pay system
  - seen a reduction in our median gender pay gap



# Fostering an Outstanding and Inclusive Community



## New Senior Appointments

- Professor Deborah Wilson, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences from 1 October 2022
- Professor Duncan Craig, Dean of the Faculty of Science from 1 March 2023
- Dr Randolph Cooper, Interim Chief Operating Officer from 5 December 2022
- Dev Biddlecombe, Director of Estates from 5 September 2022
- Chris Youles, Chief Information & Digital Officer from 1 May 2022

# Driving Excellence in Education



## Recruitment and Admissions

- 16,431 applications for FT PGT courses and 32,825 UG applications for 2022 entry
- UG applications for 2023 are up by 4.8% and PGT applications are up by 35.7%

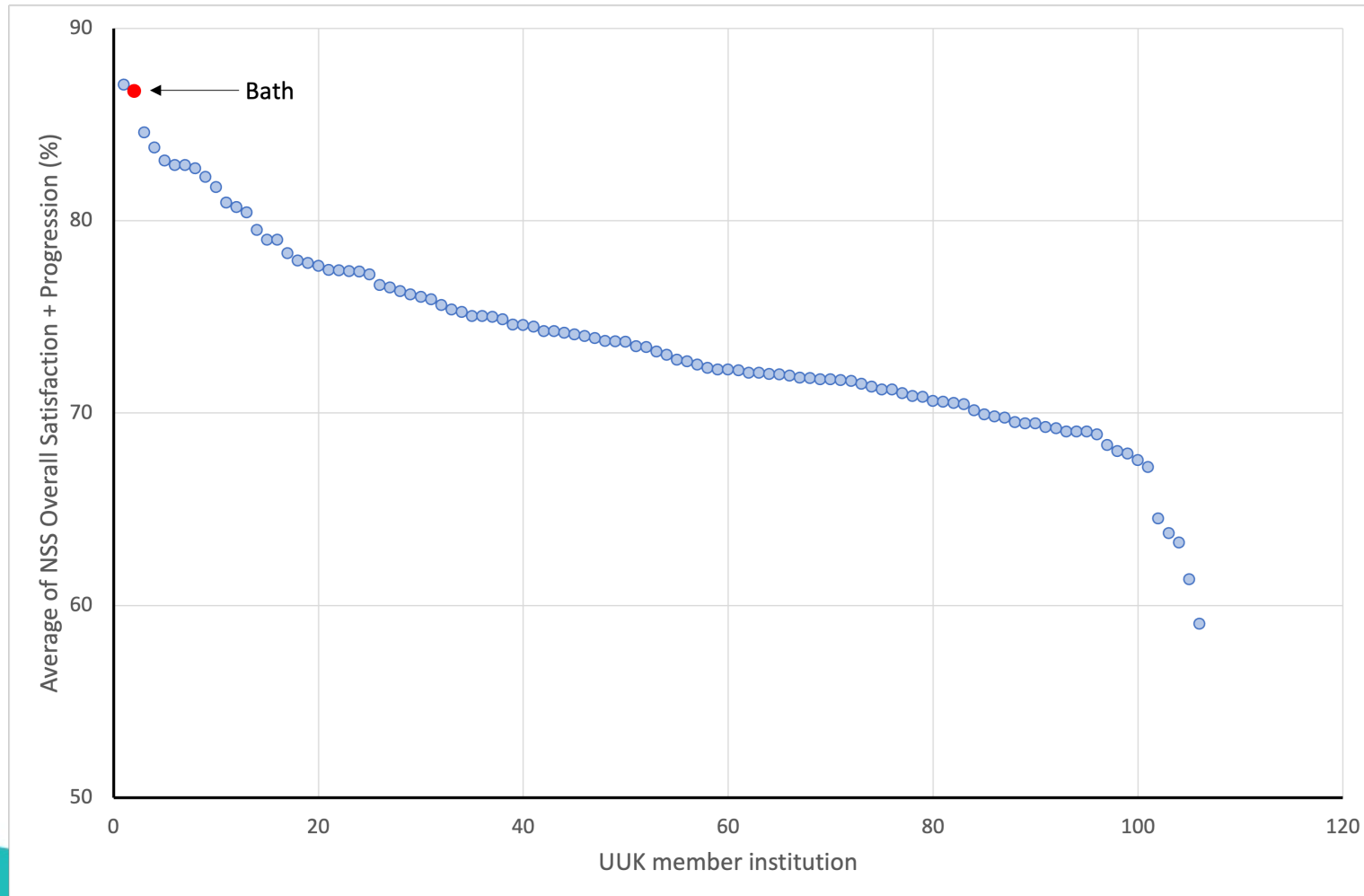
## Delivery

- Last year, we returned to a campus-based education whilst retaining the successes of the 'Bath Blend'
- This year, circa 96% of all pre-Covid in-person delivery has been face-to-face, with around 4% online interactive learning
- Social and extra-curricular activities are back to pre-pandemic levels

## Initiatives

- Teaching Excellence Framework 2023 – submission made in Jan 2023
- Curriculum Transformation (CT) project – preparing to launch all undergraduate courses in 2023/24
- New Education Data Insights Group – robust data and analysis to support continual improvement of our education and student experience

# Education Performance



## Highlights

- Highly Relevant Courses – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Employability after Imperial and Cambridge
- Approximately 70% students on placements
- Bath-led Institute of Coding – 960,000 learners



# Student Success

- Mechanical Engineering graduate **Waleed Lattouf** – Young Innovators Award, Innovate UK
- Professor **Linda du Plessis** (DBA) – International Award in the 2022 Emerald and HE Teaching and Learning Association 'Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards'
- **Nav Sawhney**, MSc Humanitarianism, Conflict and Development graduate – 'Points of Light' award from the Prime Minister for his hand-cranked washing machine project
- A multidisciplinary team of Bath students – gold medal in the prestigious iGEM competition for developing a bacterial variant that turns a pollutant into a soil nutrient
- Gold Scholar **Gracie Stavers**, MChem (hons) Chemistry – Outstanding Achievement Award at the upReach Student Social Mobility Awards
- **Thomas Finn** (Mathematical Sciences PhD) – first Royal Statistical Society PhD Competition in Applied Probability winner



# Driving High Impact Research

## Themes

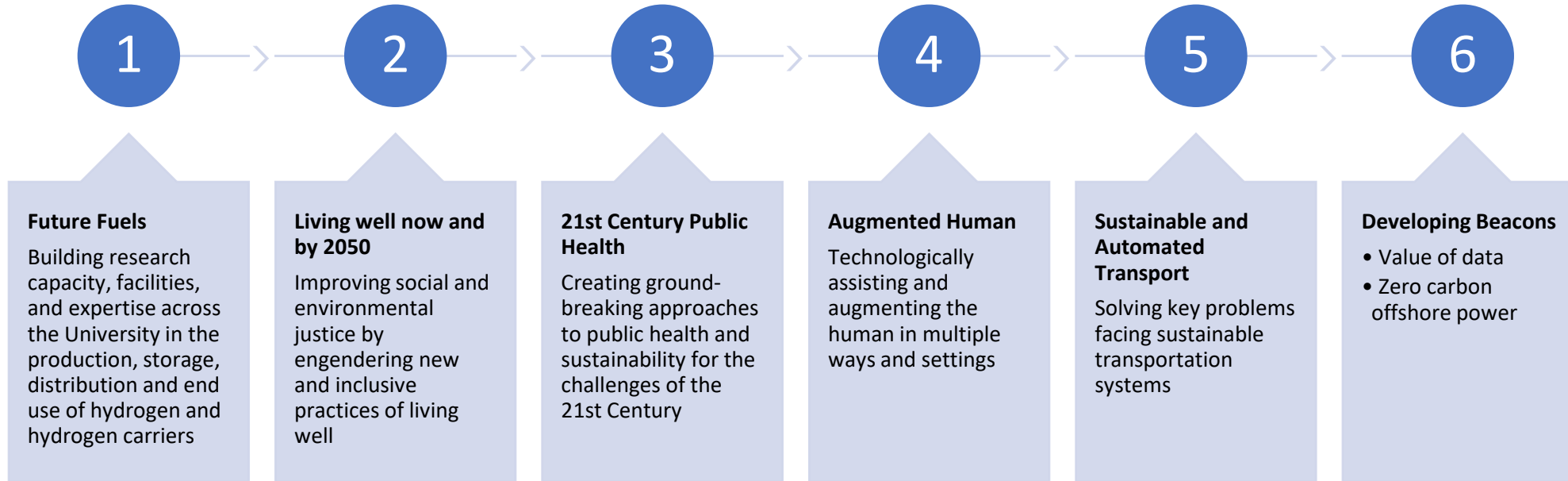
- Sustainability; Health & Wellbeing; Digital

## Initiatives

- New Institute for Sustainability launched
- New Institute for the Augmented Human launching this year
- New Institute for Digital Security and Behaviour to be launched
- 40 International PGR scholarships per Faculty/School will attract a diverse and high-quality cohort
- 37 projects funded through the Research England Enhancing Research Culture Fund will address our 6 pillars of research culture: career development, collegiality, research recognition, research ethics and integrity, open research and research design
- New Economic and Social Research Council Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) funding of £1.25 million will support a wide range of social, economic and behavioural science impact activities
- Bath leading the £12M EPSRC-funded Cellular Agriculture Manufacturing Hub
- Bath Beacons scheme developing with second round soon to launch



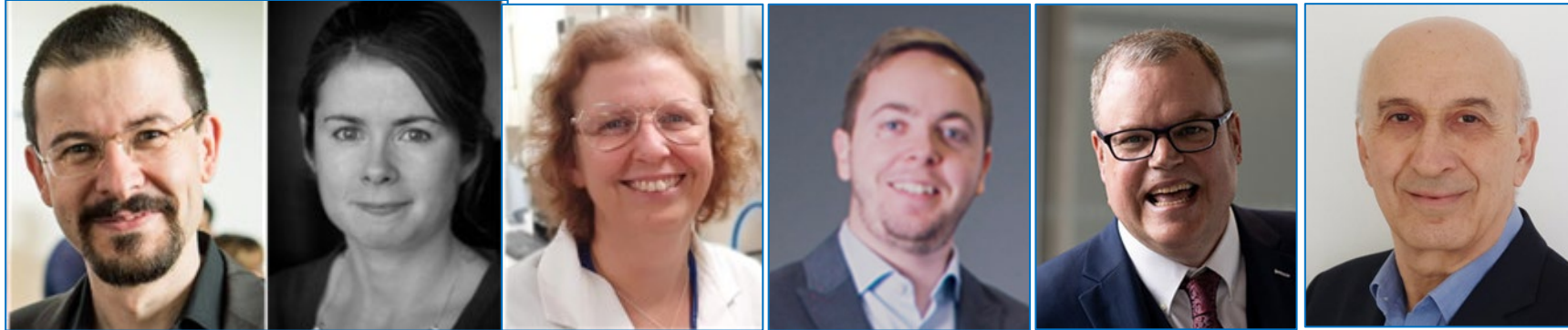
# Driving High Impact Research



## Bath Beacons

Our multidisciplinary Beacons empower our research community to tackle major global challenges by building consortia for large-scale funding.

# Driving High Impact Research – External Recognition



**Professor Ventsislav Valev** – Fellow of the Institute of Physics and Fellow of SPIE

**Professor Lorraine Whitmarsh** – MBE for services to Social Research in Climate Change, Energy and Transport

**Dr Ben Metcalfe** – Vice-President (Academic) and Fellow of the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine

**Dr Christine Edmead** – Fellow of the British Pharmacological Society

**Professor Phil Tomlinson** – Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences

**Professor Ismet Gursul** – Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

# Enhancing Strategic Partnerships

Research alliances, enterprise partnerships and other collaborations



- iSTART – providing a new facility in the new Bath Quays business district offering research, innovation and enterprise support for businesses and skills development for residents in partnership with Bath Spa University, Bath College and B&NES Council
- Local collaborations in Health: RUH, Guild Living – enhancing urban later-life living communities
- Additional funding of £3.39M through the WECA for projects including the development of Hydrogen infrastructure at IAAPS and an upgrade to the CAMERA motion capture facility
- Innovation Centre for Applied Sustainable Technologies - located in Carriage Works, Swindon with Oxford, NCC, CPI, SWLEP
- Collaborations with leading large-scale organisations: BT, CERN
- Success in the second Knowledge Exchange Framework – Bath substantially outperformed its peer group in three perspectives: Working with Businesses; IP and Commercialisation; and CPD and Graduate Start-Ups
- Partnerships with elite sports teams and national/international bodies

# Sporting Success

- More than 100 international medals won and new elite training centres opened during a stunning sporting 2022 at the University
- Outstanding SU sports success
- Bath again named one of the top 10 places in the world to study sport (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022)
- The University, with Pentathlon GB, UK Sport and B&NES Council, will host the UIPM Modern Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in August 2023
- Bath continues to be a top training venue for national and international teams
- A new dedicated training facility for the world-leading Great Britain wheelchair fencing squad has opened at the University
- Bath and Edinburgh awarded a new International Olympic Committee Research Centre



# The Times and Sunday Times University of the year 2023



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