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Reputation

- We continue to be recognised as a top 10 university in all major UK rankings and our international reputation has increased
- Of particular note over the last year has been:
 - Achieving a top 5 place in the ranking of UK universities (Complete University Guide 2024)
 - Climbing 31 places to 148th in the QS World University Rankings, putting us in the top 10% of universities globally
 - Being named in the top 100 in the world for Sports-Related Subjects, Architecture and Built Environment, Business and Management Studies, Development Studies, Social Policy and Administration, and Psychology in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023
 - Ranking 92nd of 1,403 universities around the world in the QS World University Sustainability Rankings







Education

Driving excellence in education





Education



- Triple Gold Award in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) exercise 2023 – Bath is one of only 6 high tariff institutions to achieve this
- Undergraduate (UG) recruitment remains strong – 12% increase on last year for Home applications and 14% increase in Overseas applications
- New UG Courses launched as part of the Curriculum Transformation project
- Work ongoing to assess possible impacts of AI and consider how students use it in a positive and informed manner



Research

Driving high impact research





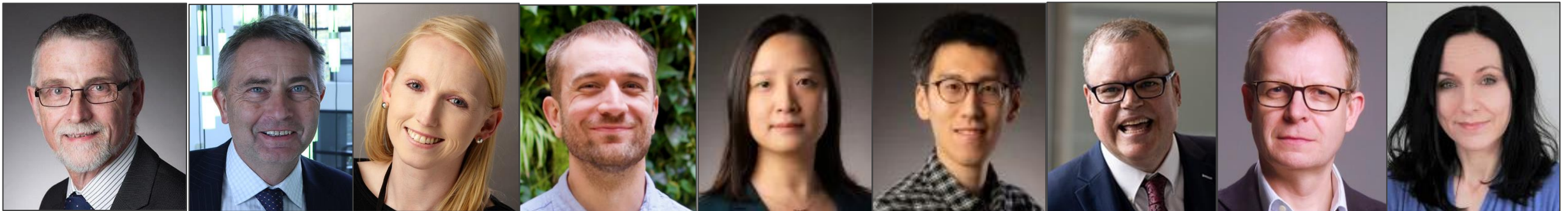
Research

- The University's research portfolio increased by over £10 million during 2022/23
- As of 21st January 2024 the portfolio value is £185,226,088
- We are winning significant funding bids:
 - A £13.7 million Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) grant to lead UK-HyRES
 - Three prestigious EPSRC Prosperity Partnership grants with a combined value of more than £19 million
 - A £12 million project on revolutionising food production
 - £13 million to establish a new Centre of Excellence in Water-Based Early Warning Systems for health protection – WBE@Bath
- The Bath Beacons scheme is thriving, with some Beacons developing into Institutes or Research Centres
- Significant external recognition for our academics



Research: external recognition

- **Dr Paul Mitchell and Prof Steve Ward** – Fellow of the British Pharmacological Society
- **Dr Jo Daniels** – Society of Occupational Medicine Outstanding Contribution to Research Award
- **Dr Euan Allen** – Institute of Physics Cliff Paterson Medal
- **Dr Min Pan and Dr Yixian Sun** – UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship
- **Prof Phil Tomlinson** – Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences
- **Prof Steve Denton** – Vice President of the Royal Academy of Engineering
- **Prof Barbara Kasprzyk-Hordern** – Royal Society of Chemistry Environmental Chemistry Group DGL Medal





Partnerships

Enhancing strategic partnerships





Partnerships

- The FWD project (formerly ISTART) with Bath Spa, Bath College and B&NES has recruited its first Health businesses into its accelerator at the UoB Innovation Centre
- The University was the official partner for the Economic and Social Research Council's Festival of Social Science (Oct – Nov 2023)
- GW-Shift – the University is leading a new £2.5 million project to develop a supercluster of hydrogen expertise (with Exeter, Bristol, Cardiff, Swansea, South Wales and Plymouth as well as civic organisations and industry partners)
- Clean Food Group, a bio-tech business, is collaborating with the University to create a sustainable yeast-based alternative to palm oil
- The Universities of Bath is launching an in-person pharmacy degree at the University of Plymouth to address a shortage of pharmacists in the South West
- The development of University's Civic Agreement recognises the importance of the University's contribution to our local area and region.



Community

Fostering an outstanding and inclusive community





Community

- Continued support for all those affected by natural disasters and conflicts
- University of Sanctuary accreditation being renewed
- Staff diversity networks re-invigorated
- Commemoration Committee marking national commemoration days
- Disability Confidence Level 3 Award – the highest level
- Short films produced by the Race Equality Taskforce
- Mental Health Charter Award
- Winter at Bath – for those staying over the Christmas period



Community

5 President's Awards have been conferred, recognising contributions to the University, City or wider region

- Holly (Hollis) Anzani, member of the University's US Charitable Foundation
- John Hall, Bath rugby player and Club President
- David Kelly, Co-founder and CEO of Storm Consultancy
- Ciara Sherlock, University of Bath Gold Scholar and School of Management student
- Ali Vowles, BBC Points West's Bath Correspondent

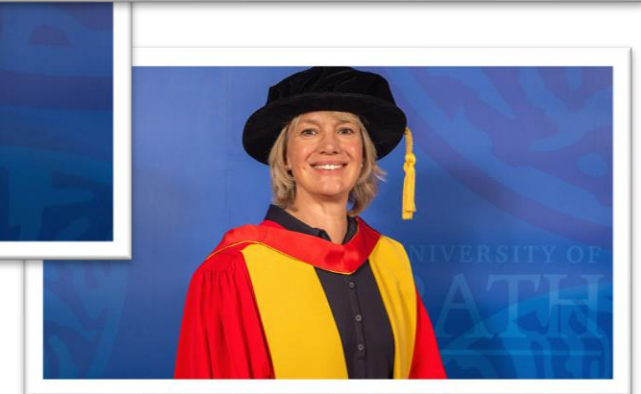
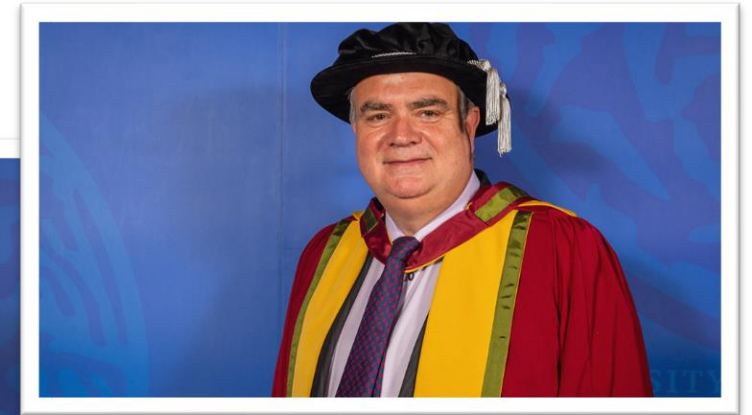




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8 honorary degree have been conferred over the last year with University of Bath alumni featuring in the list of eminent recipients

- Mr Vittorio Colao
- Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon
- Professor Sir Mark Welland
- Mr Robin Hayes
- Col Anne McClain
- Mr Richard Mills
- Brian Schofield
- Ms Claire Smith





The Future





Thank you

This is an opportune moment to reflect on our collective successes as I commence my final six months in post

Thanks to all in the University's immediate and wider community who have contributed to our success

The University of Bath has a growing reputation for excellence in education, research, innovation and partnership, reflecting our visions and strategic aims

Recent invitations, reflecting this growing reputation for excellence, have included:

- An invitation to serve as the keynote speaker at the 20th International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) Triennial Conference
- An invitation to speak at the QS India Summit 2024
- An invitation to attend the iCANX Davos Summit 2024 in Switzerland and join the President Forum as a plenary speaker

Bath is now seen as a major player nationally and internationally.