

UNIVERSITY OF  
Southampton

# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SERVICES



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**One of the top-ranked universities globally, the University of Southampton is an exceptional place whose people achieve remarkable things. Outward looking and research intensive, Southampton has gained prestigious recognition for its wide-ranging successes and history of world-changing achievements.**

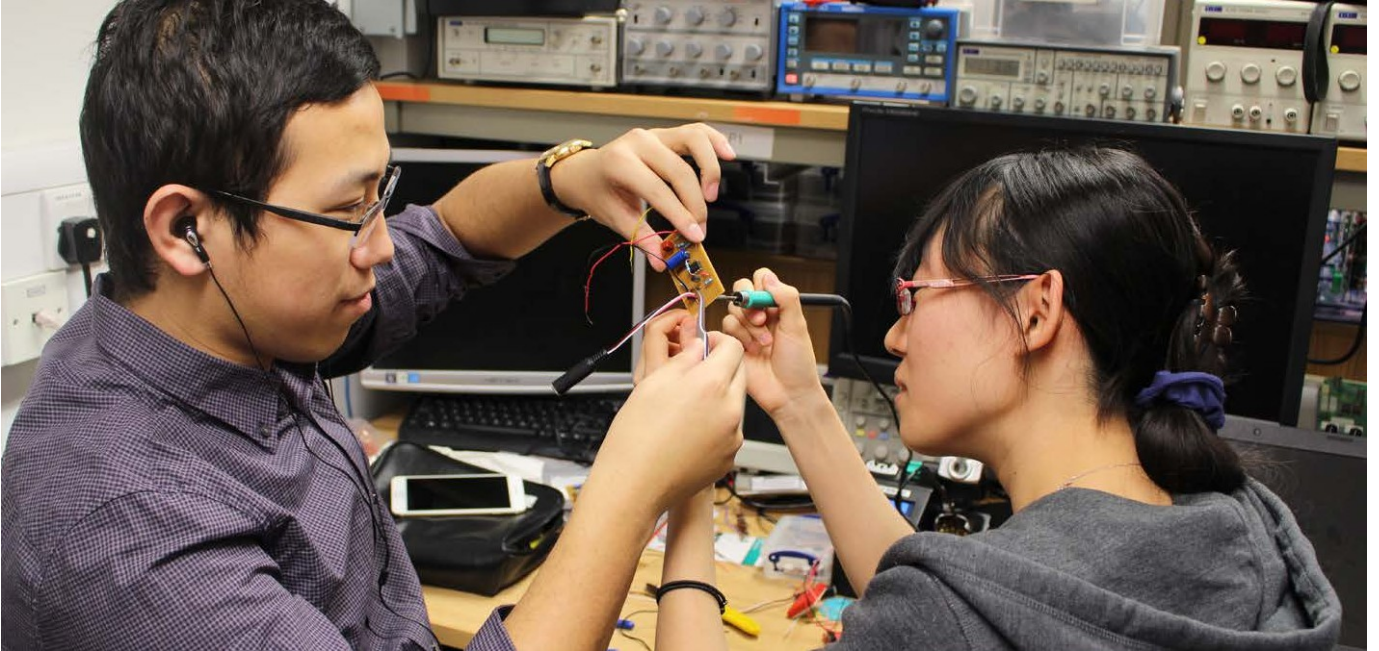
The University has a global reputation for its passion and ability to work collaboratively in delivering world-class education, research and innovation that makes a real impact on society's biggest challenges. The University community is committed to the highest quality in everything it does, and as such it is continually seeking to further strengthen its reputation.

According to the QS World University Rankings 2018, the University is already placed among the top one per cent of universities in the world; it is currently ranked 102nd globally and 18th amongst UK universities listed. The University's strong financial performance in 2015/2016 saw a 4.5 per cent increase in income to a record level of over £555 million, receiving over £112 million in research grants and contracts.

The University has over 6,000 staff and more than 23,500 students, (comprising over 16,000 undergraduates and 7,000 postgraduates). Over 7,500 international students from more than 140 countries choose to study at the University each year, while its alumni community of over 200,000 people spans 178 countries.

The University of Southampton is organized into Faculties covering the full breadth of academic disciplines from science and engineering, medicine, social sciences, business, arts and humanities

# DELIVERING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE



**The University is committed to maintaining its position as a world-leading research university and is proud of its founding membership of the elite Russell Group of universities in the UK.**

Research grant income for the University continues to grow year on year, and the Research Excellence Framework 2014 ranked Southampton 8<sup>th</sup> in the UK for research intensity and 11<sup>th</sup> in the UK based on volume and quality of research. Over 97 per cent of the research environment at Southampton is world-leading and internationally excellent.

Southampton has won the coveted Queen's Anniversary Prize for Further and Higher Education three times. The latest, in 2017, recognises decades of cutting edge research in photonics. In 2012 the Prize recognised the University's innovation and world-leading expertise in performance sports engineering; and in 2005 it was awarded for its internationally renowned Institute of Sound and Vibration Research.

The University also receives significant success in Research Council funding and is currently 6<sup>th</sup> in the UK for research grant income awarded according to figures published by Times Higher Education. In 2015-2016, Southampton received nearly £48 million from the UK's seven research councils combined – a rise of seven per cent on the previous period.

The University is home to over 200 research groups that are supported by world-class research facilities. Among them are nine interdisciplinary research institutes and University strategic research groups working on finding insights and solutions to major challenges affecting society, and contributing to the UK's industrial strategy:

#### **Institutes**

- Institute for Life Sciences
- Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute
- Web Science Institute
- Zepler Institute

#### **University Strategic Research Groups**

- Network for Anti-Microbial Resistance and Infection Prevention (NAMRIP)
- NEXUS of Water, Energy and Food
- Clean Carbon
- Networked sensor systems (MENSUS)
- Autonomous systems

# ENGAGING WITH INDUSTRY

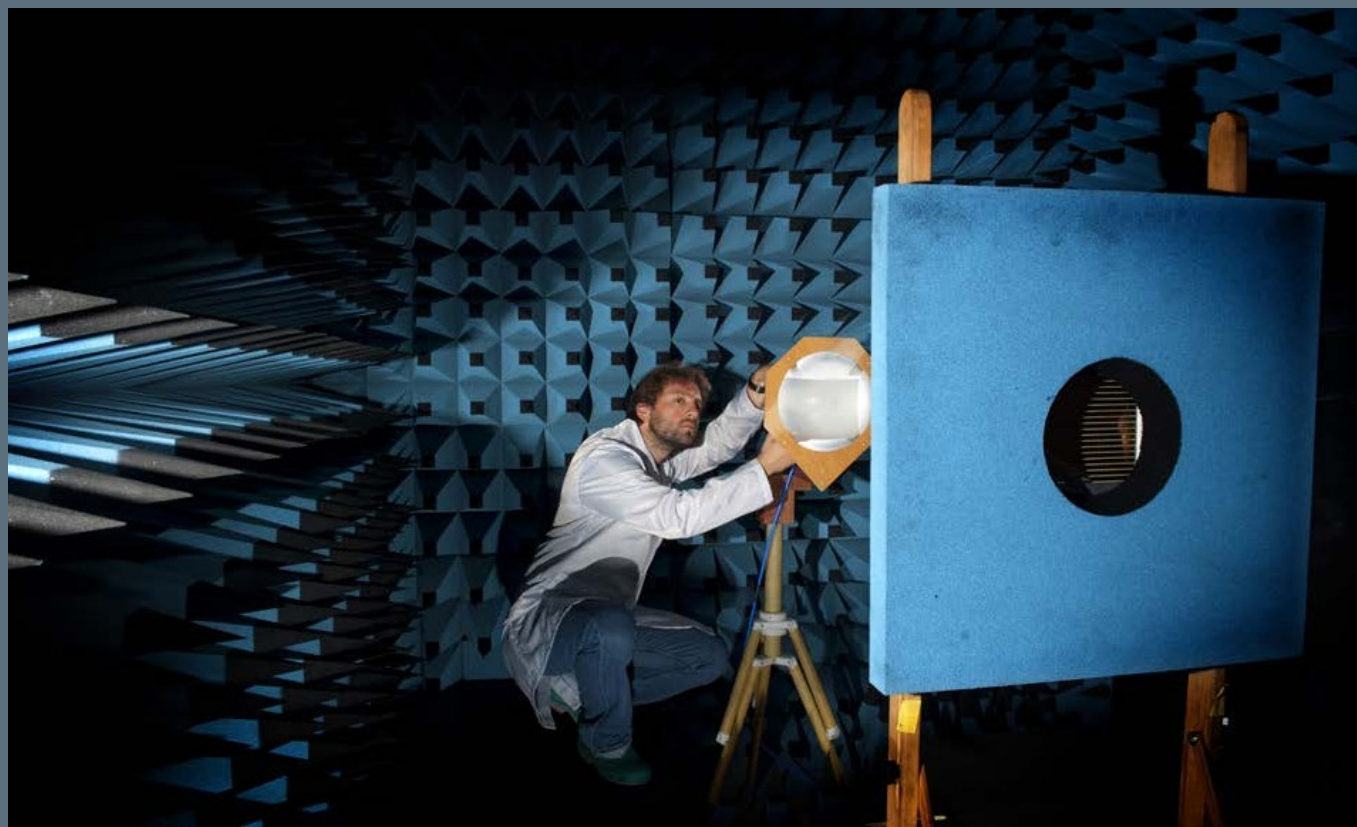
**Southampton has a strong tradition of driving innovation and commercialising research with extensive experience of industry collaborations. The University is a world-leading business incubator and since 2000, 28 spin-out companies have been created at Southampton.**

More than 1,000 businesses worldwide are working with Southampton on their research and development. In total, the University contributes an estimated £900 million annually to the local economy and over £3 billion nationally.

The University has strong links with both industry and government and has formed strategic partnerships with a number of key businesses. Strong collaborations have been formed with partners including BAE Systems, Lloyd's Register, Rolls Royce, Airbus, Shell, Office for National Statistics, IBM, GlaxoSmithKline and many more.

In June 2017, Southampton was one of only 17 UK universities to be listed in the first-ever ranking of Europe's top-100 innovative universities. In 2015, the University's business incubator, SETSquared, was rated the top university business incubator in the world, and in June 2016 it won the Times Higher Education award for the 'Knowledge Exchange and Transfer Initiative of the Year'.

These awards recognise the importance and value of the ICURe programme for 'Innovation and Commercialisation of University Research' which is run from Southampton.



# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SERVICES

**Research and Innovation Services (RIS) is the central point for all enterprise and research activities, providing support for researchers to enable world-leading research and innovation.**

RIS comprises over 60 people and is split into six teams:

- Research Funding Development
- Corporate Partnerships
- Research Performance
- Research Contracts, Policy & Governance
- Technology Transfer & Impact
- Business Acceleration

In addition to a close working relationship with Faculties, academic departments and research institutes, RIS works closely with other professional services to deliver on its mission, notably finance, communications and marketing, institutional research, the international partnerships team, the office of development and alumni relations, careers and employability, human resources and the library.

The RIS teams support researchers across a number of areas:

- Managing relationships with key funders, promoting funding opportunities (UK/international) and providing bid support.
- Assisting and facilitating collaborations with industry, managing strategic partnerships and supporting knowledge transfer programmes.
- Providing a catalyst for improvements in data quality, research systems and operational processes.
- Providing intelligence and analyses to support decision-making by senior managers.
- Reviewing and negotiating research contracts.
- Developing research and enterprise policies and advising on good practice to maintain the integrity of research activities.
- Working with academics to maximise the impact of our research through technology transfer and formation of new companies.
- Actively contributing to local and national economic development through incubation and business acceleration programmes.

# VACANCIES IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SERVICES

Research and Innovation Services (RIS) has recently undergone a restructure and, as a result, has a number of vacancies. All of them play vital roles in delivering the University's strategic ambitions for research and enterprise, and in achieving the University's overall aims.

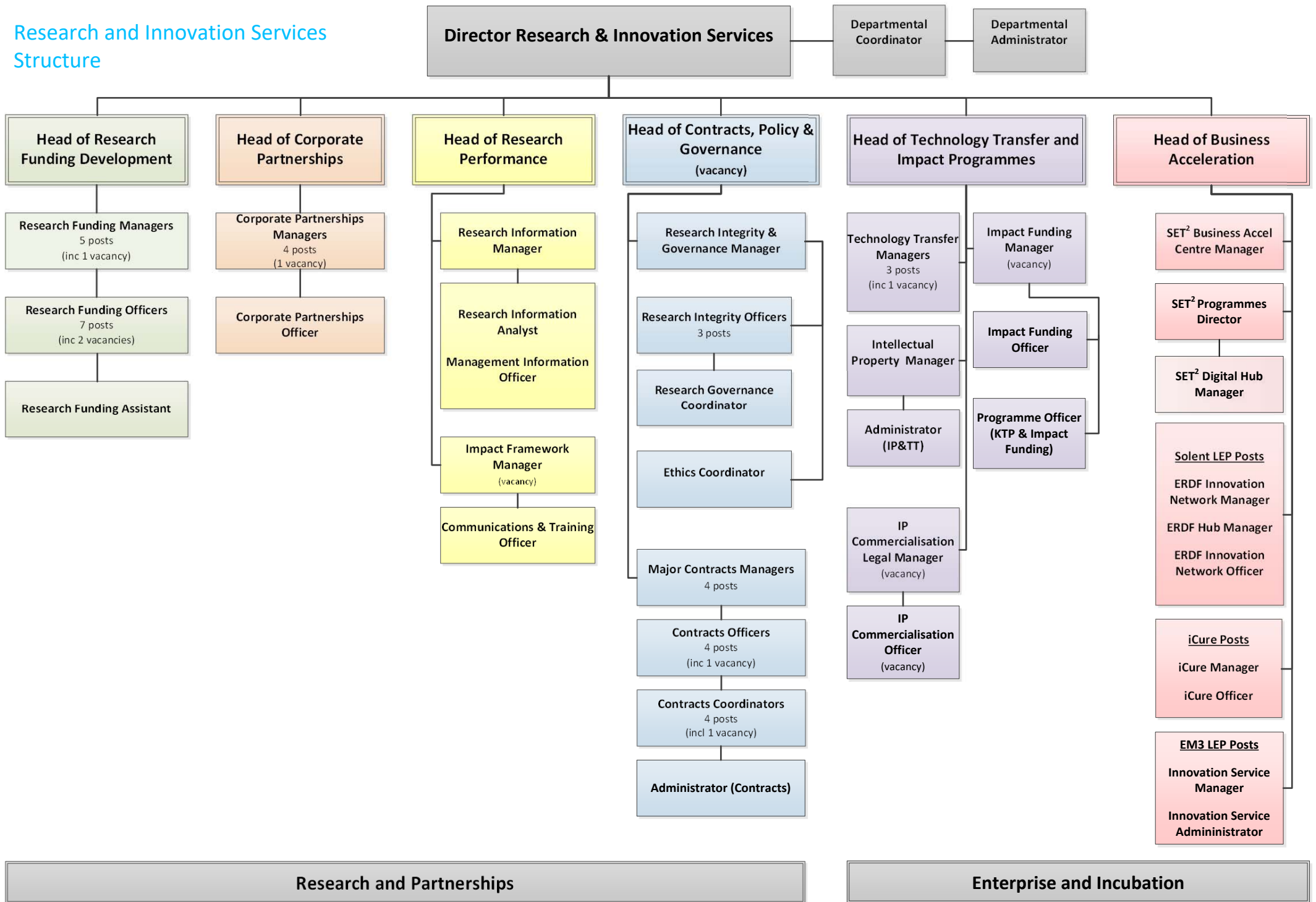
The vacancies are:

- **Contracts Coordinator** (Level 3)
- **Contracts Officer** (Level 4)
- **IP Commercialisation Officer** (Level 4)
- **Research Funding Officers (2)** (Level 4)
- **Corporate Partnerships Manager** (Level 5)
- **Impact Framework Manager** (Level 5)
- **Impact Funding Manager** (Level 5)
- **IP Commercialisation Legal Manager** (Level 5)
- **Research Funding Manager** (Level 5)
- **Technology Transfer Manager** (Level 5)
- **Head of Contracts, Policy & Governance** (Level 6)

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# Research and Innovation Services Structure



**Research and Partnerships**

**Enterprise and Incubation**

# THE UNIVERSITY AND THE REGION

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## The University campuses

The University has five lively and diverse campuses in Southampton, one in Winchester and an engineering campus in Malaysia.

Our main Highfield Campus is home to state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, as well as two of the UK's leading arts venues, the Nuffield Theatre and Turner Sims – one of the UK's leading music venues. It also houses our sports complex, the Hartley Library, the Students' Union and Staff Social Centre.

Close to Highfield, the Avenue Campus houses most of the humanities disciplines and the Centre for Language Study. It also has a purpose-built £3 million archaeology building with state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

A few minutes' walk from Highfield, is the Boldrewood Innovation Campus. The University's collaboration with Lloyd's Register represents one of the largest business partnerships with any single university in the world. The new £124 million campus is the result of this partnership and is home to the Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute.

Three miles west of Highfield, Southampton General Hospital is the base for the University's Faculty of Medicine. The campus offers modern laboratories, computer suites, refurbished lecture theatres and a specialist Health Services library.

Situated on the city's waterfront, the National Oceanography Centre Southampton (NOCS) is one of the world's leading research centres for the study of ocean and earth science.

Close to Winchester city centre, 12 miles north of Southampton, our internationally renowned Winchester School of Art provides studios and workshops, an extensive specialist library and a well-stocked art supplies shop. The Winchester Gallery is based on campus.

## Southampton

Southampton is a thriving modern city, steeped in history and culture, while less than an hour away, the New Forest National Park offers vast open heathland and beautiful forest. In 2016, it was rated by The Guardian as one of the top 10 happiest cities in which to work in the UK.

### A lively city

The city offers a vibrant mix of recreation, culture and entertainment – from restaurants, cafés, bars and nightclubs to cinemas, sports facilities and internationally acclaimed arts venues. Close to the city centre, the University forms an integral part of this dynamic, multicultural city.

### A growing city

The city is benefiting from substantial, ongoing investment with £1.6 billion committed and a further £1.4 billion planned in the next 10 years. Facilities include the new £40 million cultural quarter, £90 million of investment in West Quay and a £400 million redevelopment of the Royal Pier Waterfront which sees over 400 cruise ship visits a year. The University is worth almost £1 billion a year to the regional economy and is a key part in ensuring Southampton's thriving future.

### A coastal location

Southampton has one of the biggest commercial ports in Europe, and the city is known across the world as the home of the prestigious cruise liners, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary 2 and Queen Victoria. With a coastal location, there is a vast range of opportunities for sport and leisure, with a major focus on water sports, sailing and ocean racing.

## A gateway to the world

Just over an hour from central London, Southampton has excellent transport links with the rest of the UK and internationally, by road, rail, sea and air. Our award-winning unilink bus service connects all Southampton campuses and halls of residence, the city centre, the airport and railway station.



