## Dundee at a glance

### 17,000 Students
- **Our University is home** to more than 17,000 students and over 3000 staff.

### 1967
- **50 years young**
  Dundee became an independent University in 1967 following a 70-year relationship with the University of St Andrews. The University’s origins date back to 1881 when University College Dundee was founded.

### Dundee at a glance

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The University of Dundee is an extraordinary university. In 2017 we marked our 50th anniversary and we do so with plenty to celebrate.

We are:

→ one of the world’s top 200 universities
→ consistently rated as one of the best places in the UK to be a student
→ a richly diverse community, with over 140 countries represented amongst our staff, students and alumni.

Over the past five decades we have pioneered innovations as diverse as flat screen technology and keyhole surgery, had the vision to bring the V&A Museum of Design to Dundee and have worked with partners to help drive the city’s regeneration. Many of the satellites and spacecraft launched into orbit have circuitry designed and built here, while our translational biomedical research underpins global efforts to tackle cancer, diabetes and tropical diseases that kill millions each year.

Our forensic scientists support the judicial system in a range of specialised activities from mass grave and homicide investigations to the development of new technologies in the war against some of society’s most heinous crimes.

From Turner Prize winners to political leaders, activists for social change to captains of industry, our alumni are transforming the world and the way we look at it.

We stimulate debate around Scotland’s constitutional and policy landscape, improve healthcare in developing countries, and offer an award-winning, internationally-renowned student experience.

Our world class research is matched by excellence in teaching. Dundee is among the best universities in the UK for graduate employment and we lead the way in widening access to ensure higher education is open to everyone, regardless of their social or economic background.

Our ambitions for the years to come are to become Scotland’s leading university. As one of only twelve universities in the UK to hold both a ‘Gold’ award in the 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework and a place among Times Higher Education’s world top 200 universities we are already heading in the right direction.

Professor Sir Pete Downes
Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dundee
Life on Scotland’s ‘academic gold coast’
Dundee occupies a stunning position on the east coast of Scotland, overlooking the River Tay where in summer dolphins can be seen playing. The city and its surrounds offer a high quality of living; city life combined with wide open spaces.

The best of Scotland is easily accessible from Dundee. You can take part in watersports on the Tay in the morning, climb a ‘Munro’ (the 300-plus Scottish mountains higher than 3000 feet) in the afternoon and still have time to return for a show at Dundee Rep, home to Scotland’s leading theatre ensemble, in the evening.

We lie at the heart of Scotland’s fabled golf triangle, linking the Ryder Cup venue at Gleneagles and the Open Championship courses at Carnoustie and St Andrews, the home of golf. The University’s links with St Andrews go back over a century. Up until 1967 the two institutions were formally linked but are now each well established in their own right. Our positions in the world’s top 200 universities, matching ‘golds’ in the UK Teaching Excellence Framework 2017, competition at the very top of the UK’s student experience rankings and clusters of world-class research have established the area as Scotland’s ‘academic gold coast’.

London is only 90 minutes away through a direct air link. International airports at Glasgow and Edinburgh are within a 90-minute drive. The train station, part of the main UK east coast line, is a short walk from the University’s city campus.

The campus is compact and well defined but also sits at the heart of the city. The city centre and the main shopping area is a five-minute walk away, as is the new V&A Museum of Design and the waterfront.

We have around 17,000 students, who rate life in Scotland’s most student-friendly city as being among the best student experiences to be found in the UK. Ninety per cent of them live within a ten-minute walk of campus. Our internationally renowned School of Medicine is located within Ninewells Hospital, one of Europe’s largest teaching hospitals.

This is a city with spirit, where an unmistakeable energy fuels an ambitious vision for the future of Dundee and our surrounding region. The University of Dundee is at the heart of it.

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Quick facts

- Direct flights to London Stansted from Dundee Airport - only a five-minute drive from the city centre
- 90% of Scotland’s population live within a 90-minute drive
- City population of 148,000 - another 300,000 people live within a 30-minute drive
- Excellent cost of living - more affordable housing than any other Scottish city
- UK’s highest average broadband speeds - 99% access to super-fast broadband
A University driving cultural and economic regeneration

Professor Paul Harris, Dean of Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design at the University, sees creativity driving development in the UK’s first UNESCO City of Design.

Dundee is the UK’s first UNESCO City of Design, joining the global network of ‘creative cities’ that extends from Beijing through Berlin to Buenos Aires. Rising on the banks of the River Tay, at the heart of a £1 billion transformation of our waterfront, is the new V&A Museum of Design, designed by the Japanese architect Kengo Kuma. We were shortlisted for UK City of Culture 2017 and are now in the running to be European Capital of Culture 2023.

These are exciting times to be in Dundee, particularly so for myself and my colleagues because so much of the city’s reinvention from its post-industrial past is being driven by a cultural regeneration. And the University is right at the heart of it.

Dundee is a dynamic city with a strong cultural identity and a history of innovation and creativity. The city has, time and again, reinvented itself, focusing on design and creativity to promote economic growth. In the 19th century, it was the world centre of the jute textile industry and was also a major centre for shipbuilding and machine tool manufacturing. Over the last 30 years, Dundee has become home to a dynamic digital media industry, respected higher-education institutions and vibrant design and creative industries.

Kuma’s V&A building is the beacon image for the city in the 21st century. Bringing the V&A to the city will have a transformative effect. It is also a perfect example of how a university can act as a catalyst for change, as the project was initiated here at the University before bringing together local partners with the V&A to make the project a reality. Opening next summer, it will be the UK’s first dedicated design museum outside of London.

Our reputation as one of the UK’s leading art and design schools was one of the aspects of Dundee which helped convince the V&A this was the place to be.

We have this year been named the top place in the UK to study Design & Craft. Our research environment is ranked top in the UK, and our research overall is ranked top in Scotland and 6th in the UK for quality and impact. Our student satisfaction rating in the National Student Survey is among the very best.

Our graduates can be found in film, games and animation studios. They are working with some of the world’s largest tech companies and leading the next big start-ups. As well as arts organisations and design studios, they work in environmental sustainability, medical professions, crime enforcement, education, disaster victim identification, deep sea exploration, and countless other areas where their creativity is highly valued.

The connection between ‘town and gown’ is evident every year at our annual Degree Show, which has become one of the most eagerly awaited cultural events taking place in the city. Over 15,000 people flocked to this year’s show.

Our ambition for DJCAD is to move into the top 50 art and design schools in the world within five years, and into the top 20 in the world by 2030, by which time the city will be fully realising its potential as a world-class creative and cultural destination. These ambitions might be described as big, but the recent track records of DJCAD, the University and the city of Dundee give me great confidence in being able to achieve them.
V&A Dundee
The V&A Museum of Design, Dundee will open in 2018

Professor Paul Harris,
Dean of Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design
What our people are saying about Dundee

The University of Dundee is a high-performing community, working towards our core mission to transform lives through the creation, sharing and application of knowledge. Here is what some of our people say about what makes Dundee a great place to be.

“I feel very strongly about the community I am part of at the University, and that extends outwards as part of the work we do, looking to transform lives locally and globally. I could not do my research without collaborating with people from different disciplines, and there are no barriers to that here. My work is very interdisciplinary so I am working with colleagues from Humanities, Art & Design, Medicine and Life Sciences. The opportunities are there to interact and work with colleagues in my own School and right across the University. Without that my research work could not be as exciting as it is.”

Divya Jindal-Snape, Professor of Education, Inclusion and Life Transitions and Associate Dean (Research)

“I’m really lucky working at the University of Dundee, and I sincerely mean that. I’ve always found people to be not only supportive, but there’s a genuine willingness to help each other. Actually I find some of them quite inspiring and challenging at times. You have an idea that you think might work, then in discussion with people you think I haven’t considered this, and you find that as a result what you’d planned to do becomes even better.”

Derek Robertson, Head of Undergraduate Studies, School of Education and Social Work
“I've always felt that the University of Dundee is a real community, from my student days right up until teaching here. When you pick up the phone there's always a friendly person on the other end who is willing to go the extra mile to help you. There are really good connections between the different schools within the university. We're always happy to make these connections and that's really important to get a sense of a university that works together for everybody. I've always felt very much part of a community here.”

Jacqueline Eccles, Mental Health Nursing Lecturer

“We're all pulling in one direction”

Sean O'Connor, President, Dundee University Students' Association

“One of the special things about the University is that ability to work creatively, be innovative, work in partnership. So perhaps a student presents with a particular problem, that we could phone somebody else for support with, and before we know it, we have developed something collaboratively, something new, that we can use and roll out to other students in future.”

Ruth O'Riordan, Senior Careers Adviser

“It's the community here at the University of Dundee that brought me here as a student in the first place. From the management to the students to the janitors to the academics, we're all pulling in one direction. And from the minute I stepped foot in Dundee, that's what I felt.”

Sean O’Connor, President, Dundee University Students' Association
Dundee has long established strengths in areas like medicine, engineering and life sciences. It has also proved it can take new areas of research and teaching to world-class level, one example being forensic sciences and anatomy.
Huddled over laboratory benches, students and academics are exploring new techniques for capturing fingerprints. Nearby, the elements making up some of the most dangerous drugs to hit our streets are being analysed. From another direction comes the sound of a smoke alarm, although one unlike those you would have heard before – it is entirely new and based on research which shows it will wake children far more efficiently and save lives.

This is a slice of life in the Centre for Anatomy and Human Identification (CAHID) and Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science at the University of Dundee, one of the world’s leading centres in the field.

Dundee is now part of an international network – which includes the University of Lausanne in Switzerland, the University of Technology, Sydney in Australia and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in the United States – working in a global alliance to strengthen the science behind forensic science.

It is a position of prominence which has been achieved in a remarkably short time, and speaks to the opportunities that exist to create and nurture world-class research and teaching at Dundee.

Professor Dame Sue Black is Director of CAHID. She was appointed Professor of Anatomy and Forensic Anthropology at Dundee in 2003, having spent the previous decade in contract work for the United Kingdom’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the United Nations, involving the identification of victims and perpetrators of various conflicts. She worked as the lead forensic anthropologist to the British Forensic Team in Kosovo in 1999. In 2003 she undertook two tours to Iraq and in 2005 she participated in the United Kingdom’s contribution to the victim identification operation following the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami.

“When I arrived here in Dundee in 2003 I wasn’t landing in the middle of a large group of experts in this field, but the University and I shared a vision of what could be achieved if we worked together,” said Professor Black. “By 2008 we had created the Centre for Anatomy & Human Identification and from there we have really gone from strength to strength.

“I could not imagine any other university having the degree of flexibility and trust to allow me to do what I have done here and for that I will be eternally grateful to those who gave me the opportunity to work here. Dundee was a city that had changed a lot, and is continuing to develop in really positive ways. What particularly impressed me was the strength of partnership that the university had with its community, which has been absolutely vital in supporting our own work.”

CAHID quickly established itself as the UK’s leading academic centre for forensic science and was awarded the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher Education in 2013.

Building on that strength, the University was one of only four in the UK to win a prestigious Leverhulme Research Centre award, leading to the establishment of the Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science. Dundee has also led the way in our approach to anatomy, having been the first UK university to make wide use of the Thiel method of embalming, which is both supporting teaching and enabling new advances in research.

“We are absolutely dedicated to our task to improve forensic science, and science generally, and Dundee has been a great place to do that,” said Professor Black. “We are surrounded by some of the best people you will find across disciplines from medicine and life sciences to art, design and engineering. We are increasingly working with people from all of those areas, matching excellence and knowledge to create new breakthroughs. It is a tremendously supportive atmosphere in which to work, teach and do research.”

Find out more:
cahid.dundee.ac.uk
dundee.ac.uk/leverhulme
Dundee positioned to tackle the big issues

Community and connections on a compact campus are a feature of life at Dundee, bringing world-leading academics and researchers together.
It is widely accepted that if we are to tackle the big issues facing society today, most are going to require a multi-dimensional approach. It is possible that a lone group of scientists or engineers or designers may provide the breakthrough, but it is more probable that their advances will require all to work together and bring others into the mix.

Dundee is uniquely well placed to meet these challenges, with a relatively compact campus creating the conditions for a high performance community which can draw together experts from different disciplines to work on the big issues. Sitting close beside each other are one of Europe’s leading life sciences complexes, the UK’s top ranked art and design school, one of the best medical schools to be found anywhere, and a world centre of excellence in forensic sciences research, with complementary strengths in engineering, social sciences and humanities.

One example of how these can be combined concerns an issue that could affect us all – the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance. The vision of a world where antibiotics and other antimicrobial drugs have stopped working is an apocalyptic one. Since the discovery of penicillin almost 90 years ago, these drugs have changed the face of medicine. They are used across the entire range of healthcare, from providing us with tablets to fight off everyday illnesses to preventing infections in transplant patients or those receiving chemotherapy.

Without antimicrobial drugs, the world looks a far more threatening place. What is now considered minor or routine surgery becomes dangerous due to the threat of infection that cannot be treated.

“This has already passed from being a looming problem to a crisis that is already here and is growing,” says Professor Dilip Nathwani, Honorary Professor of Infection at the University and co-Director of the Academic Health Science Partnership in Tayside.

“We have already seen the emergence in the past year of resistance to colistin, which is the last line of defence in our antibiotic arsenals. It points to a time when, unless we make great changes, antibiotics and other antimicrobial drugs just won’t be effective.

“We need new antibiotics, we need good antibiotics, we need safe antibiotics, and we have to start using them more effectively and sustainably. The situation is not hopeless, but it does require a major global effort.”

Dundee’s response to this is multi-dimensional and ranges from education to fundamental research. It brings together biologists, chemists, physicists, clinicians, mathematicians, epidemiologists, engineers and designers to focus on innovation in tackling antimicrobial resistance.

“We have a great mix of expertise to attack the problem from different angles,” said Professor Mike Ferguson, Regius Professor of Life Sciences. “The way we are set up, with people working closely together across disciplines, means we can easily get designers working with clinicians, physicists working with biologists, biologists working with chemists and so on.

“It is one of the great strengths of Dundee that those connections can be very easily made.”

Dundee is internationally renowned for its work in Life Sciences – the University was rated top in the UK for Biological Sciences in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. This forms one significant strand of work in the area of antimicrobial resistance. Researchers are working to identify targets for new therapeutic agents through basic research, developing innovative technologies for application in AMR research, and performing drug discovery programmes to develop new antimicrobial agents.

“We have a good track record in delivering new drug candidates for tropical diseases like malaria and leishmaniasis, where antimicrobial resistance is also a huge issue,” said Paul Wyatt, head of the University’s Drug Discovery Unit, a unique facility bridging the gap between academia and the pharmaceutical industry.

But overcoming antimicrobial resistance won’t just be a matter of finding new drugs. It is also about education, changing our behaviour and thinking better about how we use the drugs which are already available.

Dundee is also playing a leading role in this, as well as contributing to the global debate. The University partnered with the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy to create the first open-access global educational course on antimicrobial stewardship. It has attracted over 30,000 registered learners, many of them healthcare professionals around the world, and is being translated into Chinese and Spanish to further widen access to this crucial knowledge.

Working together, and across disciplines, the University’s core mission – to transform lives, locally and globally, through the creation, sharing and application of knowledge – is being achieved.
What other people say about us

Our performance across teaching, research and in creating a great student experience has consistently been rewarded with accolades and rankings.

- One of only twelve UK universities to have both Teaching Excellence Framework Gold award and Times Higher world top 200
- The only UK university ranked in the world top 50 of the 2017 NATURE INNOVATION INDEX
- Scottish University of the Year 2016 and 2017 – The Sunday Times Good University Guide
→ UK’s top ‘young’ university – THE Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2017

NO. 1

→ Ranked Top in Scotland for international student satisfaction – International Student Barometer

2017

→ Ranked in the top tier
NSS 2017 – one of Times Higher Education’s ‘NSS top tier’ universities

Top 4

→ Fourth highest proportion of research grant income to total income of any UK university

Top 20

→ An average rise of
in the UK League Tables
Complete University Guide – Times / Sunday Times and The Guardian

Top 5

→ 5th in the UK in the

Top 10

→ Top 10 in UK for applications per place
UCAS – Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

→ DLHE – top ten in UK
for graduate employment. 85% up from 81% on previous year.
→ One of the world’s top 200 universities
→ In the UK’s first UNESCO City of Design
→ Delivering Gold standard teaching
→ World-class research
→ And one of the UK’s finest student experiences