University of Bristol profile

The University of Bristol is one of the most popular and successful universities in the UK, and was ranked within the top 30 universities in the world in the QS World University rankings 2013. Bristol is a member of the Russell Group of UK research-intensive universities, and a member of the Worldwide Universities Network, a grouping of research-led institutions of international standing.

The Research Excellence Framework 2014, which assessed the quality of the research at every UK university, ranked Bristol among the country’s top research institutions. Thirty-six per cent of the University’s research received the top 4* rating, defined by the Higher Education Funding Council for England as ‘world leading’. This is six per cent above the sector average, placing Bristol 10th in the Russell Group.

The University is a major force in the economic, social and cultural life of Bristol and the region, but is also a significant player on the world stage. It has over 15,000 undergraduates and nearly 6,000 postgraduate students from more than 100 countries, and its research links span the globe. Eleven Bristol graduates and members of staff have been awarded Nobel Prizes.