Cambridge innovation in numbers

The Cambridge Cluster
There are currently...

4,700+ knowledge intensive firms

61,100+ people employed by knowledge intensive firms

£12.3bn in total turnover of knowledge intensive firms

3rd most successful University innovation ecosystem in the world (MIT Skoltech Initiative Report, 2014)

29% of people work in the knowledge intensive sectors

341.1 patent applications published per 100,000 residents

Highest in the UK and more than the next four cities combined

690+ knowledge intensive services companies

560+ high-tech manufacturing companies

420+ life science and healthcare companies

3000+ information technology and communication companies

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
The University

11,500+ people employed directly by the University

University expenditure of £1,807m

University income of £1,870m

96 Cambridge affiliates have been awarded the Nobel Prize since 1904

1,700+ researchers supported by Cambridge Enterprise (the University’s knowledge and technology transfer office)

19,200+ students at the University of Cambridge

87% of submissions deemed world leading or internationally excellent in research according to the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF)

£1.6bn in follow-on funding raised by University of Cambridge spin-outs in the Cambridge Enterprise portfolio since 1995

97.5%...the 5-year survival rate of Cambridge Enterprise portfolio companies*

£68.6m The total for translational research funding won with the support of Cambridge Enterprise, 2011-17

260+ firms founded by Cambridge University Computer Lab alumni

91.1% Cambridge recent leavers are in employment or full-time study, no matter the degree. A further 5.43% are travelling or not looking for work


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