At Cambridge, we are committed to achieving excellence in research and scholarship, and to ensuring that our research contributes to the well-being of society. We provide a creative and supportive environment in which ideas are generated and can flourish. The following statistics give a flavour of the importance of research at Cambridge.

**The University**

There are currently

- **nearly 1,500** tenured academics
- **more than 3,000** contract research staff
- and almost **4,000** PhD students at the University of Cambridge

The University’s teaching and research is organised into six schools:

- Arts and Humanities
- Biological Sciences
- Clinical Medicine
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Technology

**Funding**

In 2011−12 the University received **£293m** in research grants and contracts

- **94** Starting Grants and Advanced Grants from the European Research Council – more than any other university in Europe
- **1st** The highest UK recipient of European Commission research & technological development funding (November 2010)
The University works with over 200 industrial partners and 700 UK and overseas organisations that sponsor research at Cambridge.

In 2012–13, as a result of its research, the University...signed 95 licences, ...filed 163 new patents, and formed 5 companies.

The University’s overall ranking in the most recent (2008) Research Assessment Exercise, coming top in 19 research disciplines. Over 13.14 citations per FTE from publications published in 2011 on Scopus.

In 2012 academics published 160 books and nearly 400 chapters and presented papers at over 500 conferences.

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The Festival of Ideas attracts 15,000 visitors to 200 events in 30 locations over 2 weeks.

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