WELCOME TO GLASGOW

I am pleased to welcome you to the University of Glasgow’s Annual Review, which gives an overview of the memorable events of our year from August 2014 to July 2015.

Our successful year contained many highlights:

• Two of the leading international league tables ranked us in the top 100 of the world’s universities.
• Ten of our researchers appeared in the world’s top 1% for citations in the Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researchers list of 2014.
• Some of our inspiring people made a measurable impact in West Africa, where they joined the fight against the Ebola virus.
• Our Adam Smith Business School was awarded a triple accreditation rating, joining an elite group of less than 1% of the world’s business schools to boast this accolade.
• Our social media communications broke through several significant barriers, surpassing 100,000 followers on Facebook and 50,000 on Twitter, and engagement was at times higher than that of Harvard, Yale, Oxford and Cambridge.
• We welcomed campus visits from Scotland’s First Minister and Glasgow graduate Nicola Sturgeon and former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown, and celebrated the graduation of the UK’s youngest Member of Parliament Mhairi Black.

Our many accomplishments this year reinforced our standing as one of the world’s leading research-intensive universities, a position we are committed to building upon year after year.

ANTON MUSCATELLI
PRINCIPAL & VICE-CHANCELLOR

Former leader of the Liberal Democrats Charles Kennedy honed his debating skills while at Glasgow. The legacy of our twice-elected rector and friend of the University, who died on 1 June 2015, will soon be secured with the naming of a major new teaching area in his honour.
We had the highest research order book in our history in 2014–15.

A ringing endorsement of our research quality was given in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) – an expert, independent review of research across UK higher education institutions. We were rated 12th in the UK for research power and 15th for research intensity.

Our Human Geography output ranked top in the UK for internationally excellent or better research, our Vet School achieved the top rating in the UK for research quality, and Urban Studies was placed top in the UK for 4* outputs. Of our total research, a magnificent 81% was assessed as either world-leading or internationally excellent, while the percentage of our research rated in the top 4* category doubled since the last REF.

Our inspiring people are the driving force behind our success as a research-intensive centre of excellence. In 2014–15, we:

• developed a new drug to treat heart failure, which outperforms the current ‘gold standard’
• designed tools for the world’s semiconductor manufacturers
• launched an over-the-counter test to detect early symptoms of bowel cancer
• completed the first phase of the world’s most extensive digital archive of Scottish Gaelic texts
• made our new £29m Quantum Imaging Hub a reality. This hub, one of just four in the UK, aims to translate our world-leading discovery science into innovative new technologies to bring to market.

Every day, eight hundred people are reported missing in the UK. Research by human geographer Professor Hester Parr, looking at where missing people go, was awarded the Economic & Social Research Council’s Outstanding Impact in Society prize for 2015 and radically influenced police handling of missing persons.
Our students love us. Student satisfaction was rated higher than ever before in the National Student Survey 2014.

Over 91% of our students were satisfied with the quality of their course – a significant increase over the previous year. This placed us second equal in the Russell Group for student satisfaction.

Four of our programmes reported a highly impressive 100% satisfaction rate. Geology, Dentistry, Zoology, and Molecular Biology, Biophysics & Biochemistry all returned the perfect result.

"The hard work has been very rewarding, and I feel like part of a big Geology family."  
ROMAIN RICCHI  
GEOLOGY

"My course has exceeded my expectations and the new skills I've gained have widened my future prospects."  
MUNISAH EHSAN  
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, BIOPHYSICS & BIOCHEMISTRY

"Zoology at Glasgow has opened my mind to new ways of thinking."  
ELEANOR GOUREVITCH  
ZOOCOLOGY

"Dentistry is an extremely close-knit, friendly course and I've built strong working relationships with the supportive staff."  
BLAIR CUNNINGHAM  
DENTISTRY
We worked with 206 partner institutions to enable our students to enjoy a study abroad experience in one of 43 different countries.

We welcomed 4,904 international students to Glasgow in 2014–15.

We awarded 209 degrees to students studying at the University of Glasgow Singapore, in a range of engineering and computing science subjects.

We employed staff from a total of 94 countries around the world.

Our roots are in Glasgow, but our reach is worldwide.

As a founder member of the leading global network Universitas 21, we are dedicated to working closely with other research-based universities throughout the world. We have over 300 formal agreements with overseas universities, covering a range of activities from research collaboration and joint degrees to student exchanges.

The importance which we place on forging our international links was apparent in 2014–15.

- We signed a Memorandum of Agreement with McGill University in Montreal, launching a new chapter in our 250-year relationship. This will offer flexible opportunities for student mobility and collaboration between academic staff. For arts and science students, a hugely enhanced range of courses will be made available.

- We built on the success of our collaboration with the University of Electronic Science & Technology of China as our joint educational programme entered its second year. Almost 400 students worked towards a BEng (Hons) degree in Electronics & Electrical Engineering in Chengdu. Graduates will be awarded degrees from both universities.

- We announced the creation of a second joint graduate school in China. In partnership with Nankai University, we will offer MSc degrees in Environmental Management, International Relations and Urban & Regional Planning. Academics from both institutions will contribute to teaching and research.

- We began a five-year research agreement with the Sao Paulo State Foundation in Brazil to support a wide range of projects. These will include research into the English language, veterinary medicine, clinical medicine and life sciences.
A CAMPUS FOR THE FUTURE

Our campus is changing. In 2014, our radical plans to redevelop the 14-acre Western Infirmary site adjacent to our main campus over the next five years were approved. We also added to our estate across the city with a variety of construction projects and improvements.

Our vision for transforming the University involves £1bn of investment, of which £775m will be allotted to our estate. This will be the largest single education project in Scotland. As well as the massive redevelopment project on our main campus, our wider estate also grew:

- The huge Queen Elizabeth University Hospital complex opened on the south side of the city after close collaboration between the University, the NHS and other partners. It includes the £25m Teaching & Learning Centre for undergraduate training, and a £6.5m dedicated floor housing the Stratified Medicine Scotland Innovation Centre, which will develop ‘precision medicine’ and advanced diagnostics to transform patient treatment.
- Over 200 administrative staff moved to the modern Tay House building in the city centre, enabling space on the main campus to be freed up for teaching and learning.
- The state-of-the-art Centre for Virus Research at our Garscube campus saw its first academics moving in. They aim to gain new understanding into viruses and viral diseases for the improvement of health.
- The redevelopment of our Stevenson sports complex and the Hive nightclub, part of Glasgow University Union, was completed with the addition of extensive new world-class facilities and increased capacity.

‘Our campus development will be innovative, of courageous design and reflective of the University’s heritage and ambition in research and teaching and learning, inspiring current and future generations.’

ANN ALLEN
DIRECTOR, ESTATES & BUILDINGS
We reinforced our successful run of strong financial performances with our showing in 2014–15. Our total income this year was almost £543m, an increase of 6% on the previous year. Surpassing our 2013–14 results, our income from research grants grew by 14% and we increased our operating surplus by almost 40%.
Our Honorary Degrees

We recognised outstanding achievement by conferring a total of 28 honorary degrees in 2014–15.

Doctor of Divinity (DD)

Very Reverend Lorna Hood
Former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Rt Hon Lord Patrick Stewart Hodge
Supreme Court Judge
Rt Hon Baroness Patricia Janet Scotland of Asthal, PC, QC
Lawyer and politician

Doctor of Letters (DLitt)

Mr Toby Webster
Artist
Professor Emeritus Nancy Dorian
Bryn Mawr College
Dr Neil Oliver
Archaeologist, broadcaster, journalist and writer
Professor Emeritus Dr Elmar Ternes
University of Hamburg
Professor Emeritus Seosamh Watson
University College, Dublin

Doctor of Science (DSc)

Dr Gerald Chan
Co-founder, Morningside Foundation
Professor Sandro Galea
Professor of Epidemiology, Columbia University
Dr Hermann Hauser
Co-founder and partner of Armadillo Capital Partners
Professor Sir Peter Knight FRS
Prominent and influential scientist
Professor Parveen June Kumar
London Digestive Health, Harley Street
Mr Robin McLaren
Geomatical scientist
Mr Andrew Robertson
Chairman, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Dr David Sibbald
Chairman and CEO, Aridhia

Doctor of Engineering (DEng)

Mr Charles Berry
Chairman, The Weir Group plc
Mr Graeme Waddell
Former Head of Operations, Rolls-Royce Aéro Repair
Dr John Scott Younger
Director, PT Nusantara Infrastructure Tbk

Doctor of the University (DUniv)

Rt Hon Gordon Brown
Former UK Prime Minister
Professor Suzanne Fortier
Principal, McGill University, Montreal
Rt Hon Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson
Athlete
Mr Paul Tudor Jones II
Founder and Chairman, Tudor Investment Corporation
Ms Karyn McCluskey
Coordinator, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit
Dr Frank Mugisha
Executive Director, Sexual Minorities Uganda
Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP MSP
Former First Minister of Scotland
Ms Petra Wetzel
Founder and Managing Director, WEST Brewery
Mr James Elder Woodward
Disability Rights Campaigner

Dating from 1465, the University’s mace was made in France and is still carried at the head of the academic procession during important ceremonies such as graduations and Commemoration Day.
1 in 8 students studying in Scotland choose to come here.

Our campus redevelopment is the largest single education project in Scotland.

£775m

100% satisfaction reported from four subjects.

Researchers ranked in the world's top 1% for citations.

We are rated 12th in the UK for research power.

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