Since 1981, the University of Liverpool has worked for the advancement of learning and ennoblement of life; a mission that still guides our activities today. Ranked within the top 1% of universities worldwide and a founder member of the Russell Group, our reputation for excellence is well known internationally and helps us to attract the brightest and best from all over the world.

As a connected, global institution, we offer our students and staff a university that spans multiple physical and virtual campuses and our worldwide influence and impact continues to grow.

“Our 2026 Strategy places our global activities as central to our distinctive vision for the future. Over the next decade we will continue to build our international reach, working with partners worldwide to deliver world-leading research and to support our students to become well-rounded, enquiring global citizens who can connect and engage with the world’s most demanding problems.”

Professor Janet Beer
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The largest provider of transnational education in the Russell Group, we are a connected university with a global network of campuses, including innovative, large-scale initiatives in China and London, partnerships in Singapore and the Cayman Islands, and – through our relationship with Laureate – a community of 8,000 students studying online from over 200 countries worldwide.

These assets uniquely augment the University’s global reputation, brand and activities. Our ambition for the future is to build on our partnership success by aligning existing activities and investing in new initiatives to build scale and expand our global reach.

We will look for opportunities to explore new markets that match our expertise and influence, providing more options for our students to develop their skills and helping to set them apart in an increasingly competitive graduate market.

In 2006 the University of Liverpool opened Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU) in Suzhou in partnership with Xi’an Jiaotong University – a top ten university in China. An independent Sino-foreign cooperative university, XJTLU captures the essence of both prestigious parent universities and is the first of its kind to be approved by the Chinese Ministry of Education.

Since its establishment, XJTLU has been a phenomenal success and has grown rapidly, with over 9,000 students studying more than 60 undergraduate degree programmes and taught masters. Over 2,600 undergraduates from XJTLU are also currently completing part of their degree at Liverpool, while the number of postgraduates at Liverpool from XJTLU has almost trebled in the last year.

In research and innovation, XJTLU has developed the foundations of a world-class infrastructure with 17 research institutes, centres and state-of-the-art laboratories. In 2015, XJTLU launched its International Innovation Hub and International Technology Transfer Centre (ITTC). The Hub provides space for proof-of-concept work, business incubation, and collaboration opportunities for new ventures by XJTLU and international partners.

Liverpool students also benefit from this innovative partnership through our Year in China programme, which allows undergraduates to spend a full academic year at XJTLU immersing themselves in the language, history and culture of China.

During the programme, students take one module of Chinese language per semester and further modules are also available covering Chinese culture, history, politics and business practice. There are also opportunities for students to take a module relating to their degree programme in Liverpool.

With China’s influence expanding rapidly, graduates who have benefited from this unique programme are ideally placed to seize the opportunities created by China’s growing global stature, helping them to stand out from the crowd in a rapidly evolving employment market.
In 2013, the University of Liverpool became the first Russell Group University to open a satellite campus in London; one of the world’s most globally connected cities and a hub for international higher education. Positioned close to the heart of the City’s financial centre, the campus offers a professionally focused higher education experience in premium facilities and with strong links to the financial services, design innovation and specialist healthcare professions. The campus supports key stakeholders through knowledge exchange, executive education, and opportunities for research collaboration.

“The University of Liverpool in London is right in the heart of the City, and the facilities are fantastic. Our lecturers were great and we were really well supported throughout the course. We also had a lot of guest lecturers who were experts in their field, which was a great opportunity for us.”

Catherine Hefferon
(Master of Public Health, 2014)

The University of Liverpool, in partnership with Laureate Online, is Europe’s biggest provider of wholly online degrees, offering 25 fully online masters and doctoral degrees in a flexible, international and collaborative learning environment aimed at helping global working professionals to achieve their career goals. As well as benefiting from world-class teaching resources, participants in our online programmes also have access to a network of experienced, international professionals. This gives our students the chance to connect and collaborate with like-minded individuals around the world and to gain the knowledge they need to move forward professionally.

“I chose to study with Liverpool because the idea of accessing such a prestigious university through an online vehicle was very attractive. I could do it in any place, at anytime, and pretty much from any device. The programme was challenging, but you have access to great resources and I was able to put into practice what I was learning immediately.”

Jim Wagstaff
(MBA, 2013)
We embed internationalisation into all of our teaching and extracurricular activities and we are proud to be ranked as the 4th highest UK university for students choosing an off-campus study experience.

International students are an integral part of the University and our Liverpool-based students have a huge range of opportunities to live and study abroad during their course. We are proud to have 116 active exchange partnerships in place with some of the best universities across the world, including the University of Toronto in Canada, the University of Georgia in the US, Copenhagen Business School in Denmark, Monash University in Australia and the University of Hong Kong. We work closely with all of our partners to develop innovative delivery models that help to widen access to the University and enable students to become highly employable, global citizens.

With 6,900 international and EU undergraduates from 132 countries studying at our Liverpool campus, our international students are supported throughout their studies and we also offer Foundation Certificate and Graduate Diploma academic preparation courses at the Liverpool International College through our partnership with Kaplan.

Our 202,000-strong alumni community based all over the world are some of our most influential brand ambassadors, many of whom are taking advantage of postgraduate study or have joined one of our 35 professional, academic and social networks.

In 2015/16 we welcomed 341 exchange students to Liverpool and we are keen to expand our partnership base further in the future to continue to attract the best staff and students from around the world. In turn, we prepare our students to face the challenges of a competitive employment market and an increasingly globalised world.

Our Study Abroad Team provides support for the duration of each student’s time at Liverpool. The team also runs a ‘buddy’ system, allowing exchange students to be partnered with a Liverpool student who has some experience of studying abroad. Each academic department also has a Student Experience Team on hand to answer any queries that may arise during a students’ time at Liverpool, as well as an Academic Lead for the Study Abroad programme.

“Studying abroad was without a doubt the best thing I ever did. I genuinely believe that I returned to England as a better person: more confident, more self-reliant, more open and more adventurous. I returned more enthusiastic, with a desire to keep on experiencing new things. I met so many people that I wouldn’t ordinarily have had the chance to meet, and there is no doubt that mixing with so many different cultures had a really positive effect on me.”

Tom Collier
(BA History, studied at the University of Maryland)
DEVELOPING GLOBAL CITIZENS

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The English Language Centre (ELC) is the University of Liverpool’s specialist English language facility for international students. Students join an immersive programme led by highly-qualified, dedicated English language tutors, with options for pre-sessional and in-sessional courses as well as a flexible programme available throughout the academic year to suit both full-time and part-time English Language study. The ELC also runs a social programme, including excursions and regular conversation classes, to give students practical experience of using their language skills and to help them feel at home in Liverpool. Accredited by the British Council and BALEAP, the ELC is a member of English UK, an organisation dedicated to ensuring the highest standards of English Language teaching.

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With transfer partnerships with both HELP University College and INTI University College Degree in Malaysia, successful Malaysian applicants can transfer their studies to the University’s LLB Law programme. This model was developed in response to a specific market opportunity, based on international recognition of the standard of UK professional education.
Collaboration is the cornerstone of successful research and innovation. Our multidisciplinary research themes connect our strong research disciplines with the serious global challenges that impact upon the wellbeing of people, enterprises and economies across the world.

Our partnerships extend across all continents and are wide ranging, from individual academic engagement through to institutional collaboration. Over 53% of publications are co-authored with institutions outside of the UK and this number continues to grow.

From our partnership with CERN, to the Malawi Welcome Trust Clinical Research Programme in Blantyre, our approach is to take advantage of the opportunities that globalisation brings, creating exceptional learning experiences for our students and nurturing the international leaders of tomorrow.

Ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world, our aim is to become world-leading in specific research areas where we have established knowledge leadership - for example in Advanced Materials, Infectious Disease and Personalised Health - and to be globally recognised in all our research and impact activities.

We encourage international collaboration at different levels; from individual research groups through to institutional partnership arrangements, driving research excellence and building sustainable partnerships worldwide.
In 2009, Liverpool invested in the development of a strategic partnership with the University of Georgia Athens, following a number of successful projects in biological sciences. The partnership is designed to be broad based and incorporates staff and student mobility across all discipline areas. In 2013, a new pump priming grants programme was introduced to catalyse research collaboration between the two institutions.

The University of Liverpool is one of the founding partners of RENKEI, a consortium of leading universities in the UK and Japan. The network is providing new opportunities for researchers to collaborate on global challenges as well as a programme of workshops for PhD students and Early Career Researchers.

“The most rewarding part of the experience for me was my time spent within the US academic environment...I was fortunate enough to sit in on both undergraduate and graduate teaching, develop a new network of contacts with possible future research leads, and to present some of my own research to an American audience – all of which were priceless experiences which I would never have gained without the assistance of the Fellowship.”
Sophie Jones
(PhD candidate in the University of Liverpool’s Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences)

“Those types of partnerships develop researchers for their careers and help to attract external investment opportunities for academic and student exchanges, alongside the opportunity for the University to further benefit from existing relationships with industry.”
Professor Anthony Hollander
(RENKEI lead for the University)

The National Institute for Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), India, is a multidisciplinary Institute for patient care and academic research into mental health and neurosciences. It is one of India’s largest neurology centres.

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If you’re interested in finding out more, visit us at: www.liverpool.ac.uk

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