



Ulster University global rankings

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POSTGRADUATE

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

SURVEY

At a glance

8th

out of 103

Overall

3rd

out of 103

Research culture

9th

out of 103

Responsibilities

9th

out of 103

Professional development

Highest

Quarter

Progression

Highest

Quarter

Research skills

Highest

Quarter

Resources

Second

Quarter

Supervision

Overall

8th

out of 103

For the question: Overall, I am satisfied with the experience of my research degree programme, Ulster was ranked 8th highest globally.

Discipline (JACS1)	Social Studies	1st out of 40	Computer Science	7th out of 34
	Languages & Area Stud	2nd out of 34	Biological Sciences	Second Quarter
	Business and Economics	3rd out of 47	Geography & Built Env	Second Quarter
	Engineering	=4th out of 42	Creative Arts & Design	Third Quarter
Demographics	31 years or older	Highest Quarter	30 years or younger	5th out of 84
	Female	6th out of 96	Male	Highest Quarter
	No known disability	8th out of 103	Disabled	Second Quarter
	Home	Highest Quarter	Overseas	4th out of 77
	Non-BME	6th out of 98	BME	4th out of 77
	Delivery	PhD	9th out of 96	PhD by published work
Full-time		6th out of 96	Part-time	Second Quarter
Face-to-face		7th out of 98	Distance learners	Second Quarter

Research culture

3rd

out of 103

For the Research culture measure, Ulster was ranked 3rd highest globally.

Discipline (JACS1)	Business and Economics	1st out of 46	Geography & Built Env	2nd out of 28
	Other Health subjects	1st out of 45	Languages & Area Stud	7th out of 33
	Psychology & Neurosci	1st out of 41	Engineering	Third Quarter
	Social Studies	1st out of 40	Biological Sciences	Lowest Quarter
Demographics	31 years or older	4th out of 96	30 years or younger	Highest Quarter
	Female	2nd out of 95	Male	3rd out of 88
	No known disability	5th out of 102	Disabled	10th out of 45
	Home	2nd out of 103	Overseas	9th out of 77
	Non-BME	3rd out of 97	BME	2nd out of 76
	Delivery	PhD	2nd out of 95	PhD by published work
Full-time		3rd out of 96	Part-time	9th out of 85
Face-to-face		4th out of 98	Distance learners	6th out of 57

Responsibilities

9th

out of 103

For the Responsibilities measure, Ulster was ranked 9th highest globally.

Discipline (JACS1)	Languages & Area Stud	1st out of 34	Creative Arts & Design	4th out of 22
	Business and Economics	3rd out of 47	Computer Science	7th out of 33
	Other Health subjects	3rd out of 45	Psychology & Neurosci	9th out of 42
	Geography & Built Env	2nd out of 28	Biological Sciences	Lowest Quarter
Demographics	31 years or older	4th out of 96	30 years or younger	10th out of 84
	Female	6th out of 97	Male	Highest Quarter
	No known disability	Highest Quarter	Disabled	4th out of 45
	Home	Highest Quarter	Overseas	6th out of 77
	Non-BME	10th out of 97	BME	4th out of 77
Delivery	PhD	Highest Quarter	PhD by published work	1st out of 8
	Full-time	9th out of 96	Part-time	Second Quarter
	Face-to-face	8th out of 98	Distance learners	Highest Quarter

Professional development

9th

out of 103

For the Professional development measure, Ulster was ranked 9th highest globally.

Discipline (JACS1)	Languages & Area Stud	1st out of 34	Biological Sciences	9th out of 44
	Social Studies	2nd out of 40	Psychology & Neurosci	Second Quarter
	Other Health subjects	3rd out of 45	Engineering	Second Quarter
	Geography & Built Env	4th out of 28	Creative Arts & Design	Second Quarter
Demographics	31 years or older	Highest Quarter	30 years or younger	6th out of 83
	Female	6th out of 96	Male	9th out of 88
	No known disability	9th out of 102	Disabled	1st out of 45
	Home	Highest Quarter	Overseas	Highest Quarter
	Non-BME	10th out of 98	BME	Highest Quarter
Delivery	PhD	Highest Quarter	PhD by published work	1st out of 8
	Full-time	Highest Quarter	Part-time	Second Quarter
	Face-to-face	8th out of 98	Distance learners	Highest Quarter

Progression

Highest

Quarter

For the Progression measure, Ulster was ranked in the highest quarter globally.

Discipline (JACS1)	Computer Science	2nd out of 34	Creative Arts & Design	6th out of 22
	Languages & Area Stud	2nd out of 34	Engineering	Second Quarter
	Business and Economics	4th out of 47	Biological Sciences	Second Quarter
	Psychology & Neurosci	4th out of 42	Social Studies	Second Quarter
Demographics	31 years or older	9th out of 96	30 years or younger	Highest Quarter
	Female	Highest Quarter	Male	Second Quarter
	No known disability	Highest Quarter	Disabled	6th out of 45
	Home	Highest Quarter	Overseas	6th out of 77
	Non-BME	Highest Quarter	BME	9th out of 77
	Delivery	PhD	Highest Quarter	PhD by published work
Full-time		Highest Quarter	Part-time	Lowest Quarter
Face-to-face		Highest Quarter	Distance learners	Second Quarter

Research skills

Highest

Quarter

For the Research skills measure, Ulster was ranked in the highest quarter globally.

Discipline (JACS1)	Other Health subjects	2nd out of 45	Business and Economics	Second Quarter
	Social Studies	2nd out of 40	Creative Arts & Design	Second Quarter
	Psychology & Neurosci	6th out of 42	Computer Science	Second Quarter
	Biological Sciences	9th out of 44	Engineering	Lowest Quarter
Demographics	31 years or older	Second Quarter	30 years or younger	Highest Quarter
	Female	Highest Quarter	Male	Third Quarter
	No known disability	Second Quarter	Disabled	3rd out of 45
	Home	Highest Quarter	Overseas	Highest Quarter
	Non-BME	Highest Quarter	BME	Second Quarter
	Delivery	PhD	Highest Quarter	PhD by published work
Full-time		Highest Quarter	Part-time	Second Quarter
Face-to-face		Second Quarter	Distance learners	Second Quarter

Resources

Highest

Quarter

For the Resources measure, Ulster was ranked in the highest quarter globally.

Discipline (JACS1)	Business and Economics	1st out of 45	Engineering	Second Quarter
	Other Health subjects	2nd out of 45	Languages & Area Stud	Second Quarter
	Social Studies	4th out of 40	Biological Sciences	Lowest Quarter
	Computer Science	4th out of 30	Psychology & Neurosci	Lowest Quarter
Demographics	30 years or younger	Second Quarter	31 years or older	Highest Quarter
	Female	Highest Quarter	Male	Second Quarter
	No known disability	Highest Quarter	Disabled	10th out of 43
	Home	Second Quarter	Overseas	6th out of 76
	Non-BME	Second Quarter	BME	3rd out of 76
Delivery	PhD	Second Quarter	PhD by published work	1st out of 9
	Full-time	Second Quarter	Part-time	Second Quarter
	Face-to-face	Second Quarter	Distance learners	Highest Quarter

Supervision

Second

Quarter

For the Supervision measure, Ulster was ranked in the second quarter (above average, but below the highest quarter) globally.

Discipline (JACS1)	Computer Science	4th out of 34	Biological Sciences	Second Quarter
	Business and Economics	7th out of 47	Creative Arts & Design	Third Quarter
	Other Health subjects	8th out of 45	Engineering	Third Quarter
	Psychology & Neurosci	10th out of 42	Geography & Built Env	Lowest Quarter
Demographics	31 years or older	Highest Quarter	30 years or younger	Second Quarter
	Female	5th out of 97	Male	Third Quarter
	No known disability	Highest Quarter	Disabled	Second Quarter
	Home	Second Quarter	Overseas	Second Quarter
	Non-BME	Highest Quarter	BME	Second Quarter
Delivery	PhD	Second Quarter	PhD by published work	Second Quarter
	Full-time	Second Quarter	Part-time	Third Quarter
	Face-to-face	Second Quarter	Distance learners	Third Quarter

The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey

PRES is a global survey with 50,600 respondents in 2019, achieving a 42% response rate. 107 institutions were involved in the survey.

Key to figures:

Highest quarter	In the highest quarter of institutions globally - top 25%
Second quarter	In the second quarter of institutions - above 50% but below the top 25%
Third quarter	In the third quarter of institutions - below 50% but above the bottom 25%
Lowest quarter	In the lowest quarter of institutions globally - bottom 25%

Ranking and quarter methodology

The quarters and ranking are based on all institutions that have, on average, 23 valid responses or over to the questions making up the survey area. Ranking and quarters are only reported when there are a minimum of 8 institutions within an area.

Where a ranking or quarter position is starred (*) then it is significantly different from the average (mean score), for that breakdown. This indicates that there is less than 5% chance it is a random difference.

For more on how the quarters have been calculated, please refer to the statistics guide in the 'Guides' workbook supplied alongside this report



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