

# Why Sussex?

**I**t's our excellent academic reputation that makes Sussex stand out. And we help you boost your employability from the start, ensuring you're best placed to succeed in your career. Wherever your career path takes you after graduation, the skills and experience you'll gain at Sussex will assure you a bright future.

## Welcome to Sussex

I am proud to be the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex – a leading research institution, which ranks in the top 10 in the UK, the top 20 in Europe, and in the top 80 of universities worldwide\*.

You will be part of a thriving postgraduate community – over a quarter of our students are postgraduates undertaking research or studying on postgraduate taught programmes. And the continuing growth in the numbers of postgraduate applications and admissions to Sussex reflects the quality and excellence of what we offer.

Our teachers and researchers are at the forefront of their fields and ensure there are strong links between our research and our taught degree programmes, giving you a remarkable postgraduate academic experience where research and teaching combine within disciplinary excellence.

Research is one of our major strengths at Sussex. In the latest research assessment exercise, over 90 per cent of our research was rated as being internationally recognised or better\*\*. Every single one of our departments has research that is rated as world leading, so you will be working alongside world-renowned experts in their fields.

Sussex also has a strong international identity and has flourishing academic links with every continent. The University is home to researchers and students from over 120 countries. We have a diverse student population, enriching the experience of all who study and work here.

As we develop research at Sussex, we are championing six research themes that address real-world issues, and bring together interdisciplinary teams from across our schools of studies.

Our Doctoral School provides a stimulating environment to support the skills development of our research students, helping them prepare for their future careers. We also offer dedicated careers development and support for taught postgraduates – an ideal preparation for a future career wherever you go.

On our beautiful campus, superb new buildings are being created, and we have ambitious plans for our award-winning original buildings, such as the refurbishment of the Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts.

As a student here, you could be part of helping us to make the future. I look forward to you joining us at Sussex in 2012.



**Professor Michael Farthing**  
Vice-Chancellor

**US50**  
University of Sussex  
Celebrating 50 years of excellence

\*Times Higher Education – World University Rankings 2010

**8th** in the UK

**16th** in Europe

**79th** in the world

2010 National Student Survey (NSS)

**92%** approval of teaching,

placing Sussex in the **top 3** universities in the UK for teaching

**90%** overall satisfaction

The Guardian University Guide 2012

joint **11th** in the UK

Times Good University Guide 2012

**14th** in the UK

The Complete University Guide 2011-2012

**19th** in the UK

\*\*2008 UK Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

**100%** of departments at Sussex have world-leading research

**90%** of Sussex research activity is rated as world leading, internationally excellent or internationally recognised, confirming the University among the leading 30 research universities in the UK

World-renowned academic staff we have counted among our faculty

**3** Nobel Prize winners

**15** Fellows of the Royal Society

**6** Fellows of the British Academy

**1** winner of the prestigious Crafoord Prize

'I am passionate about the opportunity to contribute to development for individuals and society and I am extremely proud to be associated with a university such as Sussex.'

Sanjeev Bhaskar OBE,  
Chancellor

International Student  
Barometer (ISB)  
University of Sussex voted

**best 'Place to Be'**  
in England for the third year running  
(autumn 2009)

Destinations of Leavers from  
Higher Education (DLHE) survey  
2009

**89%** leavers from Sussex  
postgraduate programmes were  
employed, in further study, or both,  
six months after graduating

**96%** of those postgraduate  
leavers who were employed were in  
graduate-level jobs

**Brighton**

eight minutes by train

**London**

as little as 50 minutes from  
Brighton by train

**Gatwick Airport**

30 minutes by road or rail

**Heathrow Airport**

little more than an hour's drive

**Terry's perspective**

'A key part of my role in Student Recruitment Services is to provide opportunities for prospective postgraduate students to visit the University and find out more about what Sussex has to offer.'

'Our annual Postgraduate Open Day offers you an excellent forum to talk to representatives from schools and departments across the University. Academic staff, admissions tutors, current postgraduate students and support services advisors are available throughout the day to answer your questions. In addition, there is a series of talks, workshops and campus tours. I also run the Discover Postgraduate Study information sessions. These are held each term and feature a presentation about what postgraduate study involves, the funding that's available and the likely career destinations of postgraduate students. You can also take a campus tour and participate in a question-and-answer session with current postgraduate students.'

**Terry O'Donnell**  
Senior Postgraduate  
Liaison Officer,  
Student Recruitment  
Services



## Finding out about Sussex

Whether you're based in the UK or overseas, there are a variety of ways to meet us:

### Postgraduate Open Day 2012

We aim to make this prospectus as informative as possible but, to really give you a true feel of what life is like at Sussex, we would like to invite you to come and see for yourself at our Postgraduate Open Day on 18 January 2012, 1pm-4pm, at Bramber House, University of Sussex.

To register your interest in attending, visit [www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg)

### Discover Postgraduate Study information sessions

If you can't make it to our Postgraduate Open Day, you are welcome to attend one of our Discover Postgraduate Study information sessions.

For more information or to book a place, visit [www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg)

### Other ways to visit Sussex

We run weekly guided campus tours every Wednesday afternoon, year round. Book a place online at [www.sussex.ac.uk/visitors](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/visitors)

You are also welcome to visit the University independently without any pre-arrangement.

You may find it helpful to visit your chosen department or meet your prospective supervisor during the application process.

You'll need to contact the member of staff listed in the relevant subject area (refer to pages 37-152) before you visit us. We always do our best to accommodate such requests.

If you're unable to visit us, you can get an excellent introduction to the University at [www.sussex.ac.uk/campustour](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/campustour)

### Meeting us outside the UK

If you live outside the UK, you can meet our University-based advisors, who visit a number of countries each year, and our representatives who are permanently based overseas. For a list of visits, click 'Your country' at [www.sussex.ac.uk/international](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/international)

Contact details for our overseas representatives are available at [www.sussex.ac.uk/international/representatives](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/international/representatives)

### Get more information

Stay in touch with us by regularly checking the postgraduate section of the Sussex website at [www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg)

The section includes our e-newsletter, which provides regular updates for postgraduate applicants.

If you live outside the UK, you can also find out more about Sussex by getting a copy of our international student CD. This contains prospectuses, a virtual campus tour, videos and information on fees and scholarships. Request your copy by emailing [pg.enquiries@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:pg.enquiries@sussex.ac.uk)