OUR MISSION…

...is to be a University of distinction that is ambitious, accessible and self-reliant and to develop these qualities in our students, staff and the communities we serve.
EDUCATION FOUNDED ON INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

The University of Stirling is home to leading researchers and scholars attracted by our unique learning environment, exceptional facilities and student-centred approach, where ability, not background, is recognised and valued.

The essence of the University is its people: our graduates, staff and students are helping to shape the world by making a direct and positive contribution to the development of prosperous, healthy and sustainable communities around the globe.

OUR HERITAGE

Stirling was the first new university in Scotland for nearly 400 years. Since its foundation, Stirling has embraced its role as an innovative, intellectual and cultural institution with an established reputation for blending arts and science.

Stirling’s coat of arms dates back to 1967 when we were granted university status by Royal Charter.

We have our own tartan called ‘University of Stirling’, that students, staff and graduates of the University are entitled to wear.

The University population has grown from 164 undergraduate students and 31 postgraduates in 1967 to 8,800 undergraduates and 3,500 postgraduates in 2012.
A TRULY SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY

Stirling’s reach extends to campuses in the Highland capital of Inverness and Stornoway, gateway to the Western Isles.

Our main campus is located at the historic heart of Scotland, with convenient links to the rest of the UK and beyond. The University is within easy reach of Scotland’s capital city, Edinburgh, and its largest city, Glasgow. Scotland’s two main international airports are less than an hour away.

In 2002 the University of Stirling and the landscape of the Airthrey Estate was designated one of the UK’s top 20 heritage sites of the 20th century by the International Council on Monuments and Sites.
CELEBRATED CAMPUS

The ancient Scottish City of Stirling lies close to the University campus, which is regularly described as one of the most beautiful in the world, nestling at the foot of the Ochil Hills in over 330 acres of landscaped grounds.

The campus has a loch, golf course, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and an 18th-century Castle, designed by Robert Adam and still in active use by the University.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

Our Stirling campus provides an excellent learning and living environment, offering a wide range of facilities including:

• newly refurbished library with the latest technologies
• macrobert arts centre, providing theatre, dance, cinema and exhibition space
• Students’ Union bars and nightclub
• shopping precinct with travel agent, bank, pharmacy, bookshop and newsagent
• cafés, dining rooms and outlets catering for all tastes and budgets
• Stirling University Innovation Park, a premier business location
• Stirling Management Centre, conference and business centre
• other facilities, including a chaplaincy, doctor and dentist
Stirling graduates are high calibre, motivated individuals who are ready to enter the world of professional services.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
STUDENT CENTRED

Students are at the heart of the University and Stirling provides one of the best all-round student experiences in the UK. We have consistently high rates of student satisfaction year on year.

STUDENT CHOICE

Our flexible learning opportunities enable students to explore and discover new subjects and interests.

We offer undergraduates over 300 degree combinations to choose from, as well as flexible learning opportunities, back-to-study programmes for those returning to education and the options of a September or February entry.

STIRLING STUDENTS ARE IN DEMAND

Stirling works with employers to deliver high quality courses that produce intellectually able and highly sought after graduates.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

The University is committed to continued investment in its campus and student-focused facilities:

- a multi–million pound redevelopment of student accommodation begins in summer 2012
- £1.1million investment in a new High Performance Sports Science and Sports Medicine facility – opened in June 2012
I am delighted that the Government have based their proposals in the Bill on research. Some of the most important research has been carried out by the University of Stirling and its Centre for Tobacco Control Research.

Lord Faulkner of Worcester
RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The University of Stirling has an established reputation as a groundbreaking institution which contributes innovative, interdisciplinary research that is relevant to the social, economic and cultural needs of society. Our areas of research strength are:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Culture and Society
- Environment
- Enterprise and the Economy
- Sport

SHAPING LIVES

Stirling offers a unique academic environment which stimulates creativity and critical thinking.

We deliver research and learning that helps to improve lives. Working with academic, commercial, public, private and voluntary sector partners, Stirling has an established reputation as one of the UK’s leading research universities.

PHD OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all that we do. Our new Graduate School supports our postgraduate students to work in collaboration with an extensive pool of research expertise across a variety of specialist areas. By working together we generate new knowledge and ideas and make a significant contribution to the knowledge-based economy in Scotland and the UK.
The Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) with the University of Stirling has been a transformational project for QCTR, allowing the company to grow and expand into an area of unmet medical need.

Fiona Duffy, Director of Clinical Research, QCTR
DELIVERING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFIT

Stirling makes a substantial contribution to the needs of business and society through our national and global partnerships with companies, public services and other organisations.

We generate ideas and innovative thinking that delivers solutions to real world problems and challenges: in sustainable food production, healthcare, advanced software design, environmental management and many other areas.

We equip our students for the workplace through real life examples and applications, employer partnerships and student enterprise. We support the development of new, exciting business models and train the leaders of the future.

FUNDING OUR RESEARCH

At the University of Stirling, we work with a broad range of funders who support our research activity – from Research Councils to Industry; from the European Commission to the Scottish and UK Governments; as well as public organisations, the Health Service and charities.
A world-class University – the Stirling experience is like no other and I wouldn’t hesitate to recommend it.

Tikhala Chibwana, Malawi
INTERNATIONAL REACH

Stirling welcomes students and staff from around the world, from Brunei to Bulgaria and Canada to Colombia. Our teaching and research has a global outlook relevant to communities throughout the world.

With over 100 nationalities represented at Stirling, around one in five students come from overseas.

Our students have a wealth of opportunity to study, work and volunteer abroad. We offer exchange programmes and international summer schools that showcase our values and distinction.

GLOBAL COLLABORATION

International research collaboration and information sharing is an integral element of Stirling’s international approach.

Stirling works closely with a network of universities throughout the world, enabling students to study for Stirling degrees, taught in their home countries by Stirling academics.

Many overseas students who study at Stirling return to their home countries to carry out research which informs policy and assists growing industries.
Sport research, ranked the best in Scotland, is focused on developing excellence in sport, exercise and health, complemented by a suite of state-of-the-art science and performance laboratories.
SCOTLAND’S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Stirling is the ideal place to combine sport and study, with some of the best sports facilities seen in any university in the UK. In 2008, the Scottish Government designated Stirling as Scotland’s University for Sporting Excellence.

Our Stirling campus provides a range of sporting facilities and is home to national performance training centres in football, swimming, tennis and triathlon.

Talented students benefit from our International Sports Scholarship Programme, which has helped launch the careers of World, Commonwealth and Olympic athletes.

Sports facilities include:

• eight-court sports hall and three squash courts
• 400m all-weather running track
• 50m, six-lane swimming pool
• nine-hole, par-three golf course, putting green, driving ranges, pavilion and video analysis suite
• two artificial and seven grass pitches for football, hockey and rugby
• air-conditioned dance and fitness studio
ALUMNI NETWORK

Our network of graduates spans over 151 countries with a growing global membership of over 44,000.

Notable Stirling alumni include: Lord Reid of Cardowan, Dr Iain Banks, Sir Bill Gammell, Doug Allen, Paul Lewis, Rhona McLeod and Catriona Matthew.

HONORARY GRADUATES

Every year the University of Stirling confers Honorary Degrees on distinguished people. The recipients come from many walks of life and all have made a significant contribution to society.

Recent Honorary Graduates include: Sir Alex Ferguson, Rt Hon Dr Jack McConnell, Kirsty Young, Eddie Reader, Baroness Sally Greengross and Jim McColl.

“My years at Stirling were some of the happiest and most productive of my life.”

Iain Banks, author
## MILESTONES

| Year | Event  
|------|--------|
| 1967 | University of Stirling established by Royal Charter  
|      | First academic year began in September  
| 1968 | Pathfoot building completed  
|      | Lord Robbins appointed as the University’s first Chancellor  
| 1969 | Work began on Gannochy Sports Centre  
| 1970 | Work began on Cottrell building  
| 1971 | University library and Andrew Miller building completed  
|      | macrobert arts centre opened  
| 1972 | HM The Queen officially opened the University and named Queen’s Court  
| 1982 | HRH The Princess of Wales opened the University’s Institute of Aquaculture  
| 1986 | Stirling University Innovation Park opened  
| 1991 | National Tennis Centre opened  
| 1995 | European Gala Premiere of *Braveheart* at macrobert  
| 1996 | Inverness and Stornoway campuses established  
| 1998 | R.G. Bomont building completed  
| 2001 | 50m, six-lane swimming pool opened  
| 2002 | Iris Murdoch building opened  
| 2003 | Colin Bell building completed  
| 2008 | The University celebrates its 40th anniversary.  
| 2008 | Stirling designated Scotland’s University for Sporting Excellence by the Scottish Government  
| 2011 | HRH The Earl of Wessex opened the refurbished University library  
| 2012 | High Performance Sports Science and Sports Medicine facility opened  


FACTS AND FIGURES

12,300+ students

8,800+ undergraduate students

3,500+ postgraduate students

1,400+ staff

ACCOLADES AND STATISTICS

• 50th in the world, 1st in Scotland and 8th in the UK
  (The Times Higher Education 100 Under 50, 2012)

• 1st in Scotland for Education
  (The Times Good University Guide, 2012)

• 1st in Scotland for Communications & Media
  (The Complete University Guide, 2012)

• 1st in Scotland for Sport

Over 90% of Stirling graduates are in employment after six months

88% student satisfaction
(the most recent National Student Survey)
ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

- School of Applied Social Science
- School of Arts & Humanities
- School of Education
- School of Natural Sciences
- School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health
- School of Sport
- Stirling Graduate School
- Stirling Management School

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

- Development & External Affairs
- Estates & Campus Services
- Finance Office
- Human Resource Services
- Information Services
- Research & Enterprise Office
- Registry & Governance Services

SENIOR OFFICERS

Chancellor of the University
Dr James Naughtie DUniv

Chairman of the University Court
Alan Gordon Simpson MA

Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Professor Gerry McCormac
BSc, PhD, FSA, FHEA, FRSA

University Secretary
Jocelyn Prudence