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School of Life Sciences

The School of Life Sciences at Nottingham (SoLS) sits at the interface between the faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences, Engineering and Science. It has a large number of research-active members (~100 Principal Investigators) and is divided into three research divisions that cover its different areas of expertise. It provides teaching to several different degree programs at undergraduate and postgraduate level and has a thriving community of postgraduate students.

Research

The School provides an innovative, exciting research environment. In addition to staff who contribute to both research and teaching, it also has 21 academic staff focussed on Teaching and Learning, more than 100 Research Fellows and more than 300 postgraduate students. The research is supported by more than 70 Research Technicians.

The School was ranked 9th for Research Power in the [REF2014](#) (within the Biological Sciences Unit of Assessment) and has held Athena Silver SWAN Award status since 2014 in recognition of our commitment to equality and diversity.

The School's research is supported by RCUK, notably BBSRC, MRC and NERC, but receives charitable funding from The Wellcome Trust, Arthritis Research UK, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK and Alzheimer's Research UK. There are also examples of government funding, such as the US (Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)) and sizeable EU awards, including three ongoing Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships and collaborative research projects.

The breadth of research in the School reflects the importance of cross cutting, interdisciplinary research within the University. This is further reiterated by strategic initiatives such as the 'Life in Changing Environments' Research Priority Area (RPA).

Teaching

The overriding aim of teaching and learning in the School of Life Sciences is to provide excellence in education that is informed by research. The school is home to some 1,850 FTE Foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate taught students across the range of biological and biomedical sciences. We offer undergraduate degrees in Biochemistry, Biology, Genetics, Neuroscience, Tropical Biology, and Zoology, and a new BSc in Sport and Exercise Science starting in 2018. We have a sister school in Malaysia, where we offer Biomedical Sciences. We also offer postgraduate taught Masters in Immunology, Microbiology, Molecular Genetics and Diagnostics and Biological Photography. Whilst the school leads on a number of science degrees at bachelor and masters level, a substantial contribution is made to the teaching of Medicine and Pharmacy, and we also contribute towards the MNut degree. School contributions to the BMedSci medical degree have also led to the development of a new, integrated medical course starting in 2017.

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Nottingham

Nottingham is a vibrant and prosperous city within the East Midlands with good transport links to other major cities such as Leicester, Birmingham and Sheffield. It has a good reputation for retail, food and entertainments such as music and theatre. It is home to a range of historical interests such as the lace industry, Lord Byron and DH Lawrence. Nottingham is also known for sport, being the home of Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, Nottingham Forest and Notts County Football Clubs, the National Water Sports Centre and the Nottingham Hockey and Tennis Centre. There is a good network of roads with easy access to the M1 and the A1, and frequent rail services to London and other major cities. Nottingham East Midlands Airport is only eighteen miles away.

The city is set within a county of outstanding natural beauty which includes Sherwood Forest, Wollaton Park, lively market towns and wonderful historic buildings. Housing is relatively inexpensive and there are excellent schools and colleges available.

To find out more about Nottingham, use the following links:

Nottingham County Council – Tourism

<http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/>

University of Nottingham
Zoopla (Guide to local properties)

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk>
<http://www.zoopla.co.uk/>

My Nottingham (information on schools, term dates, school transport etc.)
<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8524>

The University of Nottingham

The University of Nottingham is a global-leading, research-intensive university with campuses in the UK, Malaysia and China. Our reputation for world-class research has yielded major scientific breakthroughs such as Nobel-winning MRI techniques, drug discovery, food technologies and engineering solutions for future economic, social and cultural progress.

Already ranked among the UK's elite universities and global polls for research excellence, our reputation for world-class research has been further enhanced with the 2014 results of the Research Excellence Framework (REF).

In addition to scoring highly in quality rankings covering major disciplines in science, engineering, the social sciences, medicine, business and the arts, Nottingham's research power rankings serve to demonstrate the impressive volume of excellent research that is carried out here. We are now ranked 8th in the UK on a measure of 'research power' which takes into account both the quality of research and the number of research-active staff who made REF returns, confirming Nottingham's place in the top tier of the world's elite higher education institutions.

The main University campus is set beside a lake, in an extensive belt of woodland, parks and playing fields. The 330-acre University Park Campus is the focus of life for more than 32,000 students and houses the majority of the University's academic schools and many of the central Services. The Jubilee campus is situated 2 miles away from the University Park and provides extra capacity. The University Medical School is situated next to the University Park. Together with the University Hospital, it forms the Queen's Medical Centre (QMC).

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Nottingham

Comprising of four schools (School of Life Sciences, School of Health Sciences, School of Medicine and the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science) we undertake research across the full range of health and basic sciences. Overall, we teach around 6,000 undergraduate and 900 postgraduate taught students, with our courses being recognised for their innovative and exemplary teaching. Our wide-ranging research covers areas from basic sciences to clinical translational research.



The University of Nottingham strongly endorses Athena SWAN principles, with commitment from all levels of the organisation in furthering women's careers. It is our mission to ensure equal opportunity, best working practices and fair policies for all.