

Research Excellence

The 1994 Group represents eighteen of the leading, most research-intensive universities in the UK. Their diverse, high quality research is internationally renowned.

The 1994 Group represents: University of Bath, Birkbeck University of London, University of Durham, University of East Anglia, University of Essex, University of Exeter, Goldsmiths University of London, Royal Holloway University of London, Lancaster University, University of Leicester, Loughborough University, Queen Mary University of London, University of Reading, University of St Andrews, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of Surrey, University of Sussex, University of York.

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Established to promote excellence in research and teaching. To enhance student and staff experience within our universities and to set the agenda for higher education.

The 1994 Group is established to promote excellence in University research and teaching.

Each member undertakes internationally renowned, diverse and high-quality research, whilst ensuring excellent levels of teaching and student experience.

- › 9 of the top 20 universities in the UK in the *The Independent* University League Table 2009 are 1994 Group members.

1994 Group members are small- to medium-sized institutions. They operate on a human and personal scale which allows them to respond rapidly and flexibly to student needs and maximise student-staff contact whilst having sufficient size to make a substantial contribution to high-quality research.

Research-led teaching is central to the 1994 Group's mission, and a large proportion of the top academics who achieved the Group's outstanding results in RAE 2008 teach students. High quality research and teaching are mutually supportive and serve to reinforce each other.

Research-led teaching is the key to high levels of student experience and satisfaction. Independent sources highlight the success of this approach.

- › 9 of the top 16 Universities in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2009 league tables (which emphasise teaching quality) are 1994 Group Universities.
- › 8 of the top 15 institutions ranked by teaching satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2008 are 1994 Group Universities.
- › 5 of the top 8 universities for student experience in the overall rankings in 2008 National Student Survey are 1994 Group Universities.
- › The Group's aggregate performance in the National Student Survey substantially exceeds the sector as a whole.

1994 Group Universities achieved outstanding results in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2008.

57% of the 1994 Group's research is rated 4* world-leading or 3* internationally excellent.

1994 Group institutions are the UK leader in sixteen major subject areas, achieving 1st place in their field (RAE 2008):

- > Health services research
- > Physics
- > Geography and environmental studies
- > Archaeology
- > Politics and international studies
- > Sociology
- > Sports-related studies
- > American studies and anglophone area studies
- > Asian studies
- > English language and literature
- > Linguistics
- > Philosophy
- > Theology, divinity and religious studies
- > Art and design
- > Communication, cultural and media studies
- > Music

The 1994 Group institutions research excellence isn't just limited to the areas we members achieved 1st place in their subject areas in the 2008 RAE. The 1994 Group also showed considerable collective strength in other areas including:

- > Allied health professions and studies
- > Applied mathematics
- > Accounting and finance
- > Development studies
- > Middle Eastern and African studies
- > German, Dutch and Scandinavian languages
- > History of art, architecture and design
- > Drama, dance and performing arts

There is world-leading research and there are internationally renowned departments across all of our 18 member universities and across all subject areas.

1994 Group universities are playing a central role in ensuring that the UK is a world leader in research and higher education.

- > 9 of the top 200 universities in the world in the *Times* Higher Education 2008 World University Rankings are 1994 Group universities.

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