Living & Working in Sheffield.
All the City and University has to offer
It is a privilege to be Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sheffield. This is a University with a richly deserved international reputation for outstanding research and teaching, and over a century of achievement across the full spectrum of academic life which, in its turn, has directly enhanced the lives of people all over the world.

The University has grown from small beginnings. Initially formed by penny donations from local residents, to bring higher education within the reach of the children of industrial workers, we now have more than 6,000 staff, almost 26,000 students and operate on an international basis with an annual turnover of £400 million.

Our founding principles have found their application in contemporary times, and continue to hold true in our teaching, and in our individual and interdisciplinary work. The University of Sheffield remains, as its founders hoped, a constructive and powerful community of scholarship with real benefits for individuals and society beyond.

The University is driven by a desire to make a difference in the world. We are confident that the knowledge we generate is important to all aspects of modern life and civilisation and our graduates go on to make a powerful, positive, contribution all over the world.

The expertise and commitment of our staff has resulted in the University gaining recognition in a number of awards, including our award as UK University of the Year in the 2011 Times Higher Education Awards, and we regularly feature highly in world university rankings. We have also been awarded four Queen’s Anniversary Prizes; the most distinguished award that can be made to a UK institution for higher or further education.

Sheffield is a great place to live; we are the UK's greenest city, with much of the city falling within the Peak District National Park. As the UK’s fourth-largest city, a wealth of cultural activities are available, including the largest theatre complex outside London, and Olympic-standard sporting facilities.

The University is an excellent employer, developing staff at all levels and rewarding exceptional performance and contribution. Our staff enjoy a range of benefits including competitive pay, pension and reward packages and generous holiday entitlements.

As a leading University, we strive to achieve excellence in all we do. We are seeking colleagues who can add to our ongoing success and contribute to our vision that the University of Sheffield will be one of the best universities in the world, renowned for the excellence, impact and distinctiveness both of its research and its research-led learning and teaching.

Professor Sir Keith Burnett
Vice-Chancellor
The University of Sheffield
We are one of the UK’s leading universities, with an international reputation for excellence. Official teaching quality assessments rate us very highly, and excellent research assessment results confirm our reputation as a centre for a wide variety of world-class research.

We have almost 26,000 students and more than 5,500 staff. The University is a popular choice with applicants for university places, and once they arrive our students enjoy the experience so much that many settle in Sheffield after they graduate.

The University, like Sheffield itself, has earned a reputation as an informal, friendly and welcoming place to be, for people from all sorts of backgrounds and walks of life. We value the diversity of our University community, and aim to work together so we can make the most of our differences.
The University of Sheffield has been named UK University of the Year in the 2011 Times Higher Education Awards. Judges said that the University “stood out as a result of a strategy based on its values and rooted in its founding principles” and praised our “determination and grit” in focusing on our local community.

Teaching quality assessments rate our teaching very highly across a wide range of subjects, and official research assessments confirm our reputation as a centre for world-class research in many disciplines.

We have nearly 26,000 students from 128 countries, and over 6,000 staff. The University of Sheffield has the highest retention of students after graduation than any other city.

Our research partners and clients include Boeing, Rolls Royce, Unilever, Boots, AstraZeneca, GSK, ICI, Slazenger, and many more household names, as well as UK and overseas government agencies and charitable foundations.

Our academic partners include leading universities around the world. International partnerships include Worldwide Universities Network (USA, Europe and China) and our partnership with Leeds and York Universities (the White Rose Consortium) has combined research power greater than that of either Oxford or Cambridge.

The University’s history stretches back to 1828, when the Sheffield School of Medicine was founded, and our University Charter was granted in 1905.

The University holds charitable status as an Exempt Charity. The benefits include tax savings to both the University and to charitable donors or their estates.

Facts & Figures

- Date originally founded: 1879 (Firth College)
- Date of University Charter: 1905 (University of Sheffield)
- Number of academic departments: 50
- Number of research centres and institutes: 82
- Number of services for industry and commerce: 11
- Number of students (2011/12): 25,805
- Number of staff (July 2012): 6,031
- Number of academic staff (July 2012): 1,212
- Number of professors (July 2012): 468
- Academic Student/Staff ratio: 1:15
- Change

Financial performance

The 2010–2011 results reflect a robust position with an operating surplus of £30.2 million (6.8 per cent of total income) and a historic cost surplus of £40.2 million (9.3 per cent of total income). Income has grown by 5.0 per cent whilst expenditure has grown by 2.7 per cent. These results keep the University in a strong position in a challenging economic climate and as we enter a significant period of change in sector funding.

Key statistics
The University of Sheffield has roots going back to 1828 and was founded formally in 1905 via penny donations from local residents. The aim was to bring higher education within reach of the children of the people working in the great industries of Sheffield, to give support to those industries and to serve as a centre for the study of diseases. The University is proud of its origins and continues to value the role it has come to play in its city and region.

Our growth and achievements in the century which followed have been dramatic, ranging from the development of stainless steel – Sheffield is also known as ‘Steel City’, a nod to our industrial heritage – to the awarding of five Nobel Prizes to our alumni and staff, giving public credit and recognition to our scholars’ endeavours.

Despite our many successes, we have not lost sight of our origins. The University’s culture was endowed from the start with the best qualities of the city – excellence and innovation, curiosity, friendliness, independence of thought, and a preference for action over rhetoric. Combined over time with a determination to make a significant impact on global and local challenges, these longstanding characteristics have created a distinctive identity for the University.

Our ongoing link to our unique cultural heritage was recognised when we were named UK University of the Year in the 2011 Times Higher Education Awards. Judges said that the University “stood out as a result of a strategy based on its values and rooted in its founding principles” and praised our “determination and grit” in focusing on our local community.

“I am confident Sheffield will continue to transform and inspire. We make our own history in the reality of the times in which we live.”

Professor Sir Keith Burnett
An outstanding international reputation for research

Our researchers work to solve problems that matter to make an impact on the wider world. In this way our research continues to benefit the UK economy and its social and cultural life.

We have a global reputation for excellence, with graduates in leadership positions around the world. Our outstanding performance for research, as a member of the Russell Group of 24 leading UK research universities, is consistently confirmed by independent assessment internationally.

The most recent Research Assessment Exercise (2008) placed Sheffield in the top ten UK universities with 93% of its research ‘internationally recognised’ (3*) or ‘world-leading’ (4*).

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Our outstanding collaborations with Boeing and Rolls-Royce won us a fourth Queen’s Anniversary Prize and status as a preferred model of industrial research collaboration across the UK and internationally, cited in Parliament as an inspiring model for future economic success.

Key to our research success has been our people: the ability to attract, retain and sustain outstanding individual scholars. This has been achieved by developing stimulating research environments that encourage our staff to set new research benchmarks.

You can see short videos of some of our most high-profile researchers discussing their current research here: www.sheffield.ac.uk/research/leaders

“We believe that the University of Sheffield is one of the few universities that really understands the link between research and industrial application.” Sir Roger Bone, president of Boeing UK
Knowledge for a purpose

Our research strategy upholds the ideals of discovery and acknowledges new ways of acquiring, investigating and applying knowledge in the wider world.

In furthering our fundamental understanding of the world around us, our researchers have an impact on every aspect of our lives, from medical breakthroughs and technological advances to public policy reform and cultural enrichment.

Bringing together people from diverse research backgrounds, we foster world-leading interdisciplinary research. We are developing new interdisciplinary strengths in globally significant areas including energy and the environment, healthcare across the disciplines and digital technologies.

You can see a range of case studies showing the impact of our research viewed here:

www.sheffield.ac.uk/research/impact
www.researchatsheffield.co.uk

International partnerships

Our staff and students represent more than 130 nations, and our efforts in discovery draw on the rich diversity and talent of our university community.

We recognise the value that international activities add to our teaching and research, and have in place a range of international links – both in our research activities, and successful routes to recruit students in all territories.

We are developing strong relationships with the Embassies in a number of key countries and are working closely with them to broaden our network of relationships – for research, student recruitment and knowledge exchange alike.

Our strategy focuses on establishing real and relevant partnerships and making our relationships work across national boundaries.
A commitment to excellence in teaching and learning

Our students are educated in a research-led environment and the curriculum reflects and is informed by the process of research. Staff involved in delivering this curriculum work at the frontiers of academic enquiry and professional practice.

The learning and teaching agenda at the University of Sheffield is driven forward by a network of individuals from both academic and professional service departments, working together to encourage development and innovation and to promote collaboration and the exchange of ideas, information and good practice.

We constantly strive to support and nurture our learning and teaching staff, and through that, improve the student learning experience. The work of our academic staff in learning and teaching has been recognised externally via a number of awards including National Teaching Fellowships and an ExxonMobil Excellence in Teaching Award for individual staff members.

In addition, developments in curriculum design and delivery are supported by continuing investment in the University’s infrastructure to ensure our students are educated in a modern, comfortable and well-equipped environment.

The academic community at Sheffield will continue to work together to inspire our graduates and engender a thirst for knowledge, and to offer academic programmes that change students’ lives for the better, equipping Sheffield Graduates to make a difference in their chosen field, profession or career and achieve personal fulfilment.

www.sheffield.ac.uk/sheffieldgraduate

Dedicated to widening participation

Sheffield is a University with the broadest of horizons. From our original intake of 114 students in 1905, we have expanded to a student population of nearly 26,000, who study across a broad range of areas spanning arts and humanities, social sciences, medicine, science and engineering.

We are committed to widening participation to ensure that we continue to benefit from a diverse staff and student population, and work closely with the local region to raise awareness of, and aspirations to, HE. Our work in this area includes working with schools and colleges across the region, and programmes targeting young people who would be the first generation of their family to enter HE.

For example, Sheffield’s Outreach and Access to Medicine Scheme (SOAMS) is a well-established scheme which makes a career in medicine a possibility for able students who would not normally consider Higher Education as an option available to them.

The University is also developing an important apprentice programme which will provide young people in the region with high-level skills training coupled with the opportunity to study up to Executive MBA and Engineering Doctorate level. In 2011 the University’s Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) was awarded £9.2 million from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to establish a new Training Centre which will train 200 young apprentices each year in high-level manufacturing training, concentrating on sectors such as aerospace, energy and Formula One. The training centre will benefit both the apprentices – giving them a strong platform from which to launch their careers in the advanced manufacturing sector – and the manufacturing sector in the region, by closing the skills gap.
Nobel Prize winners associated with the University

1996 Chemistry Prize

Sir Harry Kroto (BSc Chemistry 1961, PhD 1964) for discovering a new form of carbon, known as "buckminsterfullerene", which stands alongside the two other well-defined forms, diamond and graphite.

1993 Medicine/Physiology Prize

Richard Roberts (BSc Chemistry 1965, PhD 1968) for his discovery of "split genes", thereby disproving the long-held theory that genes in plants and animals were made up of continuous segments of DNA. This has important biological, medical and evolutionary consequences.

1967 Chemistry Prize

Lord Porter (Professor of Physical Chemistry 1955-66) for his discovery of flash photolysis, a technique which enabled chemists for the first time to measure the speed and mechanism of certain reactions that occurred too quickly for detection by conventional methods.
1953 Medicine/Physiology Prize

Sir Hans Krebs (Lecturer in Pharmacology 1935-45, Professor of Biochemistry 1945-54) for the development of the Krebs Cycle, which explains how life-giving energy is set free in cells by oxidation of glucose to carbon dioxide and water.

1945 Medicine/Physiology Prize

Lord Florey (Joseph Hunter Chair of Pathology 1932-35) for isolating and purifying penicillin and discovering its therapeutic effect in infectious diseases.

Famous Alumni

- Sir Harry Kroto Nobel Prize for Chemistry 1996
- Sir Peter Middleton Chancellor of the University of Sheffield, Chairman of Camelot
- Dame Anne Rafferty, DBE Judge of the High Court of Justice
- Amy Johnson Pioneering aviator of the 1930s
- Sir Hans Kornberg World-famous biochemist
- Penny Hughes Former president of Coca-Cola Great Britain and Ireland
- Sir Richard Roberts Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology 1993
- Eric Dancer CBE Former managing director of Dartington Crystal
- Nick Park CBE Academy Award-winning animator and director
The University offers all staff the opportunity to work alongside talented and inspirational colleagues, in a friendly and welcoming environment. We know that our commitment to supporting staff to achieve their full potential, and rewarding high level of performance and contribution, are key to our on-going success. We continually work with staff to offer them an enhanced working experience.

We actively seek to promote and create a positive working environment; identifying opportunities to improve the social, physical and mental wellbeing of staff. A range of wellbeing services are available to staff including Juice, an exciting and innovative health and wellbeing experience which offers staff the opportunity to participate in a variety of physical and recreational activities.

Our current benefits include:
- competitive pay, pension and reward packages
- generous holiday entitlements and the opportunity to purchase additional leave
- a comprehensive selection of benefits and offers to suit our staff’s changing lifestyle needs, e.g. childcare vouchers, cycle to work initiative, staff discounts
- access to extensive development and training options – over a third of staff work in Investors in People (IIP) recognised departments
- award-winning equality and diversity action which enhances working life for all
- a broad range of employment policies and support mechanisms to promote wellbeing including a Staff Counselling Service and the HelpU staff helpline.

In The University of Sheffield Staff Survey 2012, 86% of staff surveyed said that they are proud to work for the University

Stonewall Workplace Equality Index 2013
The University is a member of Stonewall’s Diversity Champions programme. This reflects our commitment to promoting lesbian, gay and bisexual equality in the workplace.

The University has moved up 25 places in the rankings of the Stonewall Equality Index 2013, since our last submission in 2011.

The Times Top 50 Employers for Women 2011
The University of Sheffield has been ranked as one of the top 50 employers for women in the UK.

Athena Swan - Bronze Award
Athena Swan awards recognise and celebrate good practice in recruiting, retaining and promoting women in Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) in higher education and research.

The University has been awarded a bronze award, which acknowledges our University-wide commitment to good practice in these areas.

This award follows our membership of the Athena SWAN Charter for Women in Science and the launch of the Female Progression Action Plan.
Committed to developing a community of leaders

The Sheffield LEADER is an innovative initiative which forms a key part of the University’s leadership development strategy. The programme aims to equip leaders at every level across the institution with the knowledge, skills and behaviours required by the University to meet key organisational objectives and challenges to enhance its overall effectiveness and to provide our most outstanding leaders with access to opportunities across the institution.

Senior leaders participate in Sheffield LEADER4, the aim of which is to develop a community of leaders across the University through using participants’ actual leadership challenges and experiences and the shared experiences of guest speakers who are recognised as demonstrating outstanding leadership in industry and public life. Participants attend a series of 3-day residentials in addition to working together in self-organised learning groups, to propose specific organisational improvements. Participants at this level are nominated by their Faculty Pro Vice Chancellor as part of their personal, departmental and faculty development.

More information about the programme can be viewed at:

www.sheffield.ac.uk/hr/sld/lmd/sheffieldleader
Our landscape

The University’s estate landscape contains a wide and varied range of properties. Some, such as the grade II listed Firth Court, which was built in 1905, are of great architectural importance and must be preserved as part of our national heritage, whilst others are modern and sophisticated in their design and servicing. The University is committed to preserving and developing its historic estate to ensure that staff and students continue to benefit from superb facilities.

Developments during 2011/12 include:

- the £36 million extensive refurbishment of the Arts Tower, which is the UK’s tallest University building, and hosts the tallest surviving Paternoster lift in the UK, with 38 cars
- the £20 million refurbishment of University House, which will be transformed into a new world class facility for students, staff and the community at the heart of the campus, as well as being integrated with the University’s award-winning Students’ Union – the number one in the UK – in one single building
- a new £21 million Engineering Graduate School, which will ensure that students continue to benefit from world-class labs and teaching space.
Location

The University is situated on the outskirts of the city centre, yet is only a 10 minute drive from the Peak District National Park.

The campus is adjacent to Weston Park Museum and Crookes Valley Park which has excellent options for lunch or a quiet stroll and is nestled in amongst some of the most popular residential areas of the city, offering a wide range of properties from period to modern developments and the option to walk/cycle to work.

The vibrant area of Ecclesall Road with its excellent range of shops, coffee shops, wine bars, pubs and restaurants is just a 15 minute walk away through the beautifully restored Sheffield Botanical gardens, or head to the adjacent Sharrow Vale Road for some delightful charming independent shops and eateries.

Our vision for the future

As an internationally renowned University, we rightly take pride in our achievements, but continue to plan our future success.

Our vision is that the University of Sheffield will be one of the best universities in the world, renowned for the excellence, impact and distinctiveness both of its research and its research-led learning and teaching. This vision is grounded in a strong belief in a culture of higher education built on a positive interaction between learning, teaching and research.

Our purpose has long been to improve the world by seeking to understand it better. The University’s motto, ‘Rerum Cognoscere Causas’, comes from Virgil’s Georgics and means ‘to discover the causes of things’. We now define the University’s mission in more contemporary language as ‘to discover and understand’.

We remain committed today to the goal of changing the world for the better through the power and application of ideas and knowledge.
About Sheffield

A great location

Sheffield is a vibrant, friendly, safe city surrounded by some of the most breathtaking countryside in the UK. Sheffield offers an excellent quality of life and proudly has the highest retention of students than any other city – many students and staff come to Sheffield and never leave.

There is something about a city built on seven hills that makes it special. Sheffield has been called the UK’s greenest city; there are 50 public parks in Sheffield, 170 woodlands within the city boundary and a third of the city lies inside the Peak District National Park.

In the very heart of the city is Europe’s largest city centre glasshouse – the Winter Garden – with 2,500 plants from around the world.

Sheffield is the UK’s only city with a National Park within its boundary, but it offers much more than beautiful countryside.

Sheffield is located in the centre of the UK, at the heart of an excellent transport network. The M1 and M62 are within easy reach, there are 6 international airports within 65 miles and a bustling railway station offers access to every corner of the UK, and beyond.

The main University campus lies on the western edge of the city centre and is easy to get to by car, bus and tram.

Maps of the city centre and University campus are available here: www.sheffield.ac.uk/visitors/mapsandtravel
Connectivity

Air links
Sheffield is in the unique position of lying between five international airports – all within one hour’s travel time. This makes Sheffield a wonderfully accessible city whether you’re visiting for business or just to spend time in this beautiful part of the world:

- **Robin Hood Doncaster Sheffield Airport:** 20 miles north-east of Sheffield with a range of scheduled and charter flights to Europe and North America.

- **Manchester International Airport:** 35 miles from Sheffield, the main international gateway outside London can be reached by train in under an hour.

- **East Midlands Airport:** 47 miles south of Sheffield, East Midlands Airport services more than two million passengers a year and provides a large number of domestic and European flights.

- **Leeds Bradford International Airport:** 40 miles north of Sheffield, Leeds Bradford operates flights to the UK and Europe for both business and leisure.

- **Humberside International Airport:** 60 miles away, Humberside International Airport offers scheduled flights to Scotland and the Netherlands.

Rail links and travel times
Sheffield is easy to get to via train, with direct routes to and from many of Britain’s most important cities.

- **London:** Direct trains in just 2 hrs, running every 30 minutes.
- **Manchester:** Direct trains in just 50 minutes.
- **Edinburgh:** Trains (many direct) in around 3 hrs 30 mins.
- **Birmingham:** Direct trains in under 1 hr 30 mins.
- **Paris & Brussels:** in around 5 hrs 30 mins, via St Pancras in London.

Road links
- **North - South:** The M1 runs past Sheffield on its route from London to Leeds. The M1 is just a 15 minute journey from Sheffield city centre.
- **East - West:** The M62 travels from coast to coast between Hull in the east and Liverpool in the west, via Leeds and Manchester.
- **Sheffield Supertram:** The Sheffield Supertram helps residents and commuters to travel between suburbs, shopping centres, sports stadiums, leisure complexes and commercial areas.
Sheffield facts

Green City
- Sheffield is England’s fourth-largest city, with the wealth of facilities you’d expect to find in a major city, yet more than a third of the city lies inside the beautiful Peak District National Park.
- More than 44 per cent of Sheffield residents live within a five minute walk of a wood.
- Half the city’s population live within 15 minutes of the open countryside.

People
- 2.1 million people within a 60 minute peak journey to work.
- 1.3 million people of working age.
- 43% of people living in Sheffield city centre are aged 20-34, giving the city a vibrant and youthful feel.
- Highly skilled, flexible and mobile workforce with 32% of the working age population having a degree level or equivalent qualification.
- Sheffield’s average labour turnover rate is 10% — the lowest IRS average in the UK.

Weather
- The climate in Sheffield is generally temperate and is largely influenced by the area’s western and eastern boundaries. The Pennines provide shelter from the prevailing westerly winds and rain, casting a dryer “rain shadow” across the area.

Lifestyle
- Sheffield offers a high standard of living, short commute times and varied housing.
- The Peak District is said to be the second most visited National Park in the World, after Mount Fuji National Park in Japan.
- There are more than 20 reservoirs which offer wonderful walking/cycling opportunities.
- A wealth of shopping, leisure and sporting amenities.
- Sheffield’s theatre quarter has the largest concentration of theatres within a square mile outside London.
- The UK’s first national city of sport.
- Regular Continental Markets and Farmers Markets.
- Home to the Showroom cinema – one of the largest independent cinemas in Europe and the place to be for anyone with a passion for independent and foreign film. Voted ‘favourite independent cinema’ by Guardian readers.
- There are endless historical places to discover, including Chatsworth House, Sheffield Cathedral, Kelham Island Museum, Haddow Hall, Hardwick Hall.
- The city and surrounding region also has a varied restaurant scene, from budget eateries to fine dining, offering cuisine from across the world.
- Over the summer, open air performances can be found in locations such as the Botanical Gardens and in the Peak District at places like Chatsworth Gardens.
- Excellent music scene – where the likes of Arctic Monkeys, Pulp and Richard Hawley started out – in their home city.

![Image of Sheffield cityscape](image.png)
Sheffield history and where we are today

Throughout its history the city of Sheffield has specialised in practical applications of knowledge and discovery. Stainless steel, for example, was first developed in Sheffield as a solution to a specific engineering problem.

Stainless steel was key to the development of Sheffield as one of the UK’s leading industrial cities in the 18th century. The industry grew due to Sheffield’s unique combination of local iron, coal and water from many rivers which gave rise to a number of ground-breaking inventions. Sheffield soon became known for the quality of its steel, and in particular its cutlery, and became known as Steel City, an affectionate nickname which continues today.

The city currently produces more steel than at any time during its history, although the industry is less visible than in past years, due to the automation of steel production processes, which require a much smaller workforce than previously.

Although the steel industry is no longer a major employer in the city, fine quality specialist steels and specialist engineering products are still produced and exported worldwide. Manufacturing excellence continues to flourish in the city, with the University of Sheffield partnering Boeing in the multi-million-pound Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) partnership, which continues to grow from strength to strength. In 2011 the AMRC was named Boeing Supplier of the Year, the first time this accolade was given to a UK company.

Why do people love Sheffield so much?

With its location on the doorstep of the Peak District, Sheffield has developed a reputation as the number one destination for outdoor enthusiasts. But Sheffield is also one of the UK’s most fascinating cities from a cultural perspective, with an array of museums, galleries and theatres. The city hosts world-renowned arts festivals, has produced many of the nation’s most celebrated musicians and is home to some truly inspiring architecture. With Sheffield, you can be sure that there will be something to see and do whenever.

Sheffield is notoriously friendly for such a large city. It’s also very family friendly, with endless options and events for children, from wonderful local playgroups and nurseries to green open spaces, parks with play areas, safe paths for cycling/scooters, open air performances and so on – all offering fantastic ways to meet new people.

Sheffield has so many trees and open spaces that even some of its suburbs have an almost semi-rural feel. Looking across one of the many hills gives such a green picture of the city, it’s no wonder the famous Art Critic John Ruskin loved it here!
Sheffield is geographically diverse, nestled in a natural amphitheatre created by seven hills, and fed by five rivers. This diversity has given rise to an exceptional range of activities available, from walking or climbing in the beautiful Peak District to taking a boat ride along one of Sheffield’s canals.

The city contains the largest theatre complex outside London – the Crucible, Lyceum and Studio Theatres. The theatres host a vast array of productions, and the Crucible has been home since 1977 to the World Snooker Championships, which draw players from across the world for the leading prize in the sport.

The city also hosts some 20 nightclubs and 45 cinema screens.

The city is home to a range of museums and galleries including the Millennium Galleries and Weston Park Museum, which display a wide array of treasures including finely-crafted items from the city's industrial heritage. There is a thriving art scene in the city, fuelled by the exceptional Yorkshire Artspace; which is one of the largest and most established studio providers in the UK, a centre of excellence currently offering affordable workspace to over 100 artists and craftspeople in 4 buildings in Sheffield, who open its doors to the public for special exhibitions. Along with many local galleries, there are also many opportunities to attend art events in the city, including The Great Sheffield Art Show and Art in the Gardens.

The music industry is also very well represented within Sheffield, with the city being home to many successful artists and several local orchestras, brass bands, choirs and a folk and traditional music community. The city has a number of live music venues, ranging from traditional pubs to the 13,000-capacity Motorpoint Arena. Sheffield hosts the free Tramlines Festival every summer, which showcases a range of music in performances across the city centre.

Sheffield also hosts the Sheffield Comedy Festival, which is one of the UK’s leading comedy festivals. Running throughout October each year, the festival plays host to a range of leading comedians.

Epicureans will be spoilt for choice with dining out experiences; Sheffield has a magnificent selection of restaurants. From Japanese to Polish, artisan bakers and delis to pop up bistro nights, independent fine food experiences to large well known chains and Michelin starred restaurants, country pubs to urban dining, there are culinary experiences on offer to suit every taste, style and budget.

The city is also renowned for its real ale scene, hosting a number of real ale breweries, and with 45 pubs in the city centre offering real ales. Many flock to the city centre or the popular Ecclesall Road or enjoy the diversity of London Road and the cosy pubs of the Peaks – there is a vast array to suit all.

Sheffield hosts a range of national and independent stores in the city centre, including a number of boutiques in the city's Devonshire Quarter. Sheffield is also home to Meadowhall, a vast shopping centre hosting more than 270 shops as well as a number of restaurants and a cinema.

For those looking to relax, a number of salons and spas are available, including the recently restored Turkish Baths at Spa1877 that date back to 1836.

Further afield, a number of excellent visitor attractions are available, ranging from Magna Science Centre – formerly Templeborough Steelworks – in Rotherham, to Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Wakefield, Chatsworth House, Gardens, Farm and Playground in Derbyshire and Yorkshire Wildlife Park in Doncaster.

As well as enjoying plenty of traditional pubs, trendy bars, world class clubs, exceedingly good restaurants and fashionable shops, you can take a stroll through the stunning Peace Gardens, the Winter Garden and the Millennium Galleries in the city centre. And with our theatre complex centred around Tudor Square in the Heart of the City, you’ll have a choice of enjoying drama, music or dance including many well acclaimed plays and productions.

www.eatsheffield.com/
www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/
Enainment
Olympic-standard sports facilities

Sheffield is home to a number of outstanding sports venues, offering numerous opportunities as a spectator or participant. Many of these are the heritage of Sheffield's hosting of the World Student Games in 1991. The legacy of the games include purpose-built Olympic-standard facilities, including Don Valley Stadium, and a sporting culture which has seen continued investment and initiatives including the English Institute of Sport, which was established in 2003.

The city is also home to a number of sports teams including Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United football clubs, as well as the world’s oldest football club, Sheffield FC, which recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. Sheffield also hosts a range of other sports clubs and teams, including the Sheffield Steelers ice-hockey club, Sheffield Rowing Club, Sheffield Eagles rugby team, Sheffield Hatters basketball club and Sheffield Steel Rollergirls roller derby club.

Other sports and fitness facilities are available including a number of quality gyms and fitness classes across the city, various tennis and squash clubs, ice-skating at iceSheffield, and golf at a range of picturesque venues.

Living in Sheffield

Sheffield's size and location on the edge of the Peak District is reflected in the wide range of housing that is available which cover all bases. There are some fabulous residential areas that are almost self-contained with excellent local pubs, shops and cafes offering fantastic opportunities to build social networks. These include fashionable, modern apartments in the heart of the city, terraced properties, located close to the main University campus, and a number of suburbs of predominantly semi-detached properties. Large houses in Ranmoor and Fulwood, originally built for Sheffield's steel magnates, dominate Fulwood Road, while a number of new-build properties are also available across the city.

Those seeking a country living lifestyle can choose from a range of properties in Peak District villages which are an easy commute from the centre of Sheffield; villages such as Hope and Hathersage are connected to Sheffield via regular trains that take around 20 minutes, or around 30 minutes by car, from the city centre.

The University is located within the S10 postcode, adjacent to other very popular postcode areas and close to several local parks, including Endcliffe Park which is popular for ball games, picnics, walking and feeding the ducks – it’s possible to walk straight out into the Peak District from this city park via the famous ‘Sheffield Round Walk’.

Bespoke relocation support, including the services of a professional local relocation agency, may be available in some instances to staff relocating to Sheffield.
Standard of living, amongst highest in the UK

Barclays Bank produced research that ranks UK locations according to the living standards, or buying power, of their resident populations. Kensington and Chelsea in London tops the list but, according to this survey, the Hallam district of Sheffield is the fourth ‘wealthiest place to live in the UK’. The table lists locations that are in, or close to, Sheffield’s core competitor cities and appear in the top 50 list.

These are the top rankings:

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Although Sheffield is one of the UK’s largest cities, the cost of living is surprisingly low at just 90% of the national average, and 25% less than the cost of living in London. Combined with relatively low utility costs and personal tax rates – the latter leaving you with ten per cent more of your salary than in Italy, Denmark and Sweden – Sheffield offers its residents excellent value for money. This is particularly the case when you consider the numerous free activities available around the city – including museums, galleries, libraries and parks.
Excellent education

Sheffield is a great place to raise a family. State and private schools perform strongly in league tables and a broad range of specialist schools give parents the opportunity to make the right choice for their children.

Sheffield is home to 134 primary schools, 21 secondary schools, four academies and nine dedicated special schools, with integrated resources available in a number of other schools. The city is also home to a number of independent schools, many of which are located within walking distance of the main University campus and some of the most popular suburbs of Sheffield, offering excellent opportunity to build a family network of school, work, friends and colleagues, all within walking distance.

Outstanding health facilities

Superb healthcare facilities are available in Sheffield, which is home to Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, the UK’s largest NHS Foundation Trust. Five hospitals are located in Sheffield, including Weston Park Cancer Hospital, one of only three dedicated cancer hospitals in the UK. We are very privileged to have an excellent dedicated Children’s Hospital with A&E department in the city, one of only four stand-alone children’s hospitals in the country.

The Trust is recognised internationally for its work in neurosciences, spinal injuries, cancer, transplantation, neurosciences and orthopaedics, and is one of only a handful of hospital Trusts to have been awarded the highest rating of ‘excellent’ for both the quality of its services and its financial management, three years running. The Trust is one of the top 20% of NHS Trusts for patient satisfaction. The Trust has also been awarded the title of ‘Hospital Trust of the Year’ in the Good Hospital Guide for three years running and is a recognised leader in medical research for bone, cardiac, neurosciences and long term conditions such as diabetes and lung disease.

The University of Sheffield has a close partnership with the Trust, as it plays a key role in the training and education of medical, nursing and dental students. Four of the city’s hospitals are located within a mile of the University campus.
Wide employment opportunity for partners and children

There are plenty of opportunities for career progression and cross-recruitment due to a large private and public sector presence in the city and region.

We have a large number of world-renowned businesses from sectors including creative and digital industries; advanced manufacturing and engineering; professional services; and the public sector. Sky, HSBC, Capita, Siemens VAI, Rolls Royce, Boeing, WANdisco, Aviva and many more thrive here.

Sheffield is also one of the most ‘connected’ cities in the UK, from the fibre optic cable that equips the region with ubiquitous ‘superfast broadband’ – means home working is easy – to the city’s pivotal position in the centre of the UK with excellent road and rail links, making it easy to commute to many other locations.

Potential employers for partners of University employees:

- **Health and medicine**
  
  With 7 teaching hospitals and several private hospitals and practices there are many openings for those working within the medical profession to be able to transfer and continue their careers.

- **Professional services and business**
  
  Sheffield is home to a number of large organisations which provide many professional opportunities, including major employers such as HSBC, Nationwide Building Society, DLA Piper and Aviva.

- **Civil Service**
  
  As well as Sheffield City Council, which employs over 18,000 people, Sheffield is also home to the DfES, DWP and The Home Office. There are numerous employment opportunities in the Civil Service in Sheffield.

- **Education**
  
  Sheffield is home to more than 160 schools. Sheffield Hallam University is also located within the city, and there are 12 other universities within one hour’s travel time of Sheffield.

**Did you know Sheffield is the most flexible working city in the UK?**

Recent research conducted by Orange UK put Sheffield as the leading “Flexi-Town” in Britain, with 32% of the cities companies offering flexible working.

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**Testimonials**

“*Sheffield is the place to be right now – there is a real buzz around the city*”

*Philip Gregory, Managing Partner – PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

“I was sceptical about moving to Sheffield but am delighted with the choice I made. I have a 15 mins drive to work or I can cycle. I can be at three different supermarkets within 10 minutes. There are shops, bars and restaurants in the town centre or in the suburbs and I can drive or walk out into the beautiful peak district in a matter of minutes. As a Product Development Director at PlusNet, the UK’s best value ISP, I end up working long hours so quality of life is very important to me and my family – the work:life balance in Sheffield is far better than it was in London so work wins, I’m less stressed and my wife sees more of me!”

*Neil Armstrong, Products Director – PlusNet*

“For my family, the move to Sheffield was entirely positive. We have easy access to a wide range of cultural activities and beautiful countryside is on our doorstep.”

*John Lambert, Senior Civil Servant*

“Sheffield offers some of the best educational institutions in the UK but it’s more than that. Sheffield offers all of the attractions of the big city – things to do, experiences to be had, people to meet – without the downsides. Most people who visit Sheffield would agree that it has a certain je ne sais quoi. Our location in the Peak District brings fresh air, views and space, making the city a genuinely pleasant place to live and work. Everywhere you go, you find friendly people with a can-do attitude, which means Sheffield is a place where things get done. That’s why Sheffield is the city where more students stay to live than any other.”

*Peter Hopton, Director of Very PC*

“A city that combines character with hospitality, openness and tolerance. Things are going to happen here!”

*Michael Palin – Actor, presenter & travel writer*

“Here the lifestyle is honest and I feel set free from the chaos, congestion and consumer pressures of London.”

*Mary Anne Hobbs – global DJ & radio presenter*

“Sheffield is an idyllic vision of urban life.”

*The Daily Telegraph*

“We love the close-knit, hardworking, fun-loving vibe of this city and its creative community.”

*Nicola Mayer – yoomee*