Cambridge innovation in numbers

The University sits at the heart of one of the world's most successful innovation and technology clusters.

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billion-dollar businesses born in Cambridge

£18bn

In total annual turnover generated by knowledge-intensive firms

5,300+

Knowledge-intensive firms

67,800+

people work for knowledge intensive firms

6.4%

Year-on-year increase in knowledge-intensive jobs in Cambridge City region over last 6 years

308.7

Patent applications per 100,000 residents - highest in the UK and more than twice the rate of any other UK city

800

Knowledge-intensive services companies

800+

High-tech manufacturing companies

600+

Life sciences companies

3,000+

IT and telecoms companies

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The University

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One of the world's top 3 universities

121

Cambridge affiliates awarded the Nobel Prize

13,500+

Books and journal articles published in 2020 by University researchers

1,800+

Researchers supported by Cambridge Enterprise (the University's knowledge and technology transfer office)

£107.3m

In translational research funding won with the support of Cambridge Enterprise 2011-20

£2bn

In follow-on funding raised by University of Cambridge spin-outs in the Cambridge Enterprise portfolio since 1995

92%

Of Cambridge Enterprise portfolio companies have a 5-year survival rate

300+

Firms founded by staff and alumni of the University's Department of Computer Science and Technology

11,500+

People employed directly by the University

18,700+

Students at the University of Cambridge

270,000+

Cambridge alumni we are in touch with

This information has been collated from Centre for Business Research Cambridge Judge Business School, Cambridge Ahead Cluster Map (October 2021), QS World University Rankings 2022; University of Cambridge Facts and Figures; Cambridge Enterprise; Dimensions; Department of Computer Science and Technology.

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