

# THE AWARDS 2020

## Outstanding Entrepreneurial University

<b>Institution name</b>	UCL
<b>Submission title or project name</b>	
<b>Nominee/key personnel</b>	
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://www.ucl.ac.uk/enterprise">https://www.ucl.ac.uk/enterprise</a>
<b>Submission</b>	<p>Disruptive thinking at its heart</p> <p>The last five years tell a compelling story about how UCL has become one of the leading universities in the UK in translating its knowledge and ideas externally, to contribute to economic growth and societal benefit.</p> <p>Its natural predisposition to 'disruptive thinking', and a recent steady focus to embed the frameworks and support needed to enable innovative behaviours in its students and academics, has meant UCL's entrepreneurial community is now thriving.</p> <p>This is reflected in the HE Business and Community Interaction (HE-BCI) data for 2018/19. For the first time, UCL spinouts attracted more external investment than any other university in the country (£579m), reflecting the quality of the technologies, as well as the expertise in creating, nurturing and growing companies. UCL graduate startups attracted £60m of external investment. And importantly, these startup and spinout companies collectively employed almost 3000 people.</p>