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Business School of the Year

Institution Name	J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics, <i>University of Galway</i>
Submission title or project name	"For the Public Good" – University of Galway J. E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics
Nominee / key personnel	Members of the leadership team including but not limited to: Professor Alma McCarthy (executive dean, College of Business Public Policy and Law, and former head of school); Professor Jonathan Levie (head of school); Dr Edel Doherty (associate head for EDI); Dr Majella Giblin (associate head for external engagement and alumni relations); Professor Emer Mulligan (University of Galway Tax Clinic director); Professor Karyn Morrissey (associate head for research); Dr Emer Curtis (associate head of internationalisation); Mr Adrian Larkin (marketing and recruitment manager); Ms Orla Naughton (MBA programme manager); Ms Eilis O'Regan (school manager); Ms Louise Monahan (external engagement and alumni manager)
URL	https://universityofgalway.ie/cairnes/
Submission	J. E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics at the University of Galway is a globally engaged institution driven by its mission to serve the public good. With 2,800 students and more than 140 staff, the school delivers more than 30 programmes and integrates the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across teaching, research and engagement. Its SDG Integration Mapping Project has linked faculty outputs to all 17 SDGs and 83 per cent of their targets. The school was ranked first in Ireland and 47th globally in the 2024 <i>THE</i> Impact Rankings, and it holds an Athena SWAN Silver Award for advancing gender equality. Notable initiatives include the Deloitte Partnership, Ireland's first Tax Clinic, the Thinking Beyond series, and impactful research in environment, health and digital responsibility. With more than €19 million (£16 million) in research funding since 2017, international partnerships, and new programmes in management and sustainability, and fintech, the school fosters global citizenship, societal impact and responsible business.



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Institution Name	Liverpool Business School, <i>Liverpool John Moores University</i>
Submission title or project name	Shaping a Better Future, Liverpool Business School
Nominee / key personnel	Liverpool Business School
URL	https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/faculties/faculty-of-business-and-law/liverpool-business-school
Submission	Guided by our vision, Shaping a Better Future, Liverpool Business School aligns inclusive education, applied research and strategic partnerships to deliver regional and global impact. In 2023-24, our business clinics generated £1.7 million in consultancy value, students completed more than 50,000 hours of sustainability-focused project work, and over 1,000 individuals from underserved communities accessed funded leadership qualifications. Our international Đigi:Đổi initiative, co-led with the British Council, supported digital transformation across 170 Vietnamese institutions. Regionally, our Centre for Management Development and Innovation is transforming healthcare leadership in partnership with NHS University Hospitals Liverpool Group. Three management knowledge transfer partnerships, including an £11 million social value collaboration with Cobalt Housing, exemplify our applied impact. In 2024, we launched LiRICS to drive climate action research and shaped SME policy through a regional scale-up study. Liverpool Business School is a catalyst for inclusive innovation and civic transformation – locally rooted, globally connected and committed to shaping a better future.



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Institution Name	LSBU Business School, <i>London South Bank University</i>
Submission title or project name	Empowering communities: championing inclusive impact locally and globally
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	
Submission	In 2023-24, LSBU Business School delivered high-impact, inclusive business education. Ranked joint first in the UK for value-added (<i>The Guardian</i>, 2024) and second in London for academic support in economics (NSS, 2023), we also helped London South Bank University achieve third globally for reducing inequalities (<i>THE Impact Rankings</i> 2024). Our inclusive approach spans a decolonised curriculum, embedded employability and sector-specific leadership programmes. Over three years (peaking in 2024), we supported 500 SME leaders through the Help to Grow scheme and trained 200 third-sector CEOs via our Inclusive Leadership programme. Students in the award-nominated Business Solutions Centre supported more than 100 businesses in consultancy projects with partners (eg, Southwark and Lambeth councils). MSc internships nearly doubled, with most in SMEs. Our research environment has grown rapidly, with staff conducting world-leading research. Our Rye Lane project supported 250-plus businesses with TikTok marketing, building long-term support for local commerce. We expanded international partnerships to eight institutions.



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Institution Name	Royal Docks School of Business and Law, <i>University of East London</i>
Submission title or project name	Royal Docks School of Business and Law: redefining the modern business school through inclusive innovation and global impact
Nominee / key personnel	Fatima Annan-Diab (dean of Royal Docks School of Business and Law, UEL); Shampa Roy-Mukherjee (vice-dean of Royal Docks School of Business and Law, UEL)
URL	https://www.uel.ac.uk/about/our-schools/royal-docks-school-business-law
Submission	The Royal Docks School of Business and Law (RDSBL) at the University of East London leads the way in the business education landscape, setting the gold standard nationally and globally through transformative impact in enterprise, community engagement and global partnerships. Our unique and innovative practice-based centres resulted in more than 600 SMEs receiving impactful business support through the expertise and contributions of over 2,000 students. Our Noon Centre for Equality and Diversity led pioneering youth health projects and influenced UN climate and gender policy. Our new business incubator supported student ventures and secured major funding, while our Centre of FinTech's partnerships with Avalanche and Guangdong University of Finance and Economics advanced fintech and ethical business practices. By embedding equity, sustainability and global leadership at the heart of our mission, RDSBL is redefining what it means to be a next-generation business school through innovation.



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Institution Name	University of Exeter Business School
Submission title or project name	University of Exeter Business School
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	https://business-school.exeter.ac.uk/
Submission	Named top UK business school in the <i>Corporate Knights</i> 2024 Better World MBA ranking, we showed that the values we profess are also those that we teach, and our academic experts continued to influence policymakers and industry. Our circular economy experts will be partners in the world's first UN-backed centre of excellence and will also collaborate with John Lewis on a new "circular collection" of products. Our economists devised a new way of calculating the benefits of conserving biodiversity and nature for future generations, which could soon be adopted by the UK's Treasury. And in a year when the quality of our governance, processes, teaching and research was recognised through AACSB reaccreditation, six of our students on degree apprenticeships programmes were nominated for the Multicultural Apprenticeship Awards, which celebrate those from multicultural communities who have worked hard to overcome adversity through apprenticeships.



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Institution Name	Aston Business School, <i>Aston University</i>
Submission title or project name	
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	
Submission	Aston Business School (ABS) is a strong contender for Business School of the Year due to its impactful research. In 2023-24, ABS achieved significant successes, securing more than £18.5 million in research funding from bodies such as the Economic and Social Research Council, the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and Innovate UK, placing it among the top 20 UK business schools for research income. ABS emphasises collaboration, interdisciplinarity and real-world application. Flagship centres such as the Advanced Services Group and CREME lead in servitisation and inclusive enterprise, respectively. ABS received a £1.25 million ESRC Impact Acceleration Account, supporting more than 30 projects. The school excels in knowledge transfer partnerships, with a 100 per cent funding success rate. Hosting international conferences, ABS showcases leadership in global academic discourse. Research by Jun Du on Brexit impacts gained significant media attention, highlighting ABS' international influence.