



Awards 2025

Specialist Institution of the Year

Institution Name	Falmouth University
Submission title or project name	Falmouth University: a year of transformation
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	
Submission	This year, Falmouth University launched three transformative initiatives that are enhancing resilience, driving innovation and delivering on the bold ambitions of our new strategy. Guided by a strong vision and supported by determined leadership, Falmouth is responding to sector-wide challenges with clarity and purpose, leveraging our strengths in creativity and digital technology to benefit our student community and our region, delivering on our commitment to becoming the university for creativity and technology and establishing Cornwall as the “Country of Creative Learning”. Our Centre for Blended Realities is pioneering new disciplines at the intersection of creativity and immersive technologies; the Academy of Continuing Education is expanding access to high-quality learning; while Launchpad Futures is throwing open the doors of Falmouth’s excellence and expertise to local businesses in support of the regional economy. Together, these initiatives are laying the foundations for long-term impact in education, research, knowledge exchange and civic contribution.



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Institution Name	New Model Institute for Technology and Engineering (NMITE)
Submission title or project name	New Model Institute for Technology and Engineering (NMITE)
Nominee / key personnel	James Newby (president and chief executive officer). While all staff have some involvement with external engagement, Peter Metcalfe (associate professor), Jen Newton and Ben Ricketts deserve particular mention for their work with employer partners
URL	https://nmite.ac.uk/
Submission	New Model Institute for Technology and Engineering (NMITE) is redefining specialist engineering education through a unique, accelerated curriculum, a bold admissions policy and strong industry partnerships. In 2023-24, its first cohort graduated and secured high-quality roles with leading employers such as BAE Systems and Balfour Beatty – proof of NMITE’s work-ready focus. Drawing from global best practices, NMITE combines team-based learning, integrated theory and skills training, and studio-based delivery. Every module is driven by real-world industry challenges, with companies shaping project briefs. A dedicated partnership advisory group and formal industry agreements ensure continuous input and relevance. NMITE’s innovative model not only delivers technically proficient, adaptable graduates but also influences national and international education discourse. Through collaboration, thought leadership and a scalable, challenge-led approach, NMITE is helping to reshape engineering education and regional development for the 21st century.



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Institution Name	Harper Adams University
Submission title or project name	Harper Adams University
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	
Submission	In 1901, a bequest from Thomas Harper Adams founded a college to serve the farming community. Today, Harper Adams University is the UK's premier higher education institution serving the agri-food and animal well-being industries. It supplies the largest cohort of graduates in the sector. It produces internationally excellent research and has dynamic relationships with more than 1,000 employers. While remaining true to its roots, Harper Adams has extended its reach locally, globally and in the subjects it teaches. In 2023-24, it started work on a new digital skills hub in Telford to encourage local talent and support the local economy. It launched, through the School of Sustainable Food and Farming, multiple education and knowledge exchange programmes. Internationally, Harper Adams celebrated 20 years of partnership with a Chinese provider, welcomed a fresh cohort of sustainable agriculture scholars from across Africa and was granted official observer status at the COP28 climate change conference.



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Institution Name	Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology
Submission title or project name	
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	https://www.dysoninstitute.ac.uk/
Submission	2023-24 was a transformational year for the Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology. It saw the institute successfully complete phase one of its ambitions since its founding in 2017 and launch its five-year strategic plan 2023-28. The institute demonstrated its commitment to excellence through becoming the first provider to successfully complete the new degree-awarding powers process, with the Office for Students describing this as breaking new ground. Meanwhile, Ofsted awarded the institute “outstanding” in all areas, for its flagship degree apprenticeship, commenting “...training provided to apprentices is of the highest standard and helps to create world-class engineers”. And there was so much more, from hosting academic conferences, launching new programmes, winning awards for safeguarding its learners, and removing barriers to prospective students through an engineering club and virtual work experience to achieve its access and participation aspirations.



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Institution Name	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
Submission title or project name	
Nominee / key personnel	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
URL	
Submission	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine is the world's oldest school of tropical medicine, and still one of only a handful of expert institutions globally dedicated to research and education in this life-saving area. 2023-24 marked our 125th anniversary, our tenth year as an independent higher education institution and a year of significant research, education and policy milestones improving the health of the world's most disadvantaged communities. This year saw our research portfolio grow to close to £750 million, the establishment of a new international collaboration to prevent death and disability from tropical snakebite, and the development of foundational principles in research collaborations to tackle global health inequities. In Liverpool, LSTM led a multimillion-pound campus redevelopment to enhance our global education offer, and contributed to Liverpool's health innovation ambitions through a huge investment in the regional life sciences sector.



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Institution Name	Norland
Submission title or project name	Norland: excellence, leadership and industry impact
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	https://www.norland.ac.uk/
Submission	Norland's consistent achievement of the highest accolades, innovative educational offerings, outstanding graduate outcomes, and impactful research and outreach activities demonstrate its exceptional performance and steadfast commitment to excellence, innovation and impact during the 2023-24 academic year. From its rigorous academic programmes and cutting-edge initiatives to its community engagement and global influence, Norland exemplifies what it means to be a specialist institution of the highest calibre and to establish itself as a beacon of excellence in specialist higher education globally. In 2023-24, Norland did not merely educate; it transformed lives, shaped futures and set new standards for excellence and innovation.