



# University of HUDDERSFIELD

## ***THE Awards 2019 – Outstanding Financial Performance***

Institution/Nominee	University of Huddersfield
Title	Financial Strategy
Key personnel	Andrew McConnell, Director of Finance
Submission	<p>The university has continued to maintain its leading position on the HESA Financial Security Index, enhancing the high quality of its estate without the need for any borrowing.</p> <p>A culture of financial awareness and strong operational viability has been embedded through the use of a robust resource allocation process and targeted strategic funding.</p> <p>The Finance department has achieved this whilst also bringing in new initiatives such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customer Service Excellence, with high praise given during annual reviews by an external assessor</li><li>• A Procurement DNA scheme to analyse spend and identify efficiencies</li><li>• The implementation of cross department/function Process Improvement Groups to target problem areas and develop innovative solutions</li><li>• The development of closer working relationships with SMEs in the local community</li><li>• Enrolment of all senior staff with the Chartered Institute of Management</li><li>• The increasing the use of more cost effective ordering and payment methods</li><li>• Enhanced communication practices.</li></ul>