



THE Awards 2019 – University of the Year

Institution/Nominee	University of Derby
Submission	<p>At Derby we have worked to deliver a powerful regional university that addresses the needs of our students, region and beyond. This has established us as a leading institution for social mobility, achieved through our academic and student frameworks, and highlighted by our HEPI Fair Access Table ranking (2nd in the country) and highest overall national league table position (26th - Guardian University Guide 2020).</p> <p>Our drive to address the challenge of our public and private services has led to the university trailblazing programmes to address the skills gap in professions such as nursing and policing, and with our local industries, including Rolls Royce.</p> <p>Embedded practice of offering real world experiences has resulted in improvements in student achievement, including a 16% increase in graduate employability, with a significant proportion staying within the region, building capacity within the areas driving the economic vibrancy and supporting the grand challenge of the Industrial strategy.</p>