



LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY

A vision to be an entrepreneurial institution that translated into action at local, national and international levels earned London South Bank University the award for Entrepreneurial University of the Year.

London South Bank University's approach to delivering entrepreneurial support to staff, students and the local community is led by the research, enterprise and innovation team. The formation of this team, which works across the university's seven schools, has created a culture of enterprise, engaging more than 10,000 students and staff.

In 2014-15, London South Bank University's programme supported 600 local small and medium-sized enterprises, boosting growth and creating jobs. Its academic experts provided consultancy services to 193 SMEs, enabling them to create 42 new jobs, safeguard 67 and raise £1 million of investment.

The university now has more than 1,000 employer partners, with one in five students being sponsored by employers.

The Clarence Centre for Enterprise and Innovation is one of several hubs for enterprise, and its SME tenants based on campus create real-world opportunities for staff, as well as generating £37 million for the local area in 2014-15, rising to £54 million in 2015-16.

The judges said London South Bank University had demonstrated how its "vision was translated into actions" within curricula, the work of staff and then "more widely across their local, national and international networks".

They were particularly impressed "by the number of students engaged, the breadth of enterprising activity the university is involved in and the depth of employer engagement". They concluded: "London South Bank University shows a truly entrepreneurial approach to its pivotal role in the community and its academic endeavours."