



The University Of Sheffield.

Submission

Winning the top award of University of the Year requires truly exceptional achievements across a wide range of areas.

That the University of Sheffield more than fulfilled the criterion is a testament to a new strategy “based on our values and rooted on our founding principles”. That served as a platform for a host of worthy accomplishments, ranging from the opening of the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience, established with £8 million donated by local benefactors, to help bereaved children in the city.

In rethinking its strategy, Sheffield took a conscious decision “not to be over-whelmed by debates about government funding and tuition fees”.

The university’s founding mission to boost Sheffield’s economy was a key inspiration behind the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre. Billed as the UK’s leading university-manufacturing industry collaboration, the centre was recently named “Boeing Supplier of the Year”, trumping 17,000 companies worldwide.

Excellent National Student Survey results confirm Sheffield’s focus on students, and its students’ union became the only one in the country to receive a gold award in the Student Union Evaluation Initiative.

At the same time, 1,310 students and staff from 55 departments raised £178,000 for local good causes through the Sheffield Volunteering scheme, while a centre offering free legal support helped Sheffield to win the Duke of York’s Community Initiative Award – a first for any university.

“With the increasing focus on global university, it takes real guts to focus on the local community, especially in a time of such uncertainty,” said Ann Mroz, editor of *Times Higher Education*. “Drawing on its founding principles, Sheffield showed determination and grit to make a lasting contribution to the future of the city. It has been an inspired and inspiring move.”