



The judges were impressed by how the University of Strathclyde's dedication to working with industry took concrete form in the past year, giving a modern slant to its 18th-century founder's vision of "a place of useful learning".

In its "transformational year", the technological university invested £89 million in a groundbreaking Technology and Innovation Centre uniting academia and industry. It also established the UK's first Fraunhofer Institute – Europe's largest research contract organisation – creating a Fraunhofer Centre for Applied Photonics. Fraunhofer will also establish its UK headquarters at the university.

In addition, Strathclyde has doubled its research income from business and industry to £6.2 million, and it was selected as the exclusive European partners for South Korea's global research and commercialization programme.

This all builds on the vision set out in 1796 by the institution's founder, John Anderson, who called for "a place of useful learning" – a university whose purpose would be to work for "the public, for the good of mankind and the improvement of science".

John Gill, editor of *Times Higher Education*, said: "The University of Strathclyde stood out as an institution that had an extraordinary understanding of where it was, where it wanted to be and how it was going to get there.

"Its focus on 'useful learning' and on really meaningful work with industry had come together in an impressive way in the past 12 months, and the judges were clear that it was a worthy winner of the University of the Year title."