

The excellent quality of our research at the University of Bath has been confirmed by the results of an independent UK assessment - the Research Excellence Framework (REF). The results of REF2014 demonstrate Bath's role as a leading research institution, placing us **12th** in the research quality ranking of UK universities, excluding specialist institutions.

Excellence
in research →

World-leading
and internationally
excellent research

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Outstanding
and very considerable
impact - **96%**
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**Among the
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Outstanding

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career researchers

13
Doctoral Training
Centres/Partnerships
across all our
discipline areas

Supporting →
future generations





Excellence in research

At the University of Bath our focus is on high quality and innovative research. We apply our considerable intellectual capacity to tackle issues of global significance. We submitted **1629** research outputs to REF2014.

REF2014 scored **87%** of our research as world-leading (**4***) or internationally excellent (**3***), highlighting our strong position among the research elite.

We are ranked **12th** nationally, excluding specialist institutions, with our Department of Architecture ranked **1st nationally** with **90%** of its research classed as world-leading or internationally excellent. Also ranked in the **top ten** (by Grade Point Average) are Sports & Exercise Sciences, Allied Health Professions & Pharmacy, Social Work & Social Policy, Management, and Mechanical & Chemical Engineering.

Outstanding impact

We are highly committed to the application of our research and the REF assesses the real world impact that research has achieved beyond academia. We submitted **57** impact case studies to REF2014 for assessment. **96%** of our impact submissions were judged to be outstanding (**4***) or very considerable (**3***) demonstrating the strength and breadth of our collaborations with companies, government departments, charities and policymakers.

Our impact is far reaching. Our research helped the UK Government improve the New Deal programme supporting **440,000** lone parents. Our automotive research and **25** year relationship with Ford has resulted in **40,000** tonnes of CO₂ per annum being prevented from release into the environment. Bath chemists have made it possible to test for infectious diseases and give patients results within just **30 minutes**. Families living in homes built using straw bale panels developed by our architects are facing energy bills that are **90%** cheaper than traditional homes. Our research into emotion in advertising is used to support up to **10,000** advertising tests annually, resulting in greater brand marketing effectiveness.



Supporting future generations

Enthusiasm and nurturing new research talent is one of our highest priorities. We invest in recruiting, developing and mentoring research students and early career researchers, using innovative approaches to unlock potential and encourage public engagement.



There are about **1,300** current postgraduate research students at Bath, and during the REF2014 period we awarded **951** doctoral degrees. We submitted **91** early career researchers to REF. The feedback we received from the REF assessment panels recognised our support for future generations.



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Research Excellence Framework

