THE OPEN UNIVERSITY IN SCOTLAND

FACTS AND FIGURES
OUR LEARNERS

22,000
OU students across Scotland in 2020-21

237
employers across Scotland sponsor OU students

400
Open Learning Champions in 150 organisations

467,000+
visitors from Scotland to OpenLearn in 2020-21

304
schools have participated in Young Applicants in Schools Scheme since 2007

50
apprenticeships offered across Scotland

28
years old is the average age of new undergraduates

30,000
modules studied in 2020-21

110
commissioned nursing pre-registration places
MAKING AN IMPACT

The total impact from expenditure and employment in Scotland is £55m, supporting 570 FTE jobs.

Students in Scotland whose highest prior qualification is National 5s could earn an extra £200,000 on average in real terms over their career if they study an OU part-time degree.

The OU in Scotland boosted the economy by £217.4m in 2018-19.

Formal teaching and learning activities in Scotland generated £160.4m to the economy.

85% of OU graduates remain in the location where their study was undertaken, meaning this investment in talent and skills benefits local communities.

We have students in all 73 Scottish Parliament constituencies, work with schools in all 32 local authority areas and partner with 15 regional colleges.
**WIDENING ACCESS**

- **23%** of OU students live in rural or remote areas
- **20%** of new undergraduates join without standard university entrance qualifications
- **24%** of OU students in Scotland declare a disability
- **875** students have transferred credit from their HNC or HND to OU studies
- **840** Access Modules studied in 2020-21

In Scotland we recruit as many students from the most deprived areas as the least deprived areas.
UPSKILLING THE NATION

1,660+ applications for funded microcredentials in online teaching, business and management, and computing and IT

733 fully-funded places awarded

400+ applications for Upskilling modules

195 fully-funded places awarded

Staff from 14 colleges gained new skills through our Online Teaching Microcredentials

73% of our students are in full-time or part-time work

Working with over 230 employers across Scotland

40% of our students study Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths subjects
CONTRIBUTING TO SCOTLAND’S WELLBEING

212,500 people have studied with The Open University in Scotland

85% of alumni say OU studies improved their job skills

Our students range from school age to 91 years old

86% of alumni say OU study improved their personal wellbeing

We consistently score highly for student satisfaction

91.5% average over 10 years

94% of alumni say OU studies improved their personal development
Number of schools participating in our Young Applicants in Schools Scheme by Scottish Parliament region 2020/21

- Highlands and Islands: 31
- North East Scotland: 27
- Mid Scotland and Fife: 25
- Central Scotland: 16
- South Scotland: 14
- Lothian: 14

OU students by Scottish Parliament region 2020/21

- Highlands and Islands: 2,170
- North East Scotland: 3,140
- Mid Scotland and Fife: 2,710
- Central Scotland: 2,220
- South Scotland: 2,930
- Lothian: 3,740

In total, 2,220 students and 3,740 schools participated in the scheme.

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