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The University

The University of Birmingham is a thriving and progressive institution that combines over a century of heritage with one of the most compelling and ambitious agendas in higher education. Ranked amongst the world's top 100 institutions and a member of the prestigious Russell Group of leading research institutions, the University is well placed to succeed in the increasingly competitive global higher education sector. We have a clear vision for the future, ambitious leadership, world-leading academic strength, and a secure financial base.

Our five-year strategic plan 'Shaping Our Future: Birmingham 2015' was published in 2010 and the University is already demonstrating significant progress against this plan that will lift us into the international elite. In 2011/12, new research grant awards increased by over 56% to £145 million; we recruited an undergraduate cohort with the finest academic credentials in our history; opened a new representative office in Guangzhou, China; and developed a £175m investment plan for our other major asset, the University's green and leafy parkland campus in Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Inevitably, these are just a few of our achievements from the past 2 years, as the University community works together to enhance further our research achievements and educational provision. We are long established as leaders in the field of Medicine, with strengths in the research and treatment of cancer, heart, and liver disease as well as infections with a global significance including TB. In the Physical Sciences we boast outstanding academic and research credentials, including Chemical Engineering where we were recognised with a Queen's Anniversary Prize in the Jubilee year. In 2011 and 2012 we pioneered the Birmingham Fellows campaign, resulting in the appointment of an elite group of 66 early career international academic researchers to the institution.

As well as our focus on research excellence, we are committed to delivering a first-class experience for our students in every aspect of their university life. The University of Birmingham has recently been ranked 11th place in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2013 and 17th out of 124 UK universities in The Complete University Guide for 2014. These latest league table results further strengthen Birmingham's position as a top 20 university and reflect its recent performance in other highly regarded league tables, such as the Sunday Times University Guide 2013, which ranked the University in 13th place overall.

Areas particularly highlighted in the latest league tables include the excellent student experience and the quality of the courses available. In fact, of the 48 subjects on offer at Birmingham, the Complete University Guide ranked 17 in the top ten and two in first place. In addition, the University was ranked 10th place overall and first place for self-made millionaires in the 2013 Wealth-X Survey, which measures the financial success of alumni.



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Birmingham has been challenging and developing great minds for more than a century. The University continues this tradition today and is delighted that its plans to establish a University School and Sixth Form have recently been approved by the Department for Education. It will provide an excellent academic education for Birmingham's young people and to serve as a centre of teacher education in the region as it will be one of the first "University Training Schools" in the country.

The University of Birmingham School and Sixth Form will be a comprehensive co-educational 11-16 school plus a sixth form, taking 150 per year into Year 7 and up to 200 per year into the Sixth Form. It will be located near the University of Birmingham's Edgbaston campus. It will have strong links with the University and reflect its values, including a commitment to academic excellence and to raising aspirations and widening participation in higher education. As such, the emphasis will be on preparing pupils for entrance to selective universities. Our goal is to accept the first intakes into Years 7 and 12 (sixth form) for September 2015.

The University's cultural profile has been enhanced with the opening of the beautiful Bramall Music Building, which houses the Elgar Concert Hall, named after our first Professor of Music, Sir Edward Elgar. This outstanding venue reflects the quality of our Music department, ranked second in the UK, and the importance of music as a part of the social and cultural life of the institution.

The Bramall Music Building is one amongst a number of cultural assets that include the Shakespeare Institute located in the heart of Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon, the Ironbridge Institute at the centre of this world heritage location in Shropshire, and the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, a small art gallery with a European reputation, located on campus. Our Edgbaston campus also includes Winterbourne House and Garden, a unique Edwardian heritage attraction that is home to over 6,000 plant species from around the world.

Sport is also integral to life at Birmingham and we are ranked second in the UK for the quality of student sport. We have capital plans for a major new sports development, which will include the city of Birmingham's first 50m swimming pool that will not only provide facilities for our performance sportsmen and women but also offer a new resource to the local community. It was perhaps this combination of performance in, and commitment to, sport that attracted the fastest man in the world, Usain Bolt and the 2012 Jamaican track and field team to our campus for their pre-Olympic training camp. After winning his second gold medal at the Games, Usain Bolt and his colleague Yohan Blake saluted, to a worldwide television audience, the facilities, support and warm welcome that he and his team mates had received from the University.

This recognition supports the University's long-term plans to extend its international profile. In addition to the China office, which opened in 2011; the University also operates offices in India and Brussels. Through these offices, we are developing research partnerships with institutions around the world. In Brazil, the Universities of Birmingham and Nottingham are working together in a unique collaboration to develop a network of strategic partnerships with Brazilian universities, as well as the oil and gas industry. These initiatives have been central to the UK Government's outreach into Brazil, and this year will bring in the region of 20 doctoral researchers to the University as part of a prestigious scholarship programme.

We receive over 75,000 applications each year from students wishing to study here and welcome 24,000 successful students to the campus from 150 countries. A £5m investment in employability services has seen the numbers of graduates who find work within the first six months of graduation increase significantly for the second year in a row, and in a time of recession. A long-term project improving the academic support available to students and plans for the development of a state-of-the-art student services hub have led to satisfaction rankings in the National Student Survey rising faster than the national average, with overall satisfaction now standing at 88% (which is 3% higher than the sector average).

Not only does Birmingham have serious ambition but we also have financial resources to realise those ambitions, and our plans for the future are underpinned by long established financial probity. We are a large scale business, worth over £1 billion to our region and are currently forecasting a turnover of £479 million for the financial year 2012/13. Our cash surpluses are re-invested into the academic and capital fabric of the institution, enabling us to plan with confidence for the future and to continue to invest in the facilities and services that are required for high-quality research, and an outstanding student learning experience.



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Led by Vice-Chancellor Professor David Eastwood, the University is structured for swift decision making, enabling us to capitalise on our academic range, financial strength and opportunities that emerge in the fast changing global HE environment.

The city of Birmingham

Birmingham is a major European centre and the second city of the United Kingdom. It is a city of business and ballet, canals and world-class concerts, jewellery and jazz, historical interest and cosmopolitan atmosphere. Birmingham is also the ideal base for exploring one of Britain's most fascinating regions for tourism, being within an hour's drive of Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick, the Potteries, and the Cotswolds.

The new heart of Birmingham is symbolised by Symphony Hall, considered one of the greatest concert venues in the world and a fitting home for the globally respected City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO). Symphony Hall forms part of the impressive International Convention Centre, which overlooks attractive canals at the hub of the UK's canal network. At the magnificent Hippodrome Theatre is the internationally renowned Birmingham Royal Ballet, adding further cultural depth to the city. Apart from London's West End, Birmingham boasts the highest concentration of live theatre in the UK, including regular tours by major opera companies.

The City Museum and Art Gallery houses the world's finest collection of Pre-Raphaelite paintings, alongside a major collection of Old Masters, Modern and Contemporary pictures. The Barber Institute of Fine Arts (based on our own campus) houses one of the best UK university collections of Impressionist and Renaissance art. The restored Gas Hall Gallery has international touring exhibitions, while the Halcyon and Ikon galleries feature innovative contemporary works. National landmark sites abound, including the National Indoor Arena, the National Exhibition Centre, National Motorcycle Museum, National Car Heritage Museum, and the National Sealife Centre.

The iconic Bullring is one of the largest dedicated shopping facilities in Europe. Sports and recreation are also well served; the city offers international Test cricket, top-flight football, International Championship golf and top-class rugby. The International Convention Centre and National Indoor Arena have spawned a whole new development at the centre of the city. The National Exhibition Centre, on the outskirts of the city, remains one of the largest exhibition facilities in Europe.

Birmingham is at the crossroads of the UK's motorways. From Birmingham International Airport, more than a dozen different airlines operate scheduled services to 60 destinations worldwide. The University is the only mainland UK university to have its own railway station, while 50 million passengers a year use Birmingham New Street Station, which will be at the centre of the proposed high speed rail network. London is 90 minutes away by shuttle service, with trains every 20 minutes until the evening. There is a high standard of all types of private accommodation, with high-quality affordable family housing in several attractive residential suburbs. Public parks and large domestic gardens are an integral part of this green city. Quality public and private schools are widely available, with several consistently rated in the top 10 on examination performance in annual league tables for England and Wales.



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College of Arts and Law

With over 5,000 students and in excess of 400 staff, the College of Arts and Law encompasses a vibrant range of subject areas from archaeology to drama, and from history to music, as well as world-renowned research centres such as the Shakespeare and Ironbridge Institutes.

Arts and Law consists of the following five Schools, making it the second largest College on campus in terms of student numbers:

- Birmingham Law School;
- English, Drama and American and Canadian Studies;
- History and Cultures;
- Languages, Cultures, Art History and Music;
- Philosophy, Theology and Religion.

Each School offers a varied suite of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and a vibrant and supportive environment that allows research to flourish. The College also possesses excellent facilities including several libraries and collections, a number of dedicated computer clusters and a cyber cafe. Located centrally on the University campus is the renowned Barber Institute of Fine Arts.

In 2012 a new 450-seat concert hall was completed. This auditorium, with its associated research, teaching and rehearsal facilities for the Department of Music, completes the redbrick semicircle of buildings which have been the heart of the University since 1909.

The diversity of the College's activities is one of its biggest strengths. Its academic reach spans established groups with rich heritage (such as its 80-year-old Law School and a Music Department whose first Professor was Edward Elgar) through to emerging strengths and new interdisciplinary areas of study (such as Global Ethics and Conflict and Security Studies).

Further information about the College, including additional details about its departments, research institutes and facilities, can be found at www.about.bham.ac.uk/colleges/artslawl

Birmingham Law School

For over 80 years Birmingham Law School has made a major contribution to teaching and scholarship. Our academic staff are amongst the country's most eminent legal scholars and are regular contributors to the scholarly literature on the law. In addition to thriving undergraduate and post-graduate research programmes, the School has a successful suite of LLM programmes.

The 2008 Research Assessment Exercise put Birmingham Law School seventh in the country for world-leading and internationally excellent research. Published on 18 December 2008, the results secured the School's position in the front rank of British law schools. Together with the School's strong performance in the National Student Survey, they underline the School's strength across the legal curriculum, the top class teaching it provides and the extent of its contribution to policy making and our understanding of the modern world.

In order to build on, and improve, the School's performance in both research and teaching, the University is making a significant investment in the School. For example, a new teaching and research centre became operational in September 2012. The Centre for Professional Legal Education and Research (CEPLER) has been established in collaboration with the thriving Birmingham-based legal profession. CEPLER provides an opportunity to enhance students' professionally-related skills, for those who seek it. In addition, CEPLER provides opportunities for research on, and with, the legal profession.



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Birmingham Law School continued...

The School has many areas of strength. Criminology and criminal justice is one of them. We have long run a successful LLM in Criminal Law and Justice, and are starting an LLB in Law with Criminology, with the first intake in 2014. We are now seeking to build on this strength with a professorial appointment in the area of penology that will complement the expertise of other colleagues in the area of Criminology and criminal justice. This will help us to strengthen our links with criminologists in other Schools, develop our research and impact on policy, attract and support high-quality postgraduate research students in criminology and socio-legal studies, and build our LLB and LLM programmes further.

Birmingham Law School in 2013–14:

- over 50 members of academic staff, from all over the world
- over 1000 students, over half on the undergraduate LLB programmes
- around 150 students reading for our graduate-entry LLB programmes
- 75+ postgraduate LLM students and 50+ doctoral research postgraduates
- pro-bono work, mooting, debating and many other activities organised by CEPLER and the student-run Holdsworth Club

Job outline

Full-time

Duration of post – open

Post is open to internal and external candidates

Grade – Professorial Grade 10

Salary – Competitive package for an outstanding candidate

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The appointment

Birmingham Law School invites applications for a Chair in Criminology. Applicants should have a specialism in penal systems. The post is tenable from 1 January 2014.

Person specification

Essential

- A very good first degree
- A PhD
- Specialism in penology
- Successful involvement in external research funding bids
- Excellent research record as demonstrated by existing publications
- Successful track record of postgraduate research supervision

Desirable

- Interest in, and experience of, a wide range of criminological topics and perspectives
- Successful track record of undergraduate and/or postgraduate programme development
- Administrative and leadership experience
- Experience of successful work with teams



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Main responsibilities

- Design and deliver undergraduate and postgraduate provision at the highest levels
- Undertake, and publish, high quality research
- Recruit, develop and support junior members of staff
- Contribute to the management of the School and College
- Contribute positively to corporate priorities and developments
- Create meaningful impact on society in accordance with the University's strategic vision of engagement (see Shaping our Future, p. 16 – <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/university/shaping-future.pdf#page=16>).

The candidate profile

This post is open to criminologists specialising in penology. The successful candidate will be successful in high-level university education, will be a leader in research in this specialist area, and will have been successful in developing grant-funded research. S/he will also be able to successfully work with teams in relation to teaching and/or research.

How to apply

Applicants are invited to submit their application on-line to us, via www.hr.bham.ac.uk/jobs.

