

Press Release

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London Metropolitan University records its highest ever graduate employment score

London Metropolitan University has jumped nine places in the Destination of Leavers of Higher Education survey, published today by the Higher Education Statistics Agency.

It's the biggest rise in employment performance in the country, and follows a drive for employability at the University.

Just under 89% of London Met graduates are in full-time employment or further study six months after leaving university, the results show. The score is the highest in London Met's history and highlights how the University provides students with the skills they need to excel in their chosen careers.

Professor John Raftery, Vice Chancellor of London Met, said: "This is wonderful news for our students and graduates, and shows that we are making good progress as a University. The survey results show that our recent focus on employability – such as building employment skills into our entire curriculum – is paying off for our students.

"Last year we launched our first Graduate Internship Scheme and continue to work closely with industry to enrich our student experience and give students the skills they need to be attractive prospects for employers.

"Staff in the London Met community are intensely focused on improving the outcomes for our students, and giving London Met graduates the best possible chance in the global jobs market.

"We are soon to publish our new Strategic Plan which outlines even more employability initiatives for our students, including guaranteed accredited employment-based learning opportunities for all students."

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About London Metropolitan University

London Met has been providing education to people from all backgrounds since 1848, with the creation of the Metropolitan Evening Classes for Working Men. With over 17,000 students, of which 40% are local, London Met plays a key, socially valuable role in the capital. Four faculties teach cutting-edge, relevant courses across three London campuses at Holloway, Aldgate and Moorgate.

The University is home to the 'Super Lab' – one of the largest teaching science laboratories in Europe. Students have access to professional facilities, including Bloomberg suites, a mock courtroom and high spec design workshops. Accelerator – London Met's specialist business incubator - was named among the Top Five 'Most Active' accelerators in Europe in 2015, highlighting its contribution to London's booming start-up industry.

London Met is home to world-leading academics who regularly give expert comment to the media. The University scored well in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, being ranked 4th in the country for Area Studies and performing strongly in Education and Social Studies.

The University is strongly focused on employability. In 2015, London Met recorded its highest ever graduate employment score, with 91.1% of all 2013/14 graduates in work or further study six months after graduation.

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