The School of Engineering and Digital Arts has an excellent reputation, recognised for both the quality of our teaching and impact of our research, within a friendly and supportive environment. We are consistently first for student satisfaction in major league tables and offer an inspiring and challenging student experience in a safe and very pleasant environment with the beautiful and historic city of Canterbury.

We prepare our students for a wide range of occupations enabling them to pursue dynamic professional careers in the UK and overseas. A forward looking School, our courses are regularly reviewed, ensuring that they are up-to-date, contain strong industrial and research input and are relevant to employers’ needs.

The School was established over 50 years ago and has developed a top-quality teaching and research base, receiving excellent ratings in both research and teaching assessments. The School is engaged in high-quality research with significant national and international impact while offering excellent opportunities for graduate studies. We have been consistently attracting substantial research funding from the UK Research Councils, European research programmes, industrial and commercial companies, government agencies and others and our spread of expertise allows us to respond rapidly to new developments.

Our 31 academic staff and over 130 postgraduate students and research staff form teams providing an ideal focus to effectively support a high level of research activity. There is a thriving student population studying for postgraduate degrees in a notably friendly and supportive teaching and research environment.

**RESEARCH EMINENCE**

The University of Kent has a strong international impact, based on our external networks, partnerships with leading universities in Europe and around the world, and our staff, students and alumni.

The School of Engineering and Digital Arts is engaged in high-quality research with significant national and international impact while offering excellence opportunities for graduate studies. In the most recent research rankings, engineering at Kent was 21st in the UK for research intensity, 98% of the research was judged to be of international quality (REF 2014). Our research is organised into three groups:

- **Communications**
- **Instrumentation, Control and Embedded Systems**
- **Intelligent Interactions**

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**Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014**

- Kent's status as a leading UK research university was underlined in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, which assesses quality of research in UK higher education institutions (HEIs).
- The *Times Higher Education* (THE)’s REF league tables ranked Kent 17th in the UK for research intensity out of 122 multi-faculty universities
- The REF also confirmed that Kent has world-leading research across all its subject areas, and that 97% of the University's research is of international quality
Our score for research power increased by 59%, the third largest increase of top 50 research intensive universities

Since 2008, we have increased the number of research-active staff by 40%

Seven of our subject areas are in the top ten for research intensity: architecture; biological sciences; English language and literature; history; law; pharmacy; social work and social policy; theology and religious studies

Four of our subject areas are in the top ten for research impact: classics; physics; social work and social policy; theology and religious studies

Contributing to the University’s REF success were the number of its world-class publications, number of research active staff and demonstrable impact that Kent’s research has made to the sciences and to economic, social and cultural understanding.

**IMPRESSIVE CAREER PROSPECTS**

A postgraduate qualification from Kent opens up a wealth of career opportunities by providing an impressive portfolio of skills and specialist knowledge. Employers recognise that a postgraduate qualification demonstrates a wide range of skills. During your programme, you acquire a high level of academic knowledge and specialist practical skills.

Our graduates have excellent employment prospects:
- Electronic Engineering was ranked 6th for graduate prospects in *The Guardian University Guide 2017*
- Digital Media was ranked 21st for graduate prospects in *The Guardian University Guide 2017*

This is testimony to our strong links with industry including numerous collaborations with Chinese companies including Huawei Technology. Our graduates have gone on to achieve great success in leading global organisations. We would encourage you to read our student and alumni profiles which appear on our [web site](#).

Our award-winning careers service provides information and advice for all international students on:
- finding a graduate job;
- getting a part-time job or relevant work experience;
- preparing effective job applications;

**Transferable skills**

In the School of Engineering and Digital Arts, there is an emphasis on teaching transferable skills, and we prepare our students for a wide range of possible careers, developing students' skills including communication, technical aptitude, business awareness, technical knowledge, time management and team working. Dealing with challenging ideas, thinking critically, the ability to write well and present your ideas are all skills you learn at Kent. This makes it possible to be successful within a wide range of careers, not just those directly related to your studies.

The University’s [Graduate School](#) co-ordinates the Researcher Development Programme for research students, providing access to a wide range of lectures and workshops on training, personal development planning and career development skills. The Graduate School also delivers the [Global Skills Award](#) programme for students following taught programmes of study, which is specifically designed to consolidate your awareness of current global issues and improve your employment prospects.
Postgraduate resources
The School is well equipped with a wide range of laboratory and computing facilities and software packages for teaching and research support. There is a variety of hardware and software for image acquisition and processing, as well as extensive multimedia computing resources. The School has facilities for designing embedded systems using programmable logic and ASIC technology, supported by CAD tools and development software from international companies, including

We receive research funding from the UK Research Councils, European research programmes, a number of industrial and commercial companies and government agencies – such as the Ministry of Defence, and many others. Many of our research projects are collaborative, and we have well-developed links with institutions worldwide.

An active school
As a postgraduate student, you are part of a thriving research community and receive support through a wide-ranging programme of individual supervision, specialised research seminars, general skills training programmes, and general departmental colloquia, usually with external speakers. We encourage you to attend and present your work at major conferences, as well as taking part in our internal conference and seminar programmes. The atmosphere of our School is informal, friendly and has at its centre, a thriving and diverse postgraduate community from all over the world. We also have a lively community of students and graduates participating.

Dynamic publishing culture
Staff publish regularly and widely in journals, conference proceedings and books. Among others, they have recently contributed to: IEEE Transactions; IET Journals; Electronics Letters; Applied Physics; Computers in Human Behaviour. Details of recently published books can be found on our research web pages.

Student Experience
As a School we are relatively small and this ensures that staff and students work in a friendly environment, offering an inspiring and challenging student experience. To those of you who are potential students I would urge you to use the opportunities to discover as much as you possibly can about our School and the staff and students who work here. Your University years should be an exciting and vibrant time interacting with peers at the highest levels and it is very important to make informed decisions.

We offer a formative and challenging educational experience in a safe and very pleasant environment within the beautiful and historic city of Canterbury. The University of Kent is well connected to London (via road or high speed train) and continental Europe (via ferry or Eurostar).

The Canterbury campus is built on 300 acres of park land half-an-hour’s walk from Canterbury city centre. Residential, teaching and administrative buildings are surrounded by green open spaces, fields and woods. It is a vibrant, friendly and cosmopolitan campus, with excellent sports and social facilities, including a theatre, cinema and nightclub. The Canterbury campus houses over 4,300 students in rooms, flats and houses.

We have a strong, diverse and international community of students which offers a rich experience. We have a long history of hosting visiting scholars and students from China and to many students, our School is a ‘home away from home’. We celebrate Chinese New Year
annually with the School. (see Chinese New Year -

The University has a long tradition of welcoming international students from around the world. Of our total student body, 16.5% are from outside of the UK, from 148 different countries, studying at our campuses in Canterbury, Medway, Paris and Brussels.

**School of Engineering and Digital Arts statistics:**

**League tables**
- Electronic and Electrical Engineering at Kent was ranked 1st for course satisfaction in *The Guardian University Guide 2017*
- Electronic and Electrical Engineering at Kent was ranked 2nd for student satisfaction in *The Complete University Guide 2017*
- 13th out of 63 HE institutions for Engineering in *The Guardian University Guide 2017*
- 12th out of 73 institutions for Digital Media in *The Guardian University Guide 2017*

**National Student Survey (NSS)**
- 90% of students in Electronic and Electrical Engineering were satisfied with the overall quality of their course in NSS 2016
- Design Studies at Kent were ranked 11th for overall satisfaction in NSS 2016
- 1st out of 65 HEIs within Electronic and Electrical Engineering for Overall Satisfaction in NSS 2015
- 1st out of 65 HEIs within Electronic and Electrical Engineering for the Learning Resources theme in NSS 2015
- 1st out of 65 HEIs within Electronic and Electrical Engineering for the Academic Support theme in NSS 2015
- 3rd out of 65 HEIs within Electronic and Electrical Engineering for the Personal Development theme in NSS 2015

**Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES)**
- 100% for overall satisfaction, in the subject area of Electronic and Electrical Engineering in PTES 2015
- 100% for overall satisfaction, in the subject area of Electronic and Electrical Engineering in PTES 2016

**University of Kent statistics:**
- Shortlisted for University of the Year by both the *Times Higher Education*(THE) Awards 2015 and *The Times Good University Guide 2016*
- A top 20 university - ranked 16th in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2016*
- In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, Kent is ranked 17th in the UK for the intensity of its excellent research, out of 122 multi-faculty universities
- Fifth highest score for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2015, out of 115 multi-faculty institutions
- One of 15 universities in the UK to have a Nuffield Q Step Centre, designed to provide undergraduate students with advanced training in quantitative method