

## Sheffield – one of the best places for research in Britain

The results of the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) have reinforced Sheffield’s reputation of academic excellence.

### University of Sheffield

- Seventy-three per cent (35 out of 48) of the University of Sheffield’s subject areas rated in the top two grades of assessment (5 and 5\*), acknowledging research with a worldwide reputation. The University of Sheffield now ranks sixth for academic research quality in the country.
- The University is one of the most highly rated research institutions for biological subjects; 5\* ratings were awarded to Animal and Plant Sciences, Biomedical Science, and Molecular Biology and Biotechnology.
- Sheffield University is noted for its strength in interdisciplinary research and the establishment and activities of these centres is overseen by the university to ensure high quality is maintained in all aspects of their operation.

### Sheffield Hallam

- Sheffield Hallam maintained its place as the premier ‘new’ university for research; three of the 19 departments submitted were judged to produce research of international calibre (5 and 5\* ratings).
- The 5 rating awarded to Art and Design has also firmly established Sheffield Hallam as the leading research centre in this field in the Midlands and the North.
- Thirty-seven research centres and institutes at the university have helped increase research income by 57 per cent in the year to 2003, underscoring the growing significance of these activities to the university.

### 2001 Research Assessment Exercise – specialisms for 5 and 5\* ranked subjects

#### University of Sheffield

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Specialisms</i>
Animal and plant sciences	Evolutionary & Population Ecology
	Plant Ecology & Physiology
Archaeology	Bioarchaeology
	Landscapes and Environments
	Archaeomaterials
	Prehistoric Archaeology
Automatic Control Systems and Engineering	Historical Archaeology
	Nonlinear Systems, Signal Processing and Control
Biblical Studies	Intelligent Systems and Control
	Early Christian Studies
	Literary Criticism
	History, Archaeology and Historiography

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Built Environment	Humanities
	Design processes
	Science & technology
Chemistry	Synthesis & Catalysis
	Computational & Analytical
	Chemical Biology
	Materials Chemistry
Civil Engineering	Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering
	Water and Environmental Management
	Structural Engineering
Clinical Dentistry	Oral Biomaterials
	Oral Health and Diseases
	Oral Neuroscience
Computer Science	Machine Learning
	Verification and Testing
	Speech and Hearing
	Natural Language Processing
	Graphics
	Neurocomputing and Robotics
Education	Disciplinary and Methodological Studies
	Inclusive Education
	Literacy
	Teaching and Teacher Professionalism
Electronic and Electrical Engineering	Semiconductor Materials & Devices
	Electrical Machines & Drives
	Electronics & Communication Systems
English Language and Literature	Early Modern
	Nineteenth Century
	Twentieth-Century Literature and Culture
	Linguistics
	Medieval
	Cultural Tradition
French	Literary and Cultural Studies
	Gender and Area Studies
	History of Ideas
Geography	Environmental Hydrology and Fluvial
	Environmental Change and Drylands
	Social and Cultural Geographies
	Political and Economic Geographies
History	Interdisciplinary history
Hospital-based Clinical Subjects	Cancer
	Cardiovascular
	Human Metabolism
	Infection and Immunity
	Neurosciences
	Reproduction and Development
Iberian and Latin American	Cultural Studies

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Languages	History of Language
	Literature
Law	Institute for Commercial Law Studies (ICLS)
	Centre for Criminological and Legal Research
	Sheffield Institute for Biotechnological Law and Ethics
	Institute for the Study of the Legal Profession
	Centre for Socio-Legal Studies
	Centre for European, Comparative and International Law
Library and Information Management	Computational Informatics
	Library and Information Management
Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering	Measurement and Modelling in Medicine
Mechanical, Aeronautical and Manufacturing Engineering	Dynamics and Manufacturing
	Experimental and Computational Mechanics
	Materials and Structural Integrity
Metallurgy and Materials	Ceramics and Glass
	High Performance Metallics and Process Modelling
	Polymers and Polymer Matrix Composites
Molecular and Cellular Biology	Structural Biology and Biochemistry
	Molecular Microbiology and Microbial Genetics
Music	Music Performance and Perception
Nursing	Supporting Older People and their Families
	Palliative and End of Life Care
	Social Disadvantage and Exclusion
	Practice Development and New Roles
Philosophy	Metaphysics and Epistemology
	Language and Mind
	Politics and Value
Physics and Astronomy	Organic Materials
	Inorganic Semiconductors
	Particle and Particle Astrophysics
	Magnetism
	Astronomy and Astrophysics
Politics and International Studies	Political Behaviour
	Public Policy
	Political Theory
	Area and International Studies
	Political Economy
Pre Clinical Studies	Physiology/Pharmacology
	Developmental Biology
Psychology	Cognition and Cognitive Science
	Neuroscience
	Social, Health, Environmental & Clinical
	Psychology
	Developmental Psychology
	Work Psychology
Social, Health and Clinical Psychology	
Pure Mathematics	Number theory

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	Topology
	Commutative algebra
	Non-commutative algebra
Russian, Slavonic and East European Languages	Slavonic Languages and Linguistics
	Russian Literary and Cultural Studies
Social Policy and Administration	Globalisation and Social Policy
	Children and Families
	Culture and Policy
	Disability and Ageing
Statistics and Operational Research	Probability
	Bayesian Statistics
	Experimental Design
	Environmental Statistics
Town and Country Planning	Information Management
	Planning Theory and Practice
	Urban Regeneration

## *Sheffield Hallam University*

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Specialisms</i>
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Art and Design	Fine Art
	Metalwork and Jewellery
	Industrial Design
	Applied Design Policy
History	Medical History
	Imperialism
	Economic and Business History
Metallurgy and Metals	Corrosion Science and Engineering
	Surface Engineering
	Polymers, Composites and Surfaces
	Innovative Spectroscopy, Microscopy and Analysis
	Materials Modelling

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