

LONDON HIGHER FACTSHEET 2019
HE-BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY INTERACTION SURVEY 2017/18

Income from research and other services

- Higher education institutions (HEIs) in London obtained £576 million for collaborative research with £225 million (39% of total) from UK Research Councils and £192 million (33%) from EU government sources;
- HEIs held 5,900 research contracts worth £279 million, 9,900 contracts worth £104 million from consultancies and 26,000 contracts for facilities and equipment sharing for £27 million;
- EU and Government regeneration grants totalled nearly £11 million;
- CPD and continuing education courses amounted to nearly 1.1 million learner days with a revenue of £208 million.

Intellectual property and spin-off companies

- The cumulative portfolio of 5,960 patents held by HEIs in London was the highest of all English regions or devolved administrations;
- Revenue from IP activities was nearly £55 million with total costs of £8 million;
- There were nearly 2,900 active spin-off companies, largely as graduate start-ups (89%), and a total turnover of £434 million;
- Almost 1,300 spin-offs had been established for more than three years;
- Active spin-offs in London employed over 10,000 staff (FTE) with 58% in graduate start-ups.

Social, cultural and community activities

- Nearly 2.2 million people attended public events including open lectures, performance arts, exhibitions and museum education;
- Academic staff spent over 28,000 days on organising and assisting in events for the public.

Source: [HE-Business and Community Interaction, 2017/18](#). Higher Education Statistics Agency Limited, April 2019.

Note: All figures for London refer to 40 HEIs including Royal Holloway, University of London, and The University College of Osteopathy but excluding The Open University in London (data not available).

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