

UNIVERSALLY SUFFOLK

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Introduction from Vice-Chancellor, Jenny Higham



Welcome to our first edition of Universally Suffolk, your newsletter to update you about the University's achievements, the impact of our research and how we're working with businesses and organisations to support the success of our region.

These are challenging times for universities but our role at the heart of economic, societal and cultural development in Suffolk has never been more important.

In this issue, read about our prestigious University of the Year accolade, our expansion into Great Yarmouth and our vital study of services to support survivors of sexual violence.

Please let me know if this newsletter is of interest and I look forward to seeing you at future University events.

Headline News

Suffolk crowned University of the Year

The University has picked up a hat-trick of accolades at the prestigious Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2025, including the top honour of University of the Year.



Based on student feedback, reviews and recommendations, the University also won the Lecturers and Teaching Quality and Student Support categories, as well as silver prizes for Facilities, International and Postgraduate.

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Library and learning hub The Place opens in Great Yarmouth

The Place, in the heart of Great Yarmouth, has officially opened offering a space to build relationships with regional businesses, adult learning and higher education courses.

The University of Suffolk plans to offer a mixture of learning opportunities including foundation degrees, bachelor's and apprenticeship adult nursing, nursing associate and assistant practitioner courses.

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Huge new artwork on Ipswich Waterfront designed by University graduate

An art installation inspired by the award-winning design of alumna Sammi Wong has been unveiled on Ipswich's iconic Paul's silo building.

Sammi, who graduated in Graphic Design (Graphic Illustration) in 2023, said: "It's been amazing to watch something that started as a conceptual design for a university degree module becoming a large-scale feature of the town I love."

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Recommendations for 'one front door' approach to support victim-survivors of sexual violence in Suffolk

A study by researchers at the University has recommended a single point of referral to better provide sexual violence support across the county.

Last year, academics from the University's Institute for Social Justice and Crime and Institute of Health and Wellbeing were commissioned to map the provision of sexual violence support in Suffolk, with the aim of helping to identify gaps in support and improve victims' experiences in accessing help.

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Bronze watermark awarded to University for public engagement work

The University has been awarded a Bronze Watermark award by the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE) in recognition of its engagement with the public.

It demonstrates the University's commitment to developing and enhancing its approach to public engagement.

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University involved in new £4.5m project to improve healthcare in rural and coastal areas

The University is to play a key role in a new research project aiming to improve healthcare in disadvantaged urban communities and rural and coastal areas of England.

The Allied Health Professions Workforce Research Partnership will aim to improve patient care by ensuring staff in allied health roles have the right skills and are available when and where they are needed in NHS hospitals, community services and general practice.

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Academic News



BA (Hons) Esports

The University is the first in the East of England to launch a new cutting-edge Esports degree.

The new BA (Hons) Esports course will accept its first students in September, covering topics such as game design, esports event management, live streaming, esports marketing and analysis of competitive gameplay, while using industry-standard technology.

[LEARN ABOUT ESPORTS](#)

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance

Another new course for September 2025 is BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance; a professionally accredited and future-focused degree designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills and attributes to thrive in the sector.

Students will use the University's Bloomberg Lab giving access to financial market data and our state-of-the-art DigiTech Centre at Adastral Park, home to more than 150 businesses and BT's innovation labs, as well as having opportunities to gain practical experience through placement years, summer internships and micro placements.

[LEARN ABOUT ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE](#)

First ever PhD Creative Writing student set to graduate

Mature student Andrew Worrall has become the first at the University to complete a PhD in Creative Writing.

The 75-year-old is also waiting to find out if his unpublished novel, *The Inheritance of Peter Tye*, will be shortlisted for the McKitterick Prize, which is for first novels written by people aged over 40.

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Business Engagement

Degree apprenticeship offer — September 2025 cohorts

Can your business upskill or recruit new talent into your organisation? Look at the apprenticeship offer at the University of Suffolk. This September we are looking for employers who can offer the following apprenticeship opportunities:

- Level 4 Associate Project Manager

For our full apprenticeship offer, visit the [website](#).

To contact the apprenticeship and business engagement team, contact apprenticeships@uos.ac.uk or engage@uos.ac.uk.

Environmental Health Practitioner online launch event

The University is hosting a series of online launch events about its future apprenticeship programmes.

The first saw 60 businesses attend the Environmental Health Practitioner programme launch, which included an overview of the new apprenticeship standard and what makes it unique to Suffolk, a look into the course structure, a discussion of next steps for the apprenticeship delivery and a live Q&A with the presenters.

Those interested in receiving the event recording or speaking to the Business Engagement Team, should email engage@uos.ac.uk.

Future online launch events can be found on [LinkedIn](#).

Summer Start-Up Bootcamp: Pitching Finale and Awards

8 July | 4.00-7.30pm | Atrium Building

Members of the local community, from business owners to industry influencers and educators to those interested in the economic development of Ipswich, are invited to be inspired by the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Learning from the University's Enterprise Manager and industry experts, students and alumni have developed their business start-up ideas, refined their concepts and created real-world business plans as part of the Summer Start-Up Bootcamp programme running throughout June.

[BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

Work experience placements

For several courses, second and third year students are required to complete up to 100 hours' work experience for their professional development modules.

It is an opportunity for a student to bring fresh ideas to an existing project or explore a new project, product or service. Students have previously worked on creating social media or digital content, carried out research or feasibility studies, analysed data, cleansed data and admin tasks.

As part of the University's Strategic People Management course, students recently collaborated with local SMEs on a consultancy project. It challenged students to prepare, plan and present a comprehensive Resourcing and Talent Development Financial Feasibility Study, offering insights and recommendations. This project will be running again next year.

To find out more, email connect@uos.ac.uk.

Technology Adoption Accelerator Programme: Students to work with Suffolk employers to tackle digital challenges

The Technology Adoption Accelerator Programme, which will see students working on real-innovation projects across Suffolk, is set to get underway.

Funded by the University and supervised by academic experts, these short-term, paid projects will enable businesses to explore how AI and digital tools can improve processes, support decision-making and drive innovation.

Organisations from sectors including healthcare, design and charity are taking part, with each putting forward a digital challenge or opportunity.

[Get in touch](#) to explore ways to work with the University's students and graduates.

What's on



Launch of the University's new Business Solutions Centre

1 July | 8.00–11.00 | Waterfront Building

The Business Solutions Centre is a catalyst for growth. It is a gateway to expertise, talent and resources that can improve business growth and competitiveness for market advantage. Register to attend the breakfast launch to find out what the Business Solutions Centre can offer.

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Monitoring biodiversity using Wildlife Sound and Conservation Technology

3 July | 5.30–8.00pm | Waterfront Building

Dr Mark Bowler, Senior Lecturer and Course Leader for Wildlife, Ecology and Conservation Science at the University, will discuss the work he is doing with wildlife enthusiasts and students in the Suffolk community, which has led to detecting one of the UK's rarest bat species in the county.

BOOK NOW



Spotlight Suffolk: Safer Spaces and Reimagining Our Approach to Violent Crime

24 September | 6.00–8.30pm | The Hold

Join us for the next in our popular panel discussion series. Panellists will include Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore and Professor Miranda Horvath, Director of the Institute for Social Justice and Crime at the University.

Open for booking soon. Keep an eye out online.

Feedback

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