

**University of Birmingham**  
**University Education Strategy, 2013-15**

## **Introduction**

This Education Strategy is aligned with and sits beneath the University Strategic Framework, “[Shaping our Future](#)” (2010-2015), in particular the strategic goal to “provide our students with a distinctive, high quality experience”.

The Strategy is also aligned with our [Student Charter](#).

The Strategy has been developed in consultation with College Education Committees and with staff in key student-facing professional services. It will be due for renewal in conjunction with the renewal of our Strategic Framework in 2015.

Delivery rests with the PVC (Education), DPVC (Education), DPVC (Staffing), DPVC (Cultural Engagement), College Directors and Deputy Directors of Education, the University Senior Tutor, Academic Services, Heads of Education and academic and professional staff within Colleges, HR, IT Services, the STEM Education Centre (in EPS) and the Guild. Each College has a delivery plan under each of the headings below.

## **Goals**

- 1. We will maintain our commitment to providing excellent teaching, informed by our subject specific research and by our continuing development of expertise in teaching practice.***
- 2. We will ensure that excellent teaching is valued, esteemed and appropriately rewarded.***
- 3. We will continue to enrich and diversify our teaching delivery, making best use of our physical and virtual spaces, information services and cultural resources***
- 4. We will undertake a thorough review of our assessment and feedback practices in order to ensure we use assessment for learning and develop a balanced and coherent approach to the ways in which we measure student achievement and progress. In tandem with a group of leading UK universities, we will aim to move from the existing degree classification system to an approach based on the GPA system.***
- 5. We will provide a variety of additional learning opportunities for students to allow them to challenge and distinguish themselves, through supplementary study for additional credit, and through new curricular and co-curricular offerings.***
- 6. We will continue to improve our comprehensive, individualised academic support for all our students to enable them to reach their full potential.***
- 7. We will offer all of our students opportunities to realise the benefits of an international education, whether on the University of Birmingham campus or studying***
- 8. We will continue to enhance the training and academic support available to our PGR students.***
- 9. We will deliver the recommendations of the undergraduate curriculum review.***