

Birmingham is confirmed as top research player in the region

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The Higher Education Funding Council for England announced today that it will award the University of Birmingham funding of £44.6 million for research, placing the University top in the region and 11th nationally.

This is the first award of funding that reflects Birmingham's performance in the Research Assessment Exercise 2008 - a UK-wide survey of research quality - which ranked 89.9% of the University's research as being "world-leading" or "internationally excellent".

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, Professor Michael Sterling, said:

"At the University of Birmingham, we are committed to carrying out research that has global impact; that is agenda-setting; that changes lives. This award recognises that the quality and quantity of research activity undertaken at Birmingham is delivering just that. This confirms the University's position as a major international research player and the biggest in the region."

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Notes to Editors:

Higher Education Funding Council for England – recurrent grant for 2009-10, by West Midlands region

Institution	£000's Total recurrent research funding	£000's Regional research funding ranking	£000's National research funding ranking
University of Birmingham	44620	1	11
University of Warwick	32414	2	15
Keele University	6563	3	48
Aston University	6171	4	51
University of Wolverhampton	2169	5	77
Coventry University	2067	6	79
Birmingham City University	1735	7	81
Staffordshire University	885	8	88
Harper Adams University College	462	9	100
University of Worcester	323	10	106
Newman University College	51	11	120
University College Birmingham	0	12	125
Total	97,460		

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