



Press release

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Leeds Arts University shortlisted for six 2020 WhatUni Student Choice Awards

Leeds Arts University has been shortlisted for the 2020 WhatUni Student Choice Awards across six categories - University of the Year, Course & Lecturers, Local Life, Student Support, Students' Union and Uni Facilities.

Nominations are made by students and recognise the excellent quality of the University's higher education experience. They offer prospective students an unbiased, student-led alternative to traditional university ranking systems. This year's shortlisting was based on over 41,000 student reviews from 150 universities across the UK.

The University has won the WhatUni Student Choice Award for the UK University with the Best Facilities three times in six years (2019, 2016 and 2014) and came second in 2017 and 2018. Last year the University ranked second for Student Support, sixth for overall University of the Year and in the top ten for Accommodation.

Vice-Chancellor of Leeds Arts University, Professor Simone Wonnacott said:

"The WhatUni Student Choice Awards are significant because we know that students really pay attention to which institutions have been nominated when they are making decisions about where to study.

"This year's nominations reflect our ongoing investment in our state-of-the-art resources and libraries as well as the high value all of our staff place on ensuring that every student has the best experience with us, from teaching and facilities to student welfare and social life. I am delighted that we continue to punch above our weight in the HE sector."

Cherie Metcalf, Head of Marketing and Communications at IDP Connect, said:

"The UK's Higher Education institutions represent the future for so many people both within the UK and from overseas whether they are starting out or further progressing their academic journey. Expectations are always very high, which makes receiving recognition in the form of real student reviews such a wonderful honour.

"The WUSCAs reflect the voice of the student, and for an institution to have been nominated in 2020 means they are making a significant, positive difference to the experience, and the lives, of their students."

Winners from each of the 15 award categories are announced on 23 April 2020, at the 7th annual Student Choice Awards in London, presented by award-winning and BAFTA nominated presenter Claudia Winkleman.

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Founded in 1846 as the Leeds Government School of Art and Design, Leeds Arts University has contributed significantly to the development of art education in Britain and across the world. In 2016 the University was granted taught degree awarding powers, and in 2017 was awarded full university status, making it the only specialist arts university in the North of England.

Leeds Arts University has been recognised for its industry-standard facilities at the Whatuni awards (winners in 2014, 2016 and 2019; runner up 2017 and 2018). The University was also the winner of The Sunday Times 'University of the Year for Student Retention' award in 2019.

In 2019 the University opened a £22m state-of-the-art building expansion at its Blenheim Walk site which includes a 230-seat performance auditorium and industry standard film and photography studios. The building houses a growing portfolio of opportunities for postgraduate study at Leeds Arts University, with a larger specialist arts research and reference library and a new postgraduate study suite.

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