



Who we are and what we do

Information about Canterbury Christ Church University and its structure, governance, contacts and locations

Our History

[Our University started out as a teacher-training college in the 1960s](#) in response to a national shortage of teachers. Today, we continue to shape our courses and research around critical social issues nationally and globally.

Since 1995, we have had the right to use 'university' in our name. Using the word '[university has protection in law](#)'. A provider must have Office for Students (OfS) approval to use the word 'university' in its name.

In 2005, the Privy Council awarded us the full university title of Canterbury Christ Church University. We installed the Archbishop of Canterbury as Chancellor.

Since 2009, we have had research [degree awarding powers](#).

In 2022, we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee, marking 60 years of making a positive difference in people's lives through education, research, and innovation.

Legal framework

Our [Articles Of Association](#) set out our legal framework.

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Inspired by our Church of England foundation, the University's mission is to pursue excellence in higher education set out in our [mission and values](#).

Office for Students

Canterbury Christ Church University is [registered](#) with the [Office for Students](#) (OfS). Our OfS registration number is 10001143.

We must meet requirements in areas that include the quality and standards of its courses, equality of opportunity for students, financial sustainability and good governance.

We can charge eligible students fees up to the [higher statutory fee limit](#). We can charge fees on undergraduate courses up to the higher statutory fee limit amount, depending on our quality rating and fee limits forming part of our access and participation plan.

We took part in the OfS [Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework](#) (TEF) 2023. A provider taking part in the TEF is awarded a gold, silver, bronze or provisional rating. We have a [silver](#) rating.

As part of our OfS registration, we publish the following essential documents:

- [Access and Participation Plan](#)
- [Student Protection Plan](#)
- [Student Refunds And Compensation Policy](#)

How the University is organised

Our leadership comprises the Chancellor, the Governing Body, the Vice-Chancellor and the Senior Management Team.

Together, they provide governance and accountability for the University.

You can read about our [Leadership and Governance](#) arrangements.

Canterbury Christ Church University's [Chancellor](#) is the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Our [Vice-Chancellor](#), Professor Rama Thirunamachandran, is the academic lead and chief executive of Canterbury Christ Church University. The Vice-Chancellor publishes his expenses on this webpage.

Our [Governing Body](#) is ultimately responsible for the affairs of the University. You can read the [membership and terms of reference](#) of the Governing Body.

We have the following policies and procedures relating to the Governing Body:

[Governor Appointment Policy](#)

[Governor Skills and Experience Framework and Self-Assessment Matrix](#)

[Fit and Proper Person Policy](#)

[Governor Roles and Responsibilities](#)

[Schedule of Delegation](#)

[Governor Register of Interests](#)

The [Senior Management Team](#) (SMT) is the Vice-Chancellor's executive team. Its membership comprises senior academic and Professional Services managers who report directly to the Vice-Chancellor.

We provide a statement on [salaries for the Vice-Chancellor and Senior Management Team \(SMT\)](#).

Location and contact details

Our registered address is

Canterbury Christ Church University
North Holmes Road
Canterbury
Kent
CT1 1QU

You can use our [contact details](#) to reach us.

Our [network of campuses and centres stretches](#) across Kent and Medway and is easy to get to by train, bus and car.

You can view the [map](#) of our campuses.

University Faculties

We organise our work into [Faculties and Schools](#).

University Committees

The overarching committee is the [Governing Body](#). The Governing Body's remit includes:

The Proper Conduct of Business
Strategic Planning
Monitoring Performance
Finance
Audit
Estate Management
Charitable Status
Staffing
Students' Union
Health and Safety

We publish the [Minutes](#) of the Governing Body meetings after approval.

The Governing Body comprises five [committees](#), each with different responsibilities and expertise. The committees are:

Chairs Committee
Audit Committee
Finance and Resources Committee
Academic Board
Remuneration Committee

Subject to the overall responsibilities of the Governing Body and Vice-Chancellor, the Academic Board handles all aspects of the University's academic work. It establishes committees and sub-committees to help it with its work.

Organisations related to the University

Information relating to organisations for which the University has responsibility, those it works in partnership with, those it sponsors, and companies wholly owned by it.

MEDCO

The University owns a private limited company, MEDCO (CCCU) LIMITED (Company number 04823775.) The principal activity is to operate [Unitemps](#), our recruitment service for students, graduates and the community.

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

From the University's earliest days, delivering learning through collaborative partnerships has sat at the heart of our approach. You can read about our [Collaborative Partnerships: Past, present and future.](#)

We have a process for the [Development and Approval of New Collaborative Partners](#) and the [Management of Collaborative Partnerships](#).

We maintain a [Collaborative Partnership Register](#).

Student Activities

Information about the Students' Union and other clubs, associations and non-academic activities that are organised by or for the students

We have an active Students' Union (CCSU). You can read an overview of the [Students' Union](#). The University approves the Students' Union Constitution (called the [Articles of Association](#)) and the [Students' Union Code of Practice](#).

CCSU is independent of the University. It offers:

Student representation: CCSU represents students at all university levels, from the student council to the University's governing body. CCSU works to ensure that students' voices are heard and represented.

Societies and clubs: CCSU has over 100 societies and clubs where students can get involved. There's something for everyone, from sports and music to social and academic groups. CCSU organises a range of [sports](#) and [societies](#).

Events: CCSU host a wide range of events throughout the year.

Support services: CCSU offers students various support services, including advice, guidance, and support.

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