

ANNEX A: OVERVIEW OF WEST LONDON'S UNIVERSITIES, KEY STRENGTHS AND EXISTING COLLABORATION

| University | Number of students | Research Excellence Framework 2021 national ranking | Social Mobility Index 2024 national ranking | Selected prominent research institutes and centres | Examples of existing local partnership activity |
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| Arden University (Ealing) | c.29,000 (multiple campuses, hybrid learning) | n/a | n/a | Digital Learning Innovation Hub | |
| Brunel University London (Uxbridge) | c.15,000 | 76 | 38 | Institutes: Materials and Manufacturing; Health, Medicine & Environments; Energy Futures; Digital Futures; Communities & Society | Civic University Agreement with Hillingdon Council Park Royal Net Zero – helping food manufacturing businesses to decarbonise |
| Bucks New University (Uxbridge) | c.20,000 | 121 | 51 | Impact Centres (Environment, Culture, Health); Centre for Excellence in Health Inequalities | Commitment to local partnerships in Public and Community Engagement Strategy 2023-28 |
| Imperial College London (White City) | c.22,000 | 1 | 12 | Imperial's Schools of Convergence Science build on our disciplinary strengths and interdisciplinary culture to create research communities at scale to deliver societal impact in Human and Artificial Intelligence; Health and Technology; Climate, Energy and Sustainability; and Space, Security and Telecoms. They will boost our capacity to serve as a trusted partner for local and national governments, industry, third sector organisations and civil society. | Upstream Nexus partnership between Hammersmith & Fulham Council and Imperial College London ZedTech collaboration with WLA and others on tech to support independent living with dementia |

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| London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (Hammersmith) | c.400 | n/a | n/a | Lamda Local performing arts programme for West London state schools | |
| Middlesex University (Hendon) | c.16,000 | 86 | 74 | Centres: Flood Hazard; Education Research and Scholarship; Enterprise, Environment and Development; Nursing and Midwifery; Creation in the Performing Arts | Screen London Barnet initiative with Middlesex University, Barnet Council, Barnet and Southgate College and Troubadour Brent Cross Studios to help young people progress into screen, film and TV production roles Lifelong Learning Agreement for Barnet students ‘What’s Your Big Idea?’ enterprise competition Evaluation of Barnet Climate Action Month |
| Richmond American University (Chiswick) | c.1,000 | n/a | n/a | Six research centres: Persuasive industries; International visual arts and cultures; Mind in society; Gender in sport; State, power and globalisation; Wellbeing | |
| Royal College of Art (White City) | c.3,000 | n/a | n/a | Centres: Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design; Intelligent Mobility Design; Materials Science Research; Computer Science Research; CLIMAVORE x Jameel at RCA | Commitment to engagement in Hammersmith & Fulham through Community and Public Engagement Strategy |
| Sheffield Hallam University | c.32,000 (Sheffield – new Brent Cross Town satellite campus opening 2026) | 73 | 35 | Centres: Advanced Wellbeing Research; Regional Economic and Social Research; Sport Industry Research; Art and Design Research. Materials and Engineering Research Institute; National Centre of Excellence | Civic University Agreement with South Yorkshire local authorities , focused on health, early years and local skills |

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| | | | | for Food Engineering; Sheffield Institute of Education. | |
| University of West London (Ealing, Brentford, Reading) | c.18,000 (all campuses) | 99 | 57 | Centres: Richard Wells Centre (nursing); Cybersecurity and Criminology; Non-Destructive Testing and Remote Sensing; International Centre for Hospitality and Aviation Resilience Management. Institutes: Ageing and Memory; Screen Media; Person-centred Health and Social Care; Ruskin Institute for Social Equity | Recent appointment of Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor for Regional Engagement (Professor Graeme Atherton) to expand UWL's work on civic engagement and social equity |
| University of the Arts London (Shepherds Bush – pre-degree course campus) | c.23,000 (all campuses) | n/a | 88 | Centre for Sustainable Fashion; Creative Research in Sound Arts Practice | |
| University of Westminster (Harrow) | c.22,000 (all campuses) | 65 | 58 | Centres: Air Traffic Management Research; Research and Education in Arts and Media; Documentary and Experimental Film Centre. Communications and Media Research Institute; Active Travel Academy | Commitment to local partnerships in Public and Community Engagement Strategy 2023-29 |