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Economic Growth

“Sustained economic growth is the only route to improving the prosperity of our country and the living standards of working people. That is why it is Labour’s first mission for government (...) The country remains too centralised, with the economic potential of too many regions and communities ignored. Our labour market fails to provide secure jobs, and, as a result, for far too many people work does not pay”

Labour Party Manifesto 2024



The University of Leicester can support the UK’s economic growth, providing the key information to support evidence-based policymaking.

The table opposite highlights some of the key areas of policy impact for the University of Leicester’s work.

The examples overleaf provide a snapshot of how the University’s work continues to support this Government mission.

To find out more about the University of Leicester’s work in these areas, get in touch at

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Areas of Policy Impact

Enterprise Zones
Future of Work
Innovation
Inward Investment
Skills and Training
Productivity Growth
Regeneration
University Spin-outs
Wellbeing and Performance



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Enterprise Zones

- The state-of-the-art Space Park Leicester (SPL) brings together academic expertise with industry partners that include Airbus, Rolls Royce and CGI.
- The University supports one in every 23 jobs in Leicester, whilst SPL is projected to contribute £750 million to the economy and support 2,500 jobs.



Regeneration

- The Universities Partnership, which regenerates the region through HE institutions and local councils, is the first in the UK to operate with the three largest parties in Parliament.
- Significant inroads in graduate retention through the Leicester Graduate City Project have been recognised with a national award by the Federation of Small Businesses.

Skills and Training

- Key insight from our academic and professional services staff into the significant gaps in technical leadership at Higher Education institutions informed the UKRI's Strategic Technical Leadership report
- Hundreds of East Midlands businesses have been supported through our regional leading Help to Grow and Growth Accelerator



Wellbeing and Performance

- University of Leicester research provided key information to SAGE and POST during and after the pandemic on the impact of mental health on workplace performance.
- The University has led a major international study into redesigning labour market policy on the Future of Work that has informed its namesake APPG in the post-pandemic world.