



**ARTS
UNIVERSITY
PLYMOUTH**

**A NEW KIND OF
ARTS UNIVERSITY
SINCE 1856.**

**APPOINTMENT of
INDEPENDENT GOVERNORS**

CREATIVE EDUCATION FOR A CHANGING WORLD

Arts University Plymouth is the UK's newest specialist Arts University. Our vision is for a new kind of art school for the 21st century, preparing graduates who are uniquely placed to provide creative solutions to the complex global challenges of our times.

We have set a confident trajectory towards 2030 based upon sustainable growth, solution-focused teaching and research, and a commitment to impactful social justice and ecological change through its people, culture and place. Our strategy AUP 2030: Creative Education for a Changing World will ensure that our work is energised and designed to meet the ambitions of its students and staff while acknowledging the shifting realm of creativity through new technologies and the workplaces of tomorrow.

Founded in 1856 as the Plymouth Drawing School, the University offers a comprehensive spectrum of specialist undergraduate, postgraduate and pre-degree study in Arts, Design and Media – combining over 165 years of creativity with contemporary thinking and cutting-edge, industry standard resources.

Image: Students have access to industry-standard facilities across campus, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration.





DRIVEN BY EXCELLENCE

Educational excellence is at the heart of our mission, but we also need robust governance to assure that we reach our full potential. Arts University Plymouth is seeking to appoint a number of voluntary Independent Governors (Trustees), as part of the strategic growth of the university.

We are currently looking for active members who are excited by the opportunity that our new University presents, and who feel able to make a positive contribution in helping us achieve our goals. We are committed to ensuring that arts education in our city and region continues to thrive for the benefit of wider society; and to creating transformative opportunities for people of all ages to flourish in the creative industries.

We know that the most effective governing body is a diverse one that properly represents the multi-faceted nature of our society. We celebrate equality, diversity and difference, and

welcome candidates from all communities and backgrounds. Being a Governor at Arts University Plymouth is a hugely rewarding role, providing opportunities to make a real difference in the education of our students.

If you think your skills and experience could contribute to the university's continuing success then we would be delighted to hear from you. We are particularly interested in the following: one individual with a background in the creative industries; and two individuals with senior UK University leadership experience, one of whom should have specific experience in developing Research and Innovation / Knowledge Exchange.

If you are interested in the role but are unsure whether you have the necessary skills or experience please do get in touch as the Board has development and mentoring available to enable those with less experience.

HOW TO APPLY

To register your interest please send a covering letter with a CV, or to arrange an informal conversation about what is involved, please contact the Clerk to the Corporation, Liz Wiltshire-Meads at: lwmeads@aup.ac.uk

Image: Our studio and workshop spaces continually evolve, bringing traditional and emerging creative skills together.

ABOUT OUR UNIVERSITY

Arts University Plymouth is an independent, specialist arts university run by artists and designers for artists and designers. Our university is widely regarded as a catalyst for individual, societal and ecological transformation, delivering innovative and distinctive learning, teaching and research through its interdisciplinary ecosystem of materials, processes, technologies and knowledge exchange.

Our 13,000 square metres of studios and workshops across four city-centre sites are filled with professional workspaces, studios and state-of-the-art facilities. Currently home to over 1500 students but with ambitions to grow, our vibrant community is a thriving creative hub of collaboration and innovation, thinking and making. Our LABS provide open access to workshops for all students across the range of disciplines, breaking down barriers and providing unique opportunities for interdisciplinary exchange. Awarded University title in 2022, we were voted Winner of the WhatUni 2022 Award for Best Small or Specialist University, and voted the Top Arts University in the UK for student satisfaction in the 2022 National Student Survey.

Our Tavistock Place campus is also home to Fab Lab Plymouth, Plymouth Arts Cinema, and MIRROR, our public gallery for the visual arts that recently co-hosted British Art Show 9 in 2022. And we host the University's flagship research conference Making Futures, widely celebrated as an international community of practice concerned primarily with craft and material practices.

Opportunities to showcase and discuss work supports an immersive and integrated learning experience.



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