

CREATING OUR FUTURE



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 audit to become Chair of Audit Committee; a chartered accountant; a lawyer (preferably commercial), or an individual with marketing expertise, and for those individuals to bring experience in at least one of: the higher education sector or a similar regulatory environment; in the creative industries or in regional business.

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

Deadline for applications:
Monday 26th January 2026

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

ABOUT OUR UNIVERSITY

Arts University Plymouth is the UK's newest specialist arts university and a national leader in creative education. Named University of the Year for South West England in both 2024 and 2025 at the Whatuni Student Choice Awards, and ranked second in the UK for student satisfaction by Times Higher Education in 2024, we are proud to be consistently rated the top-scoring arts university in the UK in the National Student Survey since 2022.

At the heart of our work is Creative Education for a Changing World, our 2030 strategy that foregrounds sustainability, social justice and solution-focused learning. Our curriculum, shaped by practitioners and industry partners, equips students to address global challenges through material expertise, critical thinking and creative action.

We are an independent, artist-led university built on the values of authenticity, fulfilment and kindness. Our Tavistock Place campus houses Fab Lab South West, Plymouth Arts Cinema, and MIRROR, our public gallery for contemporary visual art. We also host Making Futures, a globally recognised research platform exploring craft, sustainability and material thinking.

Whether through award-winning student support, national teaching accolades, or pioneering creative research, Arts University Plymouth is redefining what it means to study and work as a creative in the 21st century.

Image: Students have the opportunity to experience innovative workshops across the university.





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