

ASSISTANT MANAGER

Catering/Retail Department

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WHAT MAKES UEA SO SPECIAL?

The University of East Anglia is a publicly funded major UK research and teaching university based in Norwich, Norfolk, United Kingdom. It was built to embody a radical new vision for higher education, where interdisciplinarity is crucial and excellence in both research and teaching is valued. UEA consistently ranks within the top quarter of universities in the UK for the quality of research and teaching.

As a major regional employer and cultural centre, we take our regional civic responsibilities very seriously and have kept our sights on the people and place we call home. In fact, we launched our University Civic Charter in October 2023; created from in-depth community engagement, renewing our commitment to the region as part of our 60th anniversary.

There are many things which make UEA special, not least of which is the community of staff and students that work and study here. UEA includes three Nobel prize winners, including Sir Paul Nurse and Sir Michael Houghton, and many fellows of the Royal Society and British Academy amongst our alumni and current staff.

Our campus is home to Sir Denys Lasdun's iconic brutalist architecture set in hundreds of acres of beautiful country park that includes a large broad (lake). In the spirit of Lasdun's ambition to inspire an anatomy of ideas, today, UEA is tackling some of the key challenges of the changing world. UEA's research combines disciplines

and breaks new boundaries across its priority research themes of climate, creative and health.

UEA is the place where global warming was first documented. Since the 1970s, UEA's Climatic Research Unit, and more recently Tyndall Centre for Climate Change (Headquarters hosted at UEA), have played a pivotal role in developing temperature records and climate models, contributing to the understanding of climate change, and informing global policy. Many UEA scientists have played significant roles in the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC), which was jointly awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to increase public knowledge of anthropogenic climate change. Environmental Science and Global Studies at UEA continue to be a major powerhouse for research and teaching.

UEA is widely regarded as a pioneer in creative writing, having established the UK's first Creative Writing Masters programme in 1970. This renowned programme has since attracted and produced numerous successful writers, including Booker Prize winners such as Ian McEwan and Anne Enright, and Nobel Prize Winner Kazuo Ishiguro. In recent years, UEA academics have played a pivotal role in the discovery and presentation of the Gloucester Royal shipwreck (Norfolk's Mary Rose). Our iconic Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts is a major museum and arts research facility.



Health research at UEA not only embraces the Faculty of Medicine and Health but draws in research from both social and natural sciences. Research under this theme has made major contributions in the fields of healthy ageing, epidemiology and involving citizens (via our innovative Citizens' Academy) in improving health care outcomes. This theme benefits from close association with the other major research institutes on the Norwich Research Park; notably the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and the Quadram Institute. The Norwich Cancer Research Network, and Norfolk Institute for Healthy Ageing, are examples of key mechanisms for delivery of real impact from health research at UEA.

UEA has been a major success over the last 60 years and looks forward with confidence to the next 60 years.

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Abbie Downes, Catering and Hospitality Operations Manager, via Abbie.Downes@uea.ac.uk.

UEA is part of the Norwich Research Park

Norwich Research Park (NRP) membership locates UEA in one of the largest concentrations of research institutes in the whole of Europe – four independent internationally-renowned research institutes: John Innes Centre, Quadram Institute, Earlham Institute and The Sainsbury Laboratory; with the University of East Anglia and Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, supported and funded by The John Innes Foundation, The Gatsby Foundation, and UKRI Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council.

The NRP provides an ideal environment for collaborative use of infrastructure and facilities, with a single portal for academics and businesses to access the specialist facilities across the Park.

The Enterprise Centre is a regional business, knowledge and innovation hub, with workspace provision and supports over 80 businesses working alongside UEA staff and students in a dynamic and vibrant entrepreneurial community. On the wider NRP, there are dedicated laboratory and office spaces in the Innovation Centre and Centrum hosting over 600 staff within a total of 115 businesses and spinouts.



THE ROLE

Assist the manager to oversee the delivery of the outlet service, events and functions, coordinate the team, ensuring excellent customer service, compliance with the food safety policy and easily accessible food choice, including provision for those with special requirements. Department-wide Duty Management responsibilities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

OPERATIONAL DELIVERY

- Deputise for the manager covering annual leave and absence.
- Ensure a complete handover is given when handing over responsibility.
- Follow all cash handling procedures, financial disciplines, and procedures.
- Maintain an awareness of dietary requirements including provisions for those with specific cultural needs and allergens.
- Maintain high standards of food and service presentation and displays through monitoring and regular team feedback.
- Ordering, purchasing and stock control under the guidance of the manager; planning and organising requirements for each week in conjunction with the manager.
- To plan and manage staffing levels to ensure optimum deployment of staff to meet operational need while controlling costs.
- Provide guidance to the team in relation to food preparation methods and practices, to ensure the best results.
- Where delivered food is provided for the campus community - oversee the packaging of the meals ensuring dispatch temperatures are checked and recorded.
- Ensure that recipes and working methods are followed in accordance with the computerised stock-control system.

- Ensure the agreed portion control is carried out by every member of the team.
- Display the appropriate point of sale and merchandising materials; ensure that products are suitably labelled, with the correct price and to FSA guidelines.
- Keep up with current food trends, retaining an awareness of customer needs.
- To set up and deliver functions and fine dining events.

LINE MANAGEMENT

- The daily management of staff and fair allocation of duties; undertaking daily adjustments in response to unplanned absence.
- Liaise with all staff to ensure effective and meaningful communication of key issues, updates and good practice methods and to ensure that all relevant information is passed on to staff.
- In the absence of the manager, prepare a weekly staffing rota.
- Train all staff as necessary, with attention to, Health & Safety, Food Safety and HACCP; demonstrating efficient methods of practice.
- Lead with the training and development of all members of the staff to maintain appropriate and agreed standards of performance.
- Feed into and assist with the appraisal process for Catering and Hospitality Assistants.
- Report and support training needs, conduct and performance issues to the manager.
- Assist with the induction of all new members of staff.
- To ensure self and staff always have a smart and professional image in line with the uniform policy.
- Act as a role model, always demonstrating good practice.

THE ROLE (CONTINUED)

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUED

CUSTOMER CARE

- Provide high standards of customer care at all times, so that the reputation of the UEA is enhanced and sales targets achieved.
- Monitor standards and propose new ideas/initiatives to ensure a high-quality service.
- Assist with staff training in relation to good customer service; ensure that staff are motivated to remain customer focused at all times.
- Assist customers with queries in a professional, courteous and friendly manner, so that customer care standards are met and complaints kept to a minimum. Ensure team members are reporting complaints or satisfactions and appropriate action is taken.

HEALTH AND SAFETY AND HYGIENE

All staff are expected to observe all health and safety at work regulations as set out by the UEA in accordance with its statutory obligations.

- Maintain a safe and clean working environment within the designated outlet and ensure a high standard of personal hygiene to comply with statutory and University requirements.
- Adhere to procedures for the reporting of accidents and incidents (including environmental incidents, fire, theft and loss).
- Ensure correct use, maintenance and cleaning of equipment for self and those providing supervision for; using equipment as instructed through relevant training and observing all safe practices, so that accidents are avoided.
- Undertake training in food hygiene, emergency evacuation and the safe use of fire extinguishers.

- Follow COSHH procedures and ensure HACCP's processes are followed and recorded.
- Ensure security, fire and emergency procedures, and UEA practices, are adhered to
- When duty manager, responsible for day to day H&S across the catering outlets; ensuring safe use of equipment to minimise risk; ensuring any accidents and incidents (including environmental incidents, fire, theft and loss or near miss) are reported in line with the departmental procedures and remedial action is taken immediately.

ANY OTHER DUTIES

- Undertake full Duty Management responsibilities across the Department including front of house and catering premises.
- Regular liaison with chefs to assist with product knowledge, briefing the team where appropriate.
- Maintain an awareness of, and understand the practical application of, the UEA Sustainable Food Policy and ensure good environmental practice is adhered to in all catering activities e.g., waste management, energy efficiency.
- To attend training courses and staff meetings as required.
- To be flexible and work any work from 5 out of 7 days as required including evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays
- Undertake any other duties as may reasonably be requested of an Assistant Manager to suit the operational needs of the business.

THE PERSON

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recent experience of working in a catering customer focused environment (E)
- Demonstrable experience of producing consistently high customer service standards (E)
- Demonstrate ability to direct and motivate staff (E)
- Experience in a commercial food environment (E)
- Catering & hospitality qualification (D)
- Relevant experience in a duty management role (D)
- Experience of stock control/cost control (D)
- Demonstrable experience of maximising gross profit and minimising wastage (D)
- Health & Safety qualification (D)
- Food Hygiene qualification (D)

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Excellent oral, written and interpersonal and communication skills with ability to deal face-to-face, via telephone and email with individuals from a variety of backgrounds, cultures and nationalities (E)
- Knowledge of dietary requirements (E)
- A good understanding of Health and Safety issues, including knowledge of COSHH
- Good IT skills (E)
- Strong knowledge of catering operations (E)
- Proven ability to meet targets (D)
- Excellent literacy and numeracy skills (D)

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- Good team player (E)
- Ability to communicate on all levels (E)
- Self-motivated with the ability to motivate others (E)
- Quick thinking problem solver (E)
- Flexible approach to work, as evening, weekend and statutory holiday working will be required (E)

- Full UK Driving licence (reasonable adjustments will be considered in line with the Equality Act 2010) (E)
- Organised, reliable and conscientious (E)
- Ability to remain calm under pressure (E)
- Ability to direct and develop staff to ensure optimum business performance (D)
- Proactive attitude and ability to work autonomously using initiative (D)

Essential Requirements (E) are those, without which, a candidate would not be able to do the job.

Desirable Requirements (D) are those which would be useful for the post holder to possess and will be considered when more than one applicant meets the essential requirements.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The post is available immediately on an indefinite part-time (0.4 FTE) basis working Saturdays and Sundays.

The role holder will be required to work across the working day covering early mornings and evenings on a roster basis, as the business deems it necessary. The role holder will be required to work in any UEA Catering Services outlet as directed by management.

Salary will be £24,344 to £25,733 per annum pro rata derived from a starting hourly rate of £12.91 on Grade 4 on the single salary spine.

Place of Work - The University is strongly committed to providing an excellent student experience and research environment, and it is expected that all staff will be available on campus to carry out their duties during their working week in support of these goals.

If successful you will be asked to show evidence of right to work in the UK prior to any formal offer being made. Non-British and non-Irish nationals entering the UK to undertake employment or who are currently in the UK will have to meet eligibility criteria under the points-based immigration system. The University may be able to provide sponsorship under the Skilled Worker route if relevant criteria are met. Please note, due to the complexities of the immigration system, Skilled Worker visa sponsorship is not guaranteed for every role. If you would like further information about whether this role is eligible for visa sponsorship, please contact staff.visacompliance@uea.ac.uk

The post is superannuable under the Group Personal Pension and there is an annual holiday entitlement of 20 days plus statutory (8 days) and customary (6 days) holidays, pro rata for part-time. The University is committed to creating an environment where the health, welfare and safety of all students and staff is of paramount importance. The University's Safeguarding Policy addresses both child protection and safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults within the work of the University. Appointment will be subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks, which may include an Occupational Health assessment.

Information on the benefits of working at UEA can be found at <https://www.uea.ac.uk/about/working-at-uea>.

If you require the information contained within this candidate brochure in a different format please email staff.recruitment@uea.ac.uk

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this vacancy, please follow the online instructions at: <http://vacancies.uea.ac.uk>

The closing date for this role is 11:59pm on **10 August 2025**.

Please note that the application form contains an Equal Opportunities section which must be completed. The Equal Opportunities information will not be made available to the selection panel and will not form any part of either the short-listing or decision making process.

It is anticipated that interviews will take place from **12 August 2025** and we will inform you of the outcome of your application prior to this date.

Candidates should note that travel and incidental expenses incurred in attending an in-person interview will not be reimbursed.



ABOUT THE SPORT AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Our Sport and Commercial Services Division supports the commercial activities of Sport, Accommodation, Retail, Catering and the Nursery across the University of East Anglia. This integrated approach ensures that each department has the same outlook in supporting the UEA Community. The aim of the division is to make the campus an attractive place to live, work and study

as well, as well as offering excellent experiences for the local community. The facilities we manage include the multi-purpose Sportspark and uea+sport department, 13 restaurants and cafes across campus, hospitality bookings and delivered catering, shops, student accommodation with award winning architecture, guest accommodation and a lively and inspiring nursery.

Welcome to UEA, and welcome to the Sport and Commercial Services Division!

We are constantly looking at how we can create new, and improve existing services to our customer base which stretches from students and staff to the wider community – all of whom make use of our amazing campus and facilities.

I have been a part of UEA since 2012 and believe in the little differences we can all make to improve services. For that we need the best clear thinkers, team players, but most importantly people that can provide the highest levels of service in all circumstances.

If this is for you then good luck with your application and I'd hope I can be welcoming you to the team soon.

Regards

Phil Steele, Director of Sport and Commercial Services, UEA



ABOUT THE CATERING AND RETAIL DEPARTMENTS

CATERING

From a cappuccino in the Atrium Cafe to premium quality dining at the Sainsbury Centre, there are plenty of options at UEA. We offer a wide range of delicious food and hot and chilled drinks across campus aiming to meet every taste and budget. Our students, staff and visitors can choose from a variety of tasty food and drink in one of our 13 outlets all over campus, using fresh, healthy and nutritious ingredients, ranging from our Fairtrade barista coffee with homemade patisserie to premium quality dining in the Sainsbury Centre.

We also offer professional and quality food and beverage service, delivered campus-wide. Looking to greet your delegates with coffee and a pastry for breakfast? No problem. Need to order in a working lunch for your team? We've got light bites for all tastes. Having a celebration? Let us bake the cake and pop the prosecco. From hot fork buffets, light bite lunches, to traybakes and celebration cakes, we can deliver (and serve!) your event. We can even deliver a gourmet lunch, for those looking for something extra special!

RETAIL

Shop at UEA includes a Post Office, National Lottery, Stationery, Toiletries, Greetings Cards, Meal Deals, Coffee Machine, Fresh Fruit & Veg a Daily Deli with hot food to go and a wide range of groceries and world foods.

The Shop at UEA is open late into the evenings and early mornings with the Night Hatch – a window hatch where our friendly staff will serve you up until 3am.

Eat at BARSU is the food outlet we offer inside BARSU. Stayed with your mates longer than you thought? Share a pizza or some nachos!

We also have a Kiosk outlet in Union House, where you can purchase a wide range of UEA branded clothing and merchandise.

The Shop employs a number of student staff and shifts are available to work alongside your studies so please keep an eye out for any vacancies.





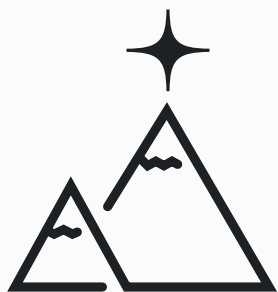
OUR VALUES

Shaped by staff, our UEA values represent a core set of standards for how we behave as an employer, drive excellence in teaching, learning and research, and collaborate as an anchor institution in our local community.

From tackling global challenges, striving for student and staff success, and creating a vibrant inclusive environment, our values are what unite us.

- ✦ AMBITION
- ✦ COLLABORATION
- ✦ EMPOWERMENT
- ✦ RESPECT

OUR VALUES (CONTINUED)



AMBITION

We are ambitious for our future success.

We are forward-thinking and brave in our approach and decisions. We make space for innovation and creativity, seizing opportunities that are responsible and sustainable. We are ambitious for the advancement of education and research.



COLLABORATION

We are collaborative in our approach.

We work together with shared purpose. We build connections, share ideas and develop new networks. We champion our regional, national and global relationships and demonstrate that together we can achieve greater goals and positively influence the world around us.



EMPOWERMENT

We empower ourselves and each other.

We develop ourselves and others, trusting people to make decisions based on their expertise and knowledge. We continually improve systems and processes to support us in working in an agile and efficient way.



RESPECT

We respect each other.

We treat everyone with respect and dignity. We value diversity and foster a community where people can express different thoughts and views. We are open to challenge, so we can learn and improve. We encourage a positive, inclusive environment where everyone has opportunities to fulfil their potential.

ACCOLADES

- Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education have been awarded to UEA for international development studies (2009), creative writing (2011) and environmental sciences (2017). Notable alumni include Sir Paul Nurse (1973, Nobel Prize for Medicine 2001), Kazuo Ishiguro (1980, Nobel Prize for Literature 2017), Michael Houghton (1972, Nobel Prize for Medicine 2020) and Sarah Gilbert (1983) who led the Oxford University team to develop a COVID-19 vaccine, approved in 2020.
- Our Doctoral College, established in 2018, hosts six Doctoral Training Partnerships and integrates Faculty and School provision for 1600 Postgraduate Research Students (including those from across the Norwich Research Park), enabling collaboration and innovation.
- We recognise our global impact and were one of the first universities to declare a climate and biodiversity emergency in June 2019. Our sustainable campus, including over 50 acres of environmentally valuable parkland, is constantly evolving with ambitions to be 100% net zero by 2045 or sooner.
- UEA is a University of Sanctuary, an accreditation given to universities that show an ongoing commitment to creating a welcoming culture of inclusivity and awareness.
- UEA was awarded the Silver Athena SWAN Award in 2019, and all our Schools hold awards at Bronze or Silver.

A vibrant place to study, learn and work, UEA is a very special place.



A SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY

At UEA, we are now working to create a university that will be even better in the future, and we are working to achieve net zero carbon by 2045 (or earlier). Our Sustainable Ways vision is one of a resilient university – where consumption is efficient and self-generated energy supports low carbon goals, supported by a vibrant community of world-leading researchers and inspired graduates.

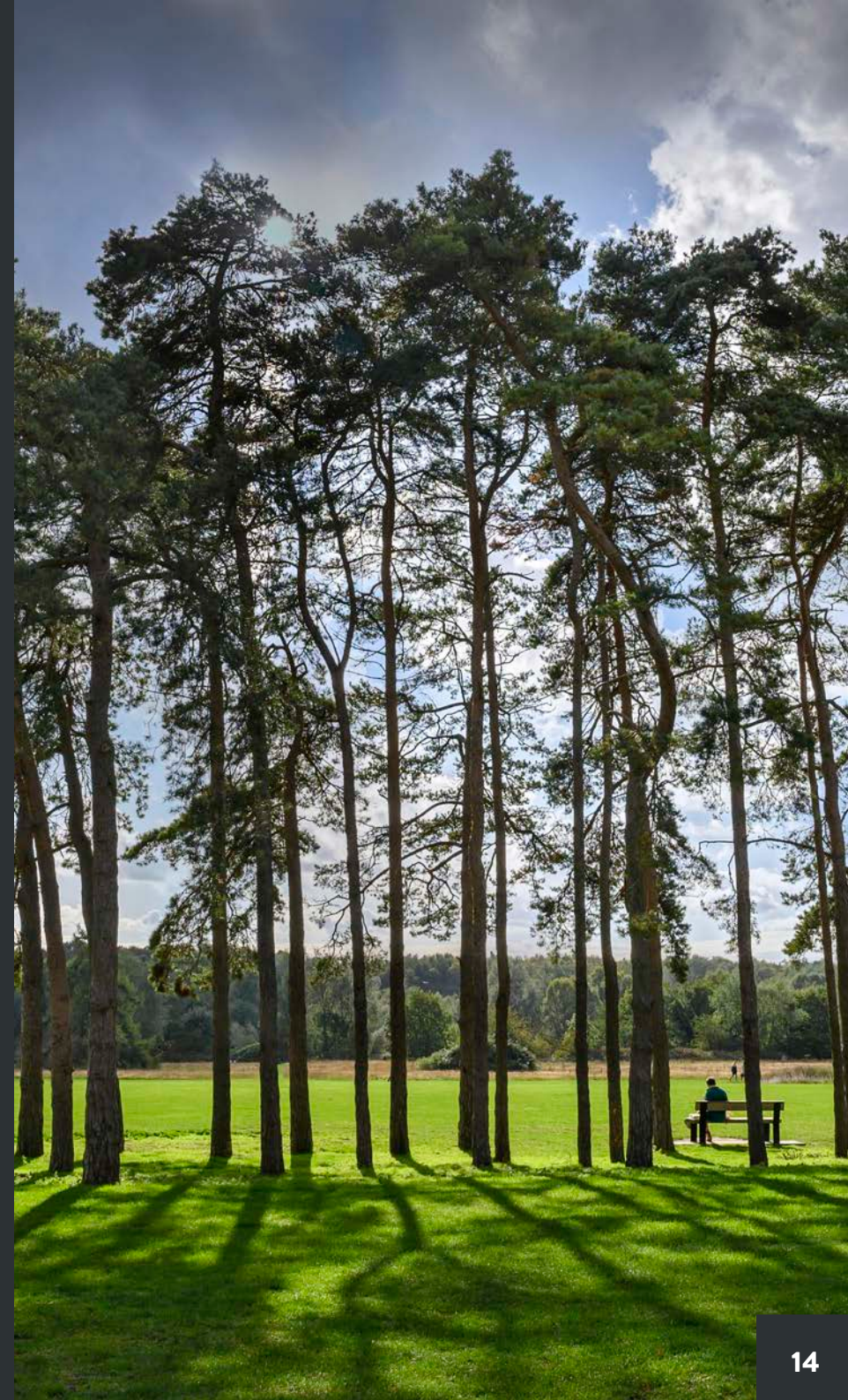
At a basic level, our sustainable development means that we try to balance the ‘three pillars’ of environmental, economic and social elements.

We challenge our environmental impact through on-site energy generation and a district heating and cooling network, reducing our reliance on grid electricity and therefore fossil fuels. We promote and use recycled and ‘eco’ products such as biological cleaning materials. We champion local suppliers and ethical causes, including Fairtrade and vegan products. We seek to ensure value for money in a holistic, whole-life costing sense in our new buildings and procurement contracts.

OUR INITIATIVES

Central campaigns, such as holiday shut-downs or awareness day events, support a whole-University approach to energy saving and other initiatives.

Follow us on Twitter [@SustainableUEA](https://twitter.com/SustainableUEA)



OUR CAMPUS

UEA is based on a campus that provides top quality academic, social and cultural facilities to over 17,000 students.

Although located in 320 acres of rolling parkland, virtually no part of the campus is more than a few minutes' walk from anywhere else, so everything is close at hand – the library, nursery, health centre, supermarket (incorporating a post office), banking facilities and restaurants. Amongst the striking buildings is the UEA's Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, which contains the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection – one of the greatest art collections formed in Europe during the 20th Century.

The University has invested in new learning and teaching and research spaces, including a celebrated new Enterprise Centre that underpins its commitment to promoting student enterprise and entrepreneurship.

Sport and Recreation plays a major part in the life of the University of East Anglia, centred around the major Sportspark facility which is one of the most successful community sport facilities in the UK. This accessible and affordable facility provides a diverse range of activities, and incorporates a 50m Olympic size swimming pool, indoor climbing wall, coaching resource centre and sports injury clinic.



NORWICH

A CITY OF STORIES

The city's motto is 'A fine city' and its strong cultural heritage has seen Norwich maintain the best of its historical character whilst developing to become one of the most vibrant and attractive cities in Europe. Norwich offers miles of riverside walks and cycle ways, and a unique collection of 1930's parks. The city is surrounded by beautiful countryside and within easy reach of the stunning Norfolk coast.

Norwich is a UNESCO World city of Literature, the first in the UK, as well as being one of the newly named Tech Cities recognising the growth of digital businesses in the region. The most prominent high-rise building, apart from the castle, is the magnificent 11th century cathedral, which still dominates the skyline. The city's medieval centre of cobbled streets remains largely intact, but there is still space for modern buildings such as the city's centrepiece, the Forum, which is a striking piece of contemporary architecture. The glass front overlooks the colourful open-air market (one of the largest in the country) and reflects the city in all its diversity.

The city is consistently rated as one of the top ten shopping venues in the UK. Norfolk and Suffolk attract thousands of visitors each summer. The famous Norfolk Broads are among the most important wetlands in Europe and a haven for rare plants, wildlife and insects. The Broads attract holidaymakers who come to navigate the intricate natural network of waterways formed by the Rivers Bure, Yare and Waveney and their tributaries.

For further information about UEA's excellent facilities, staff benefits, picturesque campus and the UEA working environment, please visit the 'Careers at UEA' microsite <https://www.uea.ac.uk/about/working-at-uea>. Additional information about living and working in the city of Norwich can be found at <https://www.workinnorwich.co.uk/>



If there is another city in the United Kingdom with a school of painters named after it, a matchless modern art gallery, a university with a reputation for literary excellence which can boast Booker Prize-winning alumni, one of the grandest Romanesque cathedrals in the world, an extraordinary new state-of-the-art public library then I have yet to hear of it. Norwich is a fine city. None finer.

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LOCATION

Some cities you've heard of, others you have to discover.

Norwich is one of the most beautiful, modern historic cities in Britain. It's a city that celebrates the independent, stimulates creativity, promotes change and encourages diversity.

UEA is a campus university located 3 miles from the centre of Norwich. Situated in the heart of Norfolk, which means it's an ideal location to explore Norwich and beyond.

BY RAIL

LONDON • 2 HOURS

CAMBRIDGE • 1 HR 15 MINS

BIRMINGHAM • 4 HOURS

Many European cities (including Paris and Amsterdam) easily accessible by train

BY ROAD

KINGS LYNN • 1 HOUR

CROMER • 45 MINUTES

SOUTHWOLD • 1 HOUR

BY AIR

NORWICH AIRPORT • 20 MINUTES

STANSTED AIRPORT • 2 HOURS

London is a major airline hub and all main international destinations are easily accessible



An internationally renowned university, UEA is ranked in the UK Top 25 (Complete University Guide 2025), UK Top 30 (The Mail 2025) and the World Top 100 (Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024), where it ranks in the UK Top 20 for research quality (Times Higher Education Rankings for the Research Excellence Framework 2021) and World Top 20 for Health and Wellbeing (QS World University Rankings for Sustainability 2024), reflecting the international excellence of its research environment. The University holds UK Teaching Excellence Framework Silver status.

Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Wellbeing

The University is committed to diversifying its workforce and to the wellbeing of all our staff. For example, we already hold an Athena Swan Silver Institutional Award in recognition of our advancement towards gender equality. Further details on our broader Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Wellbeing work can be found on our [website](#).

