



# THE UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## *Background of the University*



- Opened in 1996 on what was a brownfield site

*Since then ....*

- 22nd overall in The Guardian University Guide 2019
- Top 50 UK university in the Complete University Guide 2019
- 14,000 students and 1,600 academic staff
- Successfully bid to open a medical school, with the first cohort of students starting in September 2019

## *Local Impact*



- Worth more than £300m to the regional economy, doubling local economic growth rates
- Created more than 3000 jobs
- Active engagement with the local LEP, sitting on the board of directors
- £170m has been invested in its development
- Plans are in place to spend an additional £130m over the next few years

## *Sparkhouse*



- Launched in 2002 to support the careers of creative industry students graduating from the University
- Located within Lincoln's first BREEAM Excellent rated building
- Designed to encourage startups in the creative sectors, both from graduates and external sources
- Supported over 300 businesses
- Created 450 jobs
- Contributed £1m to the local economy

## Think Tank



- Launched in 2008 to provide high-tech, eco-friendly office space
- Built on the site used for prototype testing the military tank, on the Lincoln Science & Innovation Park
- Offers businesses everything they need to accelerate growth and success; providing advice, support and mentoring as well as finding partners and funding opportunities
- Currently housing 2 Lincolnshire businesses that featured in the national top 100 start-ups

## *Lincoln Science and Innovation Park*



- Founded in 2012 by Lincolnshire Co-op and the University of Lincoln
- It brings together science and technology businesses, industry leaders and University researchers and technicians
- Boole Technology Centre offers office, laboratory and technical workshop space for businesses
- Joseph Banks Laboratories and Minster House provide research facilities for the University's College of Science

## *Engineering Partnership with Siemens*



- In collaboration with Siemens, the University of Lincoln's School of Engineering was the first facility of its kind in the UK in more than 20 years
- Since 2011 the collaboration has won a series of national awards as an example of how industry and academia can work together
- In 2015 the University was awarded Siemens' Global Principal Partner status
- The Research and Development Framework is now being rolled out to other Siemens partners

## *Lincoln Institute of Agri-Food Technology*



- Supports productivity, efficiency and sustainability in food and farming through research, education and tech
- Has secured millions of pounds of grant funding, including major awards from the UK Government's Agri-tech Catalyst to devise technological solutions with industry partners
- Provides professional development to working farmers and agronomists
- Lincoln's research in agriculture, veterinary and food science is rated among the best in the UK for quality of outputs

## *The Innovation Programme for Greater Lincolnshire*



- Part funded by ERDF and the University
- 2016 – 2019 with potential to extend
- Designed to help SMEs grow, develop and progress by stimulating innovative activity
- Provides grant funding, business support, collaborative research opportunities and funded internships
- Leads on to additional activity with the University such as KTPs, Innovate UK applications and consultancy

*Thank you*

Any questions?



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