



Nottingham Trent
University

Pro Vice-Chancellor (PVC) Education and Student Experience Doing things differently





Thank you for your interest in Nottingham Trent University.



When I joined NTU in October 2025, I was excited about what lay ahead. After nine fulfilling months getting to know this institution - its people, its places, and its distinctive strengths - that excitement has only grown stronger. I have witnessed first-hand our community's unwavering commitment to enhancing the scope, scale, impact, and innovation of everything the University offers.

I am delighted by the opportunity to appoint a dynamic and transformative leader to the role of Pro Vice-Chancellor (PVC) for Education and Student Experience. This appointment comes at a pivotal moment for NTU: our sustained success in the National Student Survey is reflected in our TEF 'Gold' status, and the forthcoming implementation of our new institutional five-year strategy will continue to place students firmly at the heart of our ambitions, whilst also strengthen our research to support our educational programmes.

This is an exciting time to join the University Executive Team. The successful candidate will play a key role in strengthening NTU's reputation as a leading institution for teaching, research, and innovation, while helping to shape an outstanding, sector-leading student experience. The successful candidate will also contribute to the wider leadership of the university across all portfolios.

Our ambition is to be a catalyst for pioneering education - igniting curiosity, unlocking the potential of every student and colleague, and shaping a future defined by positive, sustainable change. We are committed to ensuring that NTU's excellence is recognised and valued regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Professor Dave Petley
Vice-Chancellor and President
Nottingham Trent University

Be part of something special

It takes excellent leadership and a strong sense of community to create an award-winning university, and we are justly proud of our achievements.

At NTU, we do things differently. A global reputation for innovation; inspirational teaching; outstanding student support; and life-changing research that answers society's most pressing questions.

All of this is reflected in our five 'University of the Year' awards, our ranking as 3rd Best University in the UK (Uni Compare 2027), and our place among the Top 5 UK Universities in the Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2026.



NTU has been rated gold for teaching in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and voted 1st in the UK for course quality (Uni Compare 2027). Our courses are shaped by industry and public sector partners, informed by research and designed with students in mind. Students learn from experts in their field and gain the knowledge, skills and experience employers are looking for.



We are ranked in the Top 5 in the UK for employability (Uni Compare 2027). Through placements, work experience, industry connections and tailored careers support, we help students build the confidence, experience and skills to succeed after graduation.



We have been awarded 5 stars overall, and 5 stars for Teaching, Employability, Global Engagement and Facilities (QS Stars 2025), recognising the exceptional experience and opportunities we provide for our students.



Our campuses

Based across five distinct and characterful locations in and around Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and London, our campuses and facilities are a key part of our success.



City Campus

Our City Campus is a focal point of Nottingham's skyline, with stunning Grade-II listed structures like the Newton and Arkwright buildings standing alongside bold, stylish developments like our Design & Digital Arts building. Just a stone's throw away, the University helps drive growth for creative and digital businesses in places like Hockley, the Lace Market and Sneinton Market.



Clifton Campus

With beautiful outdoor spaces and outstanding facilities, Clifton Campus is home to specialist science and technology laboratories, diverse teaching spaces, comfortable study and leisure areas, and a vast array of indoor and outdoor sports facilities. The Health & Allied Professions Centre supports world-class teaching, scholarship, research and innovation, while our Engineering building and the Medical Technologies Innovation Facility (MTIF) strengthen Clifton's position as a hub for innovation, applied research, and industry collaboration.



Brackenhurst Campus

Located just outside the picturesque market town of Southwell, our Brackenhurst Campus offers a fascinating juxtaposition of nature and science. At the centre of the campus is the iconic Main Hall: venture further, and you'll find climate-controlled greenhouses and polytunnels, a veterinary nursing centre, our equestrian facilities, state-of-the-art laboratories, and even a working farm.



NTU London

Our London campus is a specialist centre for digital arts, production and performance in Whitechapel. It mirrors the vision and ambition of our Nottingham facilities, with the added bonus of direct access to the Capital's creative industries.



NTU Mansfield

Located just outside of Mansfield town, the University Centre – developed in partnership with Vision West Nottinghamshire College – provides a range of education and training to local students and employers, with courses and qualifications from levels 3 to 7.



Our city

From stunning country parks to bustling city streets, Nottingham is a city bursting with character.

With some of the country's best art galleries, music venues, restaurants and events, it's easy to see why Nottingham is one of the UK's top 10 student cities (QS Best Student Cities 2026), attracting well over 60,000 students every year.

Known throughout the world for the famous legend of Robin Hood, today Nottingham is a dynamic creative hub. Our castles, caves and cultural attractions unite the past and present, making Nottingham a fascinating place to live. The city also offers excellent transport links, with East Midlands Airport giving you easy access to countless destinations across the UK, Europe and beyond.

Life in the city

From Michelin-starred restaurants like Alchemilla and Restaurant Sat Bains, to casual eateries and some of England's oldest pubs, there's something here to suit every taste. Sitting alongside its varied hospitality scene, Nottingham's lively shopping streets offer everything from high street favourites to designer labels and sophisticated independent stores. The city centre is a hub of activity day and night, and it is right on the doorstep of our City Campus.

Where hustle becomes hushed

Over 20% of Nottingham is devoted to public parks and gardens, while rolling hills, peaceful nature reserves and luscious woodland – including Sherwood Forest, home to the legendary Robin Hood – all lie just outside the city itself. The Peak District National Park and a range of National Trust and Visit England sites are all easily accessible from Nottingham, too.

Local legends

Nottingham is the proud hometown of several legends, like Carl Froch, Torvill and Dean, and Stuart Broad. We are truly a city of sport, home to the

world's oldest professional football club, and a club at the peak of their career in the Premier League. Nottingham hosts several internationally recognised stadia - including the iconic Trent Bridge cricket ground - as well as popular venues for horseracing, ice hockey, watersports, and more.

A sensible choice, for head and heart

Choosing a destination for a new home is a big decision, with many factors to consider. Whether you are looking to buy or rent, the city offers a diverse range of properties in vibrant urban settings, scenic riverside locations, and welcoming residential neighbourhoods. Areas such as West Bridgford, Mapperley and Beeston are popular choices for those seeking a community-oriented environment, while the historic charm of the Park Estate provides a distinctive sense of character.

Cultural treasures

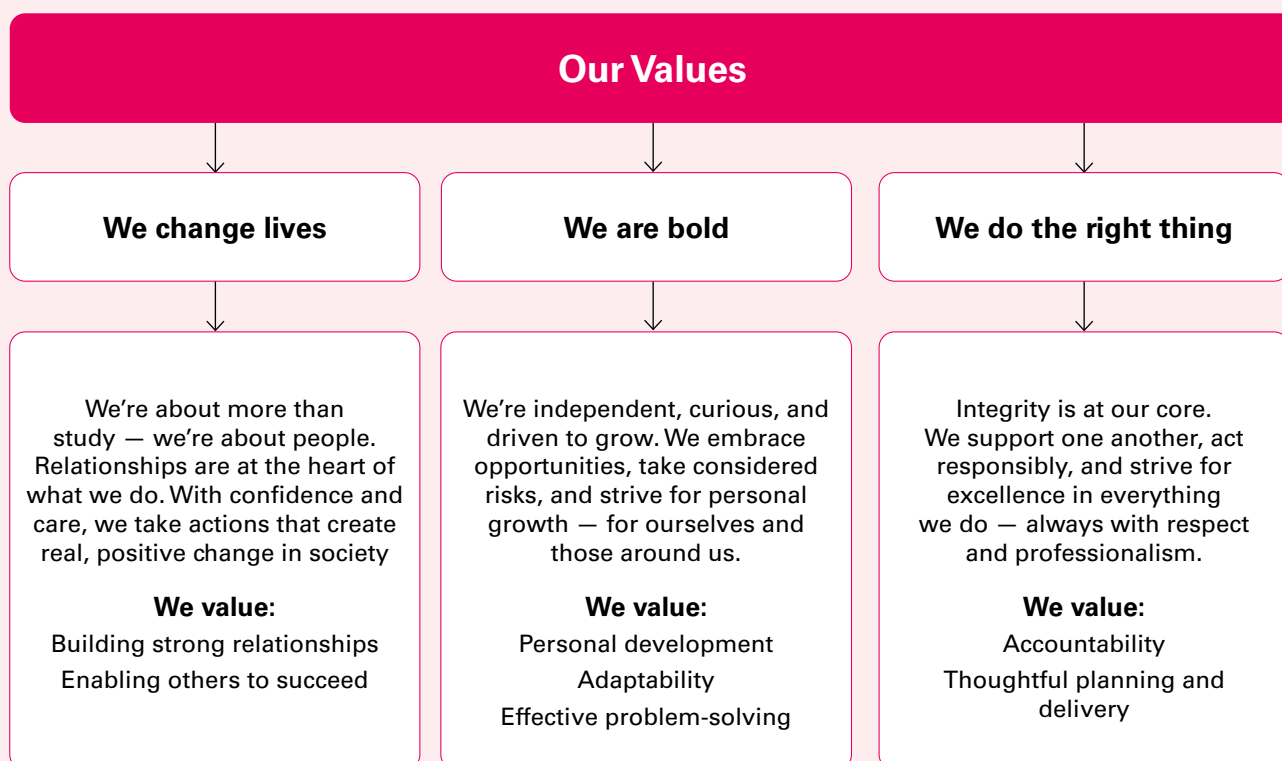
Nottingham's history is rich, and the city is dotted with historic hotspots to explore like Nottingham Castle, the National Justice Museum, and a fascinating underground cave network. Our present-day cultural scene is just as vibrant, including art at Nottingham Contemporary, theatre at Nottingham Playhouse, music at Motorpoint Arena, and a host of intimate venues spanning every genre.



Our Values

Our Values shape how we approach work at NTU, in support of our strategic ambitions.

When you apply to NTU, you're not just applying for a role — you're joining a community driven by shared values and a commitment to doing meaningful work, the right way.



Our Academic Schools

Each of our seven Academic Schools have their own sense of community and character, built on enthusiasm, expertise, opportunities and award-winning support.

Our Academic Schools

- Nottingham Business School
- Nottingham Law School
- Nottingham School of Art & Design
- School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences
- School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment
- School of Science and Technology
- School of Social Sciences



Key opportunities

Shape NTU's future education strategy

As a member of the University Executive Team (UET), you will provide leadership for NTU's education strategy, ensuring clear alignment with our overarching five-year strategy. The PVC (Education and Student Experience) is responsible for the development and delivery of the University's approach to education; for championing our commitment to inclusive education; for student success; and for closing attainment and progression gaps.

External engagement

The PVC leads the development of strategic partnerships that enrich the student journey and strengthen graduate employability. By fostering relationships with employers and external stakeholders, the role ensures that NTU graduates are well-prepared to transition into the workplace with the skills, confidence, curiosity, and values needed to succeed.

Elevate the NTU student experience

The PVC plays a central role in enhancing the overall student experience, with a strong focus on equity and outcomes. This includes leading initiatives to reduce awarding gaps and improve performance across key national metrics such as the National Student Survey and Graduate Outcomes Survey. The role is responsible for identifying opportunities for continuous improvement and further embedding a high-quality, consistent student experience across the institution.

Leading people

With a strong commitment to people and culture, the PVC models NTU's values and leadership behaviours to build a collaborative, trust-based environment. The role empowers colleagues across academic and professional services, encouraging partnership working and enabling teams to deliver excellence in education and student experience.

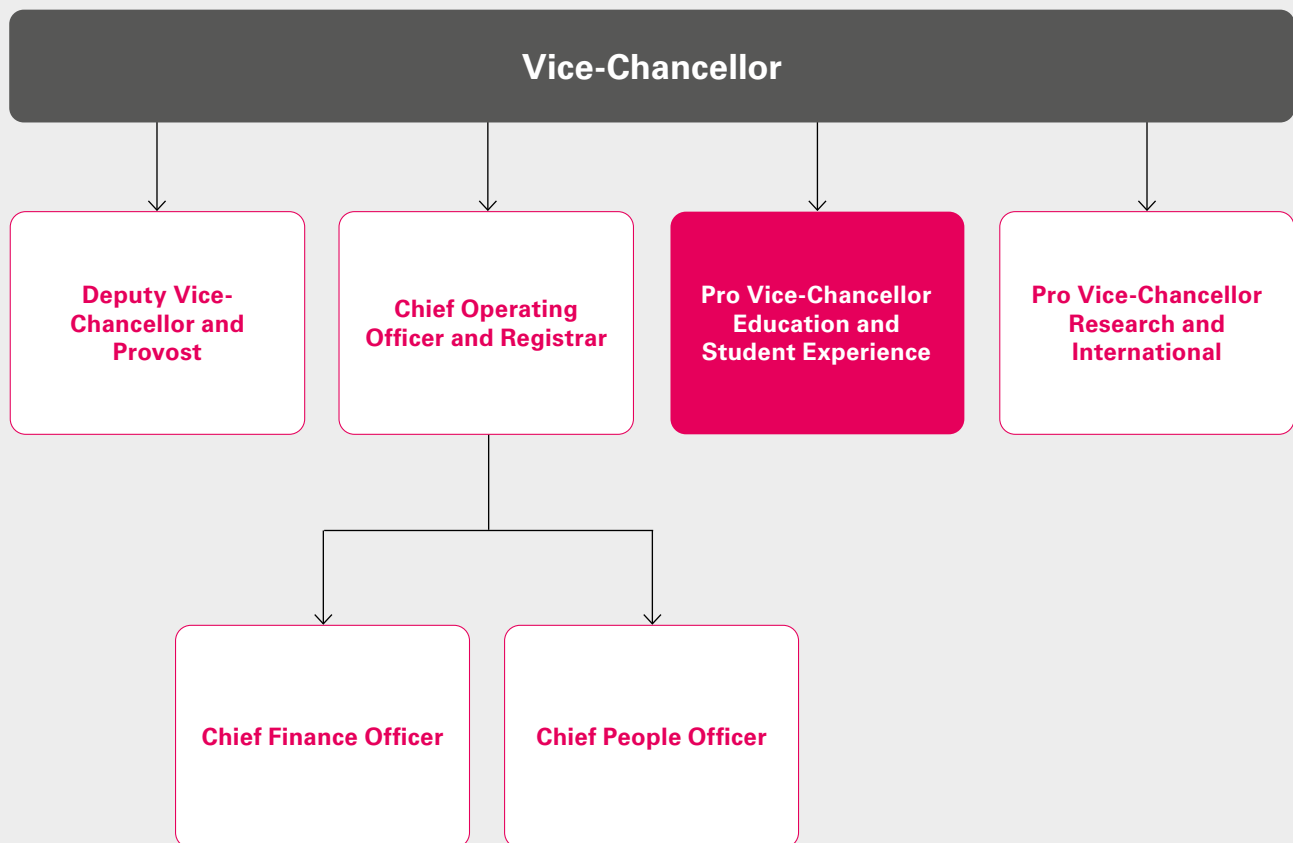


Pro Vice-Chancellor (PVC) Education and Student Experience

Reporting to:

Vice-Chancellor

University Executive Team:



About the role:

The Pro Vice-Chancellor Education and Student Experience role is one of two PVC roles at the University. Both report directly into the Vice-Chancellor. The PVC (Education and Student Experience) works closely with the PVC (Research and International) to ensure that education and research inform one another, shaping our bold sense of purpose and deepening the positive, sustainable impact we deliver to the world.

The portfolio of the PVC (Education and Student Experience) includes:

- Shared executive responsibility alongside other members of the University Executive Team for the successful delivery of the University's strategy, including the education strategy, ensuring that NTU's values of being bold, doing the right things and changing lives are embedded in every facet of our work.
- Strategic leadership for education at an institutional level, ensuring that the University meets its educational ambition to provide consistently high-quality, academically rigorous courses that attract / develop students with the potential to succeed.
- Determining the approach to portfolio-development locally, nationally and internationally, ensuring that the University not only meets its civic responsibilities within the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), but also globally through the development of our transnational education.
- Leading on educational performance with respect to all key metrics, including the National Student Survey; Graduate Outcomes Survey; continuation, progression, completion and attainment; TEF and the education-focused Office for Students conditions of registration.
- Leading institution wide enhancement in learning, teaching, assessment, academic quality and student outcomes, ensuring NTU remains a sector-leader in educational innovation and excellence.

The PVC is responsible for the development and delivery of the University's strategic approach to education across all levels of educational award and across all subject areas. They will use data and insights to drive the University's approach to portfolio and curriculum-development, as well as student progression and success. The PVC will ensure that we are working systematically to reduce awarding gaps wherever they exist. They will ensure that our education portfolio responds to the changing world of pedagogy and work. They will ensure that the lived experience of students is at the heart of any systemic changes that are made across NTU, through collaboration with course representatives and Nottingham Trent Students Union (NTSU).

NTU prides itself on delivering an excellent student experience. The PVC will have executive oversight of the National Student Survey, Graduate Outcomes Survey and other key national benchmarks, monitor performance and identify further opportunities for improvement. They will work with the Executive Deans and Deputy Deans of our Academic Schools and Executive Directors of Professional Services to focus on continuous improvement, identifying opportunities to increase effectiveness and efficiency — for example, through greater streamlining of processes and maximising agility.

The PVC (Education and Student Experience) will inspire colleagues and students to work together to uphold and improve academic standards, to co-create curricula, to embed scholarship, and to enhance NTU's student experience. They will also have an outward-facing, sector wide remit, representing NTU at a national and, where appropriate international, level in education and student experience.

Main responsibilities:

Strategic leadership

- Provide clear, compelling leadership for NTU's education strategy, ensuring alignment with the University's overarching strategy, education ambitions, and regulatory requirements.
- Lead the development and delivery of a coherent institutional framework for learning, teaching and assessment, which supports excellence, innovation and consistency across all Academic Schools.
- Champion NTU's commitment to inclusive education, student success and the closing of attainment and progression gaps.
- Anticipate sector trends, regulatory changes and emerging pedagogic developments, advising the Vice Chancellor and University Executive Team on strategic implications.

Executive management

- Provide senior academic leadership, direction and development of the Education portfolio, including its academic quality, academic development, digital learning and student outcomes functions.
- Provide direction to senior academic and professional leaders, setting clear expectations, ensuring accountability, and fostering a high performance culture.
- Oversee the effective governance of Education, including committees, quality-assurance processes, and academic policy frameworks.
- Ensure robust performance-monitoring, using data and insight to drive continuous improvement in student experience, progression and outcomes.

People and culture leadership

- Build and maintain a collaborative, empowering culture across academic and professional services teams, modelling NTU's values and leadership behaviours.
- Lead institution wide capability-development in teaching excellence, pedagogic innovation, and academic leadership.
- Promote colleague wellbeing, inclusivity and professional growth, ensuring that teams feel supported, motivated, and connected to NTU's overarching strategy.
- Act as a visible, trusted leader across the University, engaging regularly with colleagues, students, and stakeholders.
- Build strong relationships with NTSU, student-elected representatives and student groups, encouraging co-creation across our curriculums and the student experience.
- Work alongside campus trade unions to ensure that the interests of students and needs of the Education portfolio are appropriately represented in discussions and consultations.

Student experience

- Using data and insights, lead the University's approach to student continuation and completion, degree outcomes, and progression to professional jobs and postgraduate course and qualifications.
- Provide leadership on co-creation with the study body and strengthen mechanisms for the student voice to be heard.
- Implement effective strategies for developing curricular opportunities for enterprise, skills, entrepreneurship, and employability.

Change and transformation

- Lead major change programmes related to curriculum development, digital transformation, assessment redesign, and academic policy modernisation.
- Ensure that change is well governed, evidence based, and delivered with clarity, pace, and strong stakeholder engagement.
- Drive innovation in pedagogy, learning technologies, digital literacy and enhancement, and flexible modes of delivery.
- Oversee the development of future focused academic frameworks that support NTU's ambitions for growth, internationalisation, and lifelong learning.

External engagement and sector influence

- Represent NTU regionally, nationally and internationally, on matters relating to education, pedagogy, and student outcomes.
- Build strategic partnerships with regulators, sector bodies, employers and regional / national / international partners, to enhance NTU's reputation and impact.
- Contribute to national policy discussions and thought leadership in higher education.

Person specification:

Qualifications

- A degree in any discipline.
- A postgraduate degree or vocational qualification.
- Experience as a Teaching and Scholarship Professor (or equivalent), or ability to demonstrate alignment to the professorial criteria for Teaching and Scholarship at NTU.
- A PhD or equivalent achievement in a discipline relevant to the University, along with a distinguished academic record that confers credibility among the University's academic community.
- A strong record of leadership in higher education, ideally at Executive Dean, Associate PVC, or equivalent executive level.

Leadership

- Have a clear vision of the University's strategic ambitions and be able to articulate and drive these among our stakeholders.
- Provide a demonstrable track record of successful academic leadership at a senior level in a higher education institution that includes a broad range of academic disciplines.
- Have the ability to effectively use matrix management within a large, complex organisation to deliver tangible and significant outcomes.

Knowledge

- Have an extensive knowledge of the academic requirements to provide outstanding education within a higher education institution.
- Provide demonstrable experience of interpreting and understanding the statutory requirements of an academic provider, including the requirements of the Office for Students.
- Have an understanding of the development of academic programmes for international students both in the UK and overseas.

Change and transformation

- Demonstrate a successful record of initiating and implementing significant change in a complex organisation.
- Integrate innovative thinking and practice into the reimagining of campus space for improved, flexible teaching and a stronger student experience.
- Have a robust understanding of the challenges facing higher education in the UK and internationally.
- Communication and influence.
- Demonstrate the ability to represent the University regionally, nationally and internationally, and to engage with stakeholders from around the world.
- Outstanding communication skills, with the ability to engage and inspire diverse audiences.
- Ability to build strong, trusting relationships with students, colleagues, unions, external partners, and senior stakeholders.

Values and personal qualities

- Deep commitment to educational excellence, student success, and widening participation.
- Authentic, values driven leadership aligned with NTU's culture and mission.
- High levels of integrity, resilience, and sound judgement.
- Curiosity, creativity, and a willingness to challenge established thinking.
- A collaborative, inclusive approach that builds a sense of community and shared purpose.

How to apply

Next steps

Anderson Quigley is acting as an advisor to Nottingham Trent University. An executive search process is being carried out by Anderson Quigley in addition to the public advertisement.

To apply, please submit a CV and a supporting statement. Your CV should include:

- Educational and professional qualifications.
- Full employment history.
- The names and addresses of two referees.

Referees will not be approached until the final stages of the selection process and not without prior permission from candidates.

Your supporting statement should demonstrate your ability to meet the person specification (maximum two pages).

Please submit your documents to <https://andersonquigley.com/candidates> using the reference **AQ3652**.

Contact Anderson Quigley

Should you wish to discuss the role in strict confidence, please contact our advising consultants at Anderson Quigley:

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Closing date

The closing date for applications is noon on **Monday 27 July 2026**.

Timetable

The closing date for applications is Monday 27 July; candidate assessment will take place during the summer, but applicants should not be discouraged by the timing, as the process has been planned to allow appropriate flexibility, with final client assessment expected to take place at the end of September or very beginning of October.



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