

Why choose SUMS?

We don't just understand higher education — we live and breathe it.

SUMS supports **over 60% of UK universities**, including Cardiff, Nottingham, and Durham, as well as global institutions like Trinity College Dublin and KAUST. **Our unique membership model offers great value-for-money with flexible options.**

SUMS members access our management consultancy services, our expert staff and our extensive knowledge base. Across our core team and our associate pool, **we have a depth and range of knowledge and experience you don't find elsewhere, bringing together sector understanding with cutting edge insight from the commercial consultancy world.**

[Find out more about our members and the benefits they enjoy on our website](#)

This year we've expanded our team to reflect areas of growing focus for our members. We have increased capacity for strategic sustainability consultancy and to support even more robust data insight in our members' decision-making. We've also increased our own operational expertise, to ensure we're in **the best shape possible to continue delivering excellence and value-for-money to our members.**

Community and shared learning remain central to the SUMS ethos.

Members engage in our community of practice groups, annual conferences, webinars and workshops. Recent workshop topics have ranged from timetabling software demonstrations to strategic workforce planning and a free salary benchmarking service. Members also have access to the services offered throughout the SUMS Group, including SUPC frameworks and advice.

- **Deep sector knowledge** – our team includes experienced university leaders who have driven transformational change within institutions.
- **The best of both worlds** – we combine hands-on HE experience with commercial expertise, delivering cutting-edge solutions tailored to the sector.
- **Practical, cost-effective solutions** – we provide actionable insights and recommendations, all at **20% lower costs** than commercial consultancies.
- **True partnership** – guiding, challenging and supporting our members every step of the way to co-design sustainable change.
- **A commitment to the sector** – our goal is to maximise value for the whole sector, not profit from it.