

Why choose SUMS?

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

SUMS supports **over 60% of UK universities**, including Cardiff, Oxford, Middlesex, Edinburgh Napier, and Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts 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** – we have become the partner of choice because of our unique understanding of higher education and its opportunities and challenges.
- **The best of both worlds** – our community of consultants, practitioners and experts are drawn from across higher education and commercial sectors, giving us a unique depth and range of knowledge and experience.
- **Innovation** – in addition to HE-specific insight from our comparative research and benchmarking, we bring innovation and world-leading effective practice from other sectors and internationally to expand your horizons.
- **A commitment to the sector** – our goal is to maximise value for the whole sector, not profit from it.