



St Mary's  
University  
Twickenham  
London

## Charitable Status

### St Mary's University, Twickenham

St Mary's University, Twickenham is a higher education institution, a private company limited by guarantee and registered charity.

In accordance with the [Memorandum of assurance and accountability](#) between St Mary's University, Twickenham and the Higher Education Funding Council for England, this page explains how the University demonstrates its charitable status.

**Legal name:** St Mary's University, Twickenham

**Correspondence address:** Waldegrave Road  
Strawberry Hill  
Twickenham  
London TW1 4SX

#### **Preferred name**

St Mary's University, Twickenham, London is the preferred name of the institution. No short name is used formally.

#### **Legal status**

St Mary's University, Twickenham is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales under number 5977277. It is a registered charity number 1120192. The registered address of the company and charity is as above.

#### **Constitutional document**

The main constitutional document of the University is the Articles of Association (incorporating the Instrument and Articles of Government) which is published on the [Governance web page](#).

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees of the charity are the Governors. As a company limited by guarantee, the Governors are also Directors.

The Articles of Association require that there are between 12 and 24 Governors as follows:

- Ex-officio: the Chair (the Archbishop of Westminster or nominee), the Director of the Catholic Education Service or nominee, Vice-Chancellor
- Up to six Independent Governors nominated by the Archbishop and appointed by the Board of Governors
- Up to six Independent Governors nominated by the Catholic Education Service and appointed by the Board of Governors
- Up to six Independent Governors co-opted by the Board of Governors

- Three Governors from within the University: two Staff Governors and one Student Governor (the President of the Students' Union)

More information about the appointment of Governors and the Board's business is in the Regulations, the Scheme of Delegation and the Board's Handbook which are published on the [Governance web page](#).

### **Governors and Register of Interests**

Biographies of the Governors are published on the [Governance web page](#).

The Register of Interests is available from the Clerk to the Governors and Company Secretary.

### **Annual Reports and Financial Statements**

Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the University are available on the [Corporate Information pages of the website](#).

The Annual Reports and Financial Statements include, for the relevant reporting year, a Statement of Corporate Governance and Internal Control and a Statement of the Responsibilities of the Board of Governors.

### **Statement of Public Benefit**

A Statement of Public Benefit is included in the Annual Reports and Financial Statements available on the [Corporate Information pages of the website](#).

The University meets public benefit through the teaching of a diverse curriculum and by educating a broad range of students.

The University also takes into account its public benefit and Catholic ethos when setting fees and developing strategy for widening participation.

### **Further information**

Further information about the charitable status of St Mary's University, Twickenham and its governance can be obtained from the Clerk to the Governors and Company Secretary.