

Strategy 2033

# Research addressing the great challenges



## **A better world, through knowledge and action**

Three academic pillars are at the heart of our strategy to 2033 and provide focus for our efforts, energy and resources to achieve our strategic goals. This document sets out an overview of the academic pillar, **Research addressing the great challenges**.

### **Vision**

Research at Goldsmiths will be shaped through attracting, retaining and supporting world-class talent. Brilliant ideas will come to fruition by providing solid ground for exchange and experimentation and they will be tested and strengthened in real-world encounters. Our research will be deepened and made more resilient through collaborating closely with external partners. We will co-create solutions to enduring global problems. We will draw on our rich history of creative practice and imagination for societal wellbeing and we will provide the tools to hold truth to power. Importantly, we will learn and grow through our engagement with others.

### **Priorities**

#### **Developing capability and capacity**

We will attract the best researchers from across the globe. We will develop our researchers as research leaders, developing skills in leading teams and in establishing research programmes that extend beyond Goldsmiths to other organisations. And we will be at the forefront of fostering practices that support people from all backgrounds, identities, ethnicities and places of birth in order to establish research cultures that welcome diversity of thought and practice.

#### **Building open, collaborative and innovative research infrastructures**

Our research cultures will be diverse and inclusive, open, outward-facing and interdisciplinary. We will be truly international, whether creating in London or across multiple international locales. We will leverage new mechanisms to support innovation and collaboration. Creative practice and digital infrastructures will sit at the heart of research engagement with external partners and communities.

#### **Conceptualising partnerships as the medium for research**

External partners will be core to the research process from design to impact. Research as co-created will guide our practice. Researchers, practitioners, industry and civil society will innovate in shared creative spaces and we will extend our partnerships to ensure reach, density and scale.

## **Promoting research as an activism**

We will foreground the passion in producing knowledge as a form of creative and imaginative practice. We conceptualise research as a form of intervention, holding truth to power, dispelling myths and lies. And our students will be empowered as active researchers, working alongside the academic faculty and external partners, working together to find solutions in common.

## **Measures of Success**

### **Diverse and brilliant faculty**

Our faculty will reflect multiple national contexts and ethnicities. There will be high satisfaction among research active staff and this will be evident in various national and global rankings.

### **Research infrastructure will generate a growth in external income**

Research Institutes, Centres and Units will be more strategically aligned, more globally facing and more impactful. Their increased relevance will produce a growth in external income.

### **Partnership index**

A simple index for the volume, depth, breadth, reach, density and scale will map the development of partnerships.

### **Activism**

Activism will be evidenced through impact, UN Sustainable Development Goals and social innovation metrics.