

University of Cumbria

Summary of 2020-21 to 2024-25 access and participation plan

What is an access and participation plan?

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress from higher education.

Access and Participation Plan (APP). You can see the full access and participation plan for the University of Cumbria on our [website](#).

Key points

The University of Cumbria was established to meet the needs of communities in Cumbria and North Lancashire with historically low rates of HE participation and, accordingly, an underskilled local workforce. Cumbria as a county has particularly poor rates of HE participation for male school and college-leavers, and this population is a significant priority in our outreach and recruitment work.

Our assessment, using data from a number of sources, indicates that we continue to fulfil our mission in making Higher Education accessible to learners from a variety of backgrounds. Success rates are similar in many cases for students from the target groups and the whole student population.

