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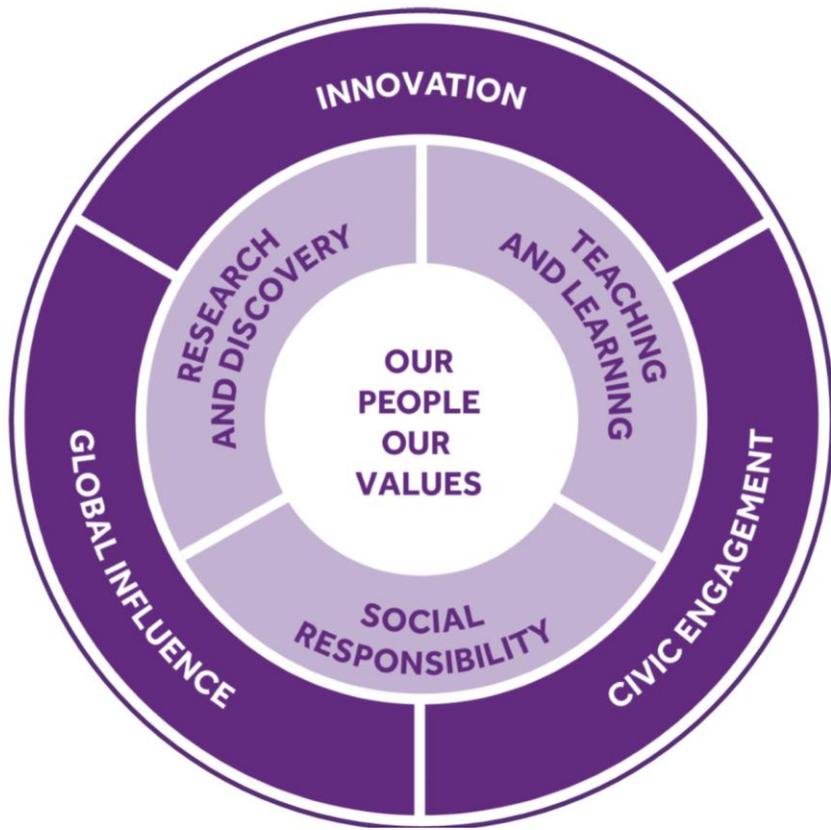


# IGNITE Network+/EDI Annual Event

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*University Academic Lead for EDI (Gender & Sexual Orientation)*



>40,000 students  
 ~14,000 staff  
 >500,000 alumni  
 (190+ countries)



**The University of Manchester**  
 One of the world's leading universities  
 for social and environmental impact  
 to achieve the UN Sustainable  
 Development Goals



Times Higher Education  
**Impact Rankings**  
 2023 TOP 10



- Equality Act 2010,
- Public Sector Equality Duty 2011

*“Creating a world class  
 research and innovation  
 system by everyone and for  
 everyone” UKRI*



- ✓ Diverse global market
- ✓ Diversity of talent, thinking & ideas
- ✓ Innovation and Productivity

# Making progress BUT we have to go much further and faster

57% ↑4%  
UG Students

50% ↑5%  
PGR students



47% ↑7%  
Senior Professional  
Services

30% ↑13%  
Professoriate

57% ↑30%  
University Senior  
Leadership Team

18.4%  
GPG 2018

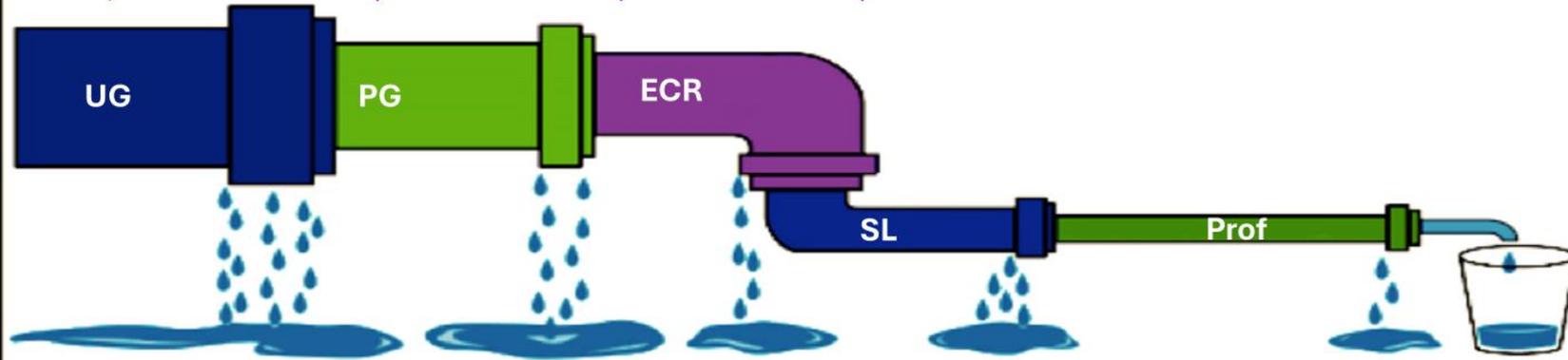


12.8%  
GPG 2024

- Athena Swan since 2005
- Women have outnumbered men at University since the 1990's
- We are making <1% progress annually towards gender parity at Professor level
- Burden of equality work still on women and minorities



# Actions with impact - Addressing our leaky pipeline



Adapted from Grogan 2019, Nature Ecology and Evolution

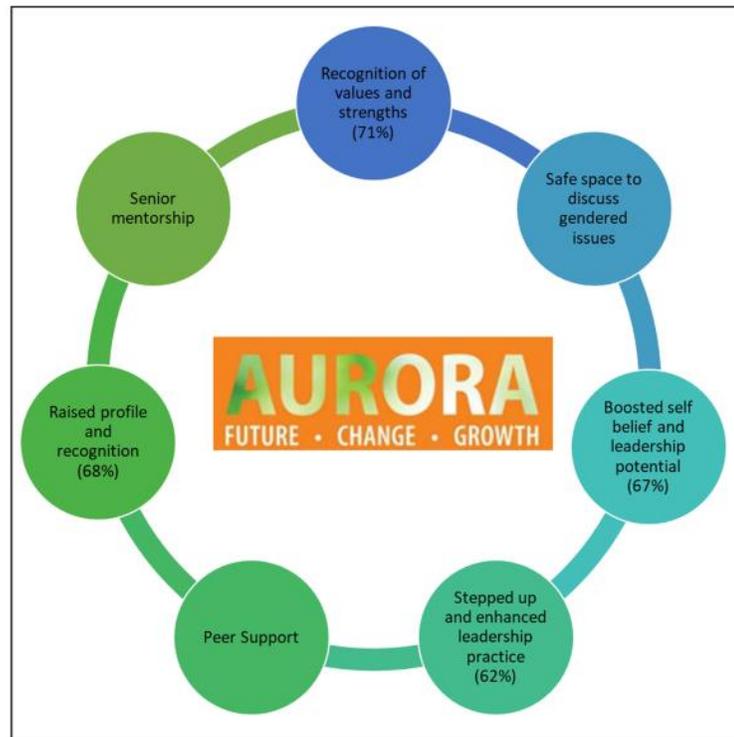
## UK NATIONAL PROFESSORS BY SEX AND BLACK, ASIAN AND MINORITY ETHNIC/WHITE IDENTITY

- White male - 63.6%
- White female - 26.5%
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic male - 7.2%
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic female - 2.7%



UK national professors by sex and Black, Asian and minority ethnic/White identity, 2020/21

# Actions with impact - Championing Diverse Women's Leadership Development



*“Have men there. There is no point emphasising the barriers to women’s progress to those who are already acutely aware”*

**100** BLACK WOMEN PROFESSORS NOW.

www.WHNequality.org

WHEN | WOMEN'S HIGHER EDUCATION NETWORK



1<sup>st</sup> Black Female Prof 2019  
Dawn Edge

**We need to fix the system, not the women**



Rachel Cowen



Banji Adewumi



Adèle MacKinlay

Rachel Cowen, Banji Adewumi and Adèle MacKinlay from the University of Manchester explain how they are looking to transform the traditionally glacial pace of change when it comes to equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) within higher education.

# Collective disruption towards a healthier, fairer, greener and inclusive future

**UCIL**  
University College for  
Interdisciplinary Learning

## 1. CREATING A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

21st Century Challenges & the Sustainable Development Goals



EDI: Your Role in Shaping a Fairer World – 10 credit undergraduate Unit (UCIL)

EDI: Where  
History,  
Law &  
Politics  
Meet

EDI in the  
Workplace

EDI in  
Research &  
Innovation

EDI in  
Education

EDI in  
Health &  
Social  
Care

EDI: Your  
Role as an  
Inclusive  
Leader

*I believe that if we apply the mindset represented throughout these modules we can make any environment more inclusive, diverse and equal (2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate 2021)*

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## The Leadership Framework



  
**inclusive**  
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