



IGNITE Network+/EDI Annual Event

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>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

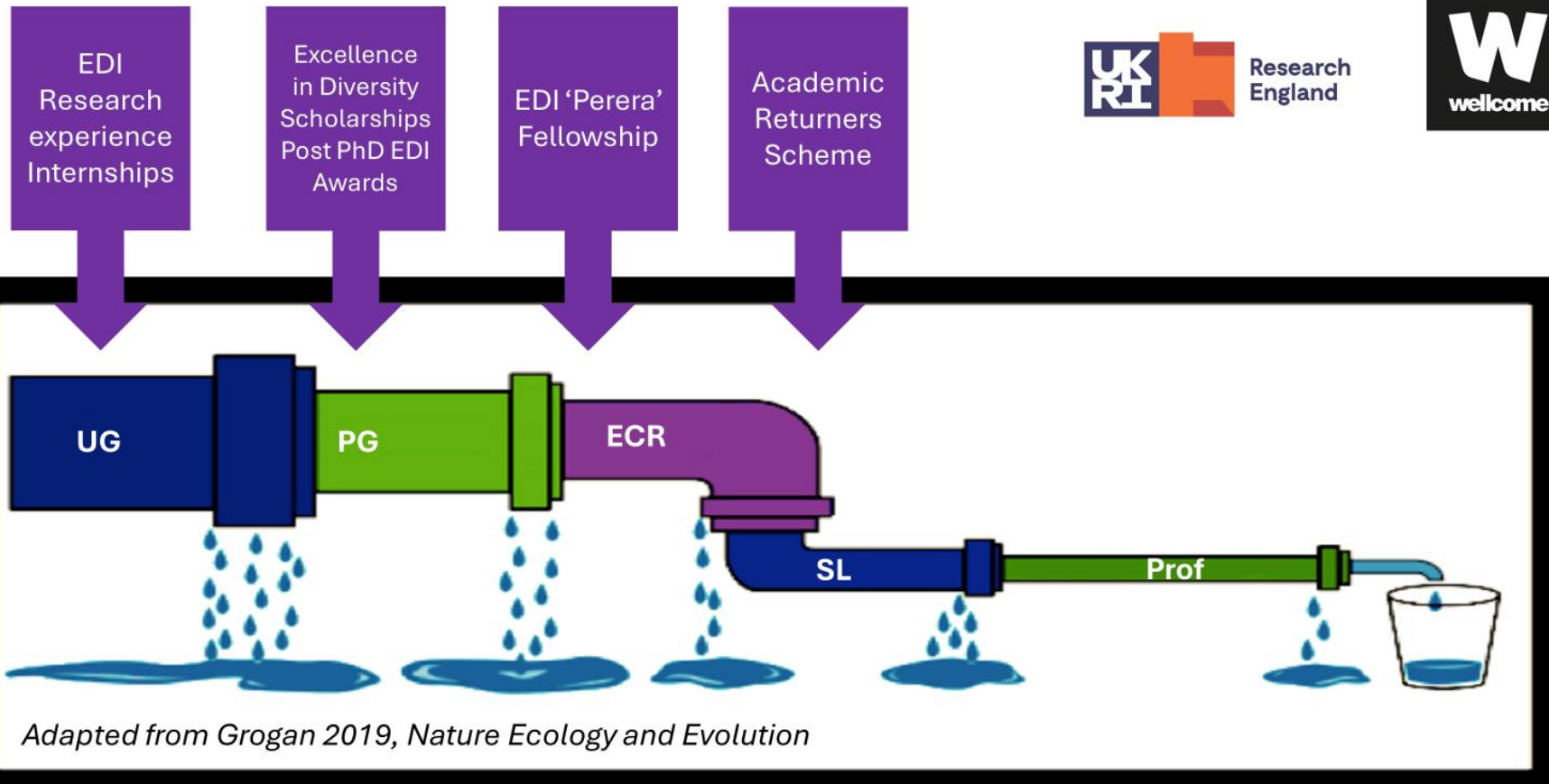


12.8%
GPG 2024

- 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



Research
England



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

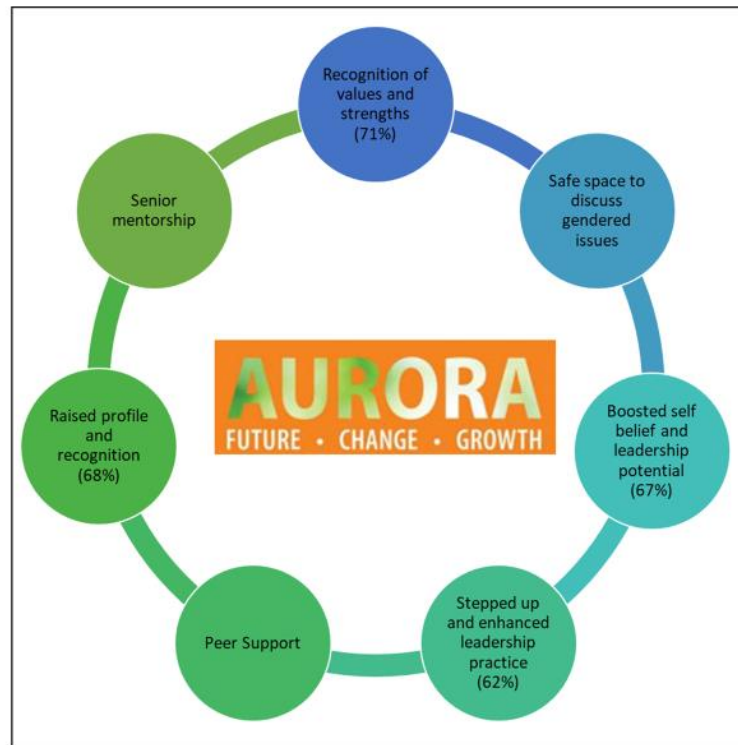
- White male - 63.6%
- White female - 26.5%
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic male - 7.2%
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic female - 2.7%



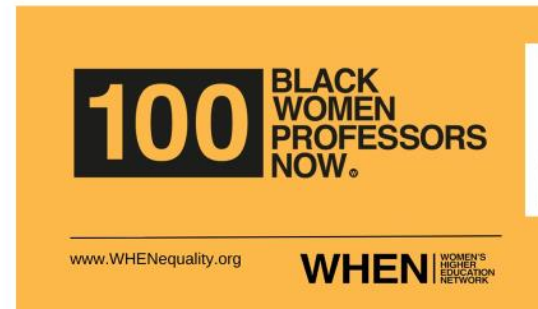
UK national professors by sex and Black, Asian and minority ethnic/White identity, 2020/21

AdvanceHE Advance HE (2022) Equality in higher education statistical reports - weighted by full person equivalent **#AdvanceHEstats**

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”



1st 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

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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 (2nd year undergraduate 2021)

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The Leadership Framework

