

CITY OF GLASGOW
COLLEGE

SUPER COLLEGE

KEY FACTS



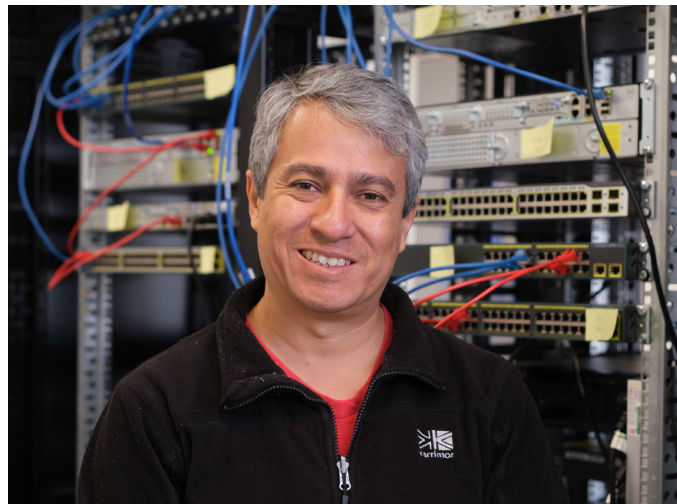
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Pioneering Technological and Professional Skills Education

City of Glasgow College is Scotland's largest - and the UK's third biggest - college. It is a top tier ranked institution of scale and impact, supporting around 8,000 graduates to progress each year. City offers post-school learning pathways from the senior phase of compulsory schooling to university, from entry level to degree level study. The College is a powerhouse with over 1,800 courses across a diverse range of technological, business and professional curriculum areas, ranging from entry and foundation courses and National Awards through to Higher National Certificates and Diplomas, to Degrees and Chartered Professional qualifications.

City of Glasgow College is also an international education business reaching out to 26 countries with over 4,000 international students and a cosmopolitan student cohort of typically 140 different nationalities from across six continents.

As a flagship institution, we serve as a gateway to diverse career pathways, emphasising technological and professional skills tailored to the demands of our times. Our success is not just measured in student achievements but is deeply rooted in the

strong partnerships we've cultivated across various sectors and in building and supporting community links, mutually benefiting both our students and our business and industry collaborators.

The influence of City of Glasgow College extends beyond the classroom. The 2020 Cumberford-Little Report - that I co-authored - has left an indelible mark on government policy, offering a blueprint for the future of colleges in Scotland. This report underscores our sector's agility and adaptability, positioning it uniquely to champion social mobility, address skills gaps, and supply a pipeline of talented labour.

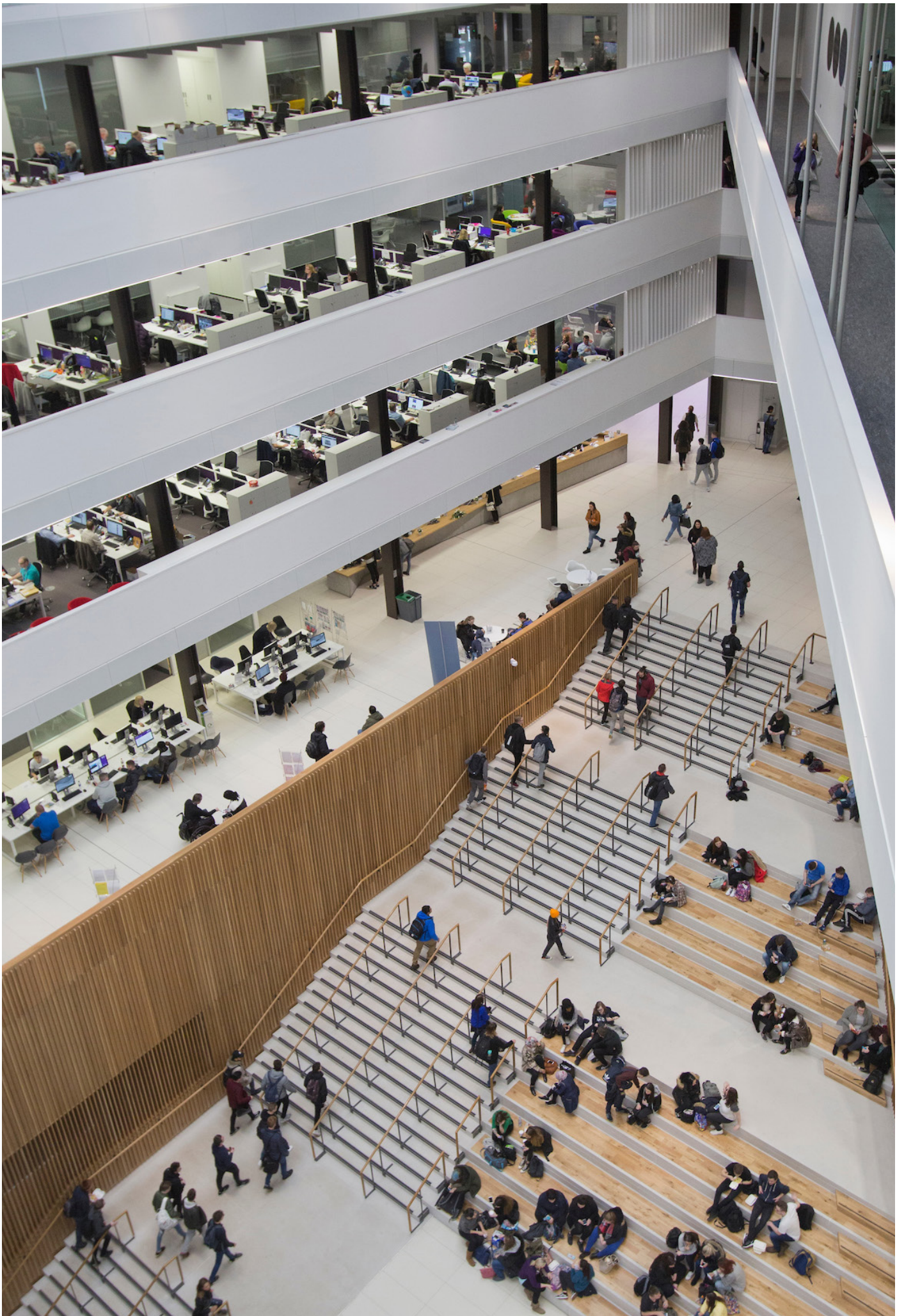
Our unwavering focus remains on ensuring the prosperity of our students and contributing to the creation of a skilled workforce vital for long-term economic recovery and growth. With an annual injection of some £1.6 billion into the Scottish economy, City of Glasgow College continues to play a pivotal role in shaping a brighter future for our community and beyond.

**Paul Little CBE
Principal & CEO**

“ *Colleges are proven economic catalysts uniquely placed to rapidly deliver creative and agile measures to support the recovery and redesign of our economy, re- and up-skilling our workforce and re-energising individuals and communities.* ”

Paul Little CBE, Principal & CEO

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WORKING WITH
GLOBAL DELIVERY &
INDUSTRY PARTNERS

PROFESSIONALLY 
recognised programmes

UP TO
400
HNC/D
COURSES

WIDENING ACCESS TO
DEGREE LEVEL COURSES

70% of our full-time
CURRICULUM IS
HIGHER EDUCATION



PRACTICAL
EXPERIENCE
OPTIONS





SUPER
COLLEGE
B U I L T F O R
40,000
S T U D E N T S

E A C H Y E A R
13,000
STUDENTS GAIN **NATIONALLY**
RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS

OVER 1,800
courses across four faculties

TRAINING
40% MERCHANT
N A V Y
of UK's **OFFICERS**

Working with the
TOP 20
SHIPPING COMPANIES

Prestigious History

Our Proud Heritage can be traced as far back as 1853 with the establishment of Glasgow's first College of Building. An associated legacy dates back to 1853 when independent boys' school, Allan Glen's, was built on the site where our architecturally award-winning City campus now sits.

In 2019 we celebrated 50 years of delivering nautical and marine engineering education and training on the banks of the River Clyde. In 2020, we marked our tenth anniversary as Scotland's Super College.

Our merger in 2010 combined the richness and historic legacy of four specialist colleges across nautical, commerce, building and printing, and catering. It concluded a journey that brought different sites across the city together onto a twin-site super campus, a next generation college, and which signalled a new era of professional and technological education.

“ *Our Board of Management remain rightly proud of our college and the role it plays in shaping the future prospects of our students. In a rapidly evolving world colleges have a vital role in preparing our students to take advantage of the opportunities this change will bring.*

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Alisdair Barron MBE, Chair



Creating a Pipeline to Employment

Engaging and inspiring our students with the skills they require for the world of work is central to all that we do. We engage with employers who help ensure industry-relevant, future-proofed learning for our students.

Students gain valuable experience through work placements, as well as from partnership projects with organisations such as the BBC and Bridge2Business.

We support apprenticeship schemes for top engineering and shipping companies including BAE Systems and Caledonian MacBrayne.

Our students are encouraged to take part in competitions to challenge and improve their skills. We are regularly in the top two in the UK for WorldSkills and have won the F&C Investment Trust Prize three years in a row.

ENGAGING WITH
2,600 
companies across

231 
INDUSTRIES

PROVIDING
UP TO **1000** 
APPRENTICESHIPS

OUR PROUD HERITAGE
can be traced
AS FAR BACK AS
1853

WORKING WITH
104 
INTERNATIONAL
partners across

 **26**
COUNTRIES
WORLD-WIDE

In 2023 college was awarded :

- Green Gown Sustainability Champion Award
- Fair and Health Workplace Award
- ED&I Award at The Herald Higher Education Awards



Commitment to innovation secures highest EFQM Ranking

A relentless focus on innovation helped City of Glasgow College achieve an outstanding ranking from the European Foundation of Quality Management (EFQM).

As part of its commitment to innovation City of Glasgow College invited EFQM to review its operations. EFQM is an internationally recognised quality standard and recently seven international assessors visited the College to undertake a rigorous audit.

The global assessors took part in over 30 meetings with more than 200 staff from across the College. Following their analysis and deliberation City of Glasgow College were recognised for 'Outstanding Achievement

EFQM 

7 DIAMOND STATUS

for Driving Innovation'. We also achieved the EFQM 7 Diamonds ranking putting the college in the company or organisations such as the BMW Group and BOSCH GmbH. This makes it the best rating for any educational institution in EFQM's 30-year history.



- **Highest ranking for any educational institution in the UK**
- **ISO 56002 Investor in Innovation Accreditation**
- **STEM Assured Institution**
- **Host institution for Scottish Innovation Knowledge Exchange (IKE)**

Delivering for
Glasgow

Guaranteed articulation
PLACES WITH **FOUR**
SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES

TWIN-SITE SUPER CAMPUS

- Scotland's first Super College
 - Links with all Glasgow schools & West of Scotland education authorities
 - Ambassador College for Glasgow City
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**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH
BOLTON UNIVERSITY FOR DEGREE
AND POSTGRAD PROGRESSION**

Delivering on the World Stage

OVER 4,000
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Delivering for
Scotland

£1.6 BILLION

Back into the Scottish economy

**DELIVERED BLUE PRINT FOR
MULTI-COLLEGE MERGERS**

CIPS Centre of Excellence
for **19** consecutive
years

- Only CIPS Centre of Excellence in Scotland offering supply chain courses at SCQF Level 5 to 10
 - National employer partner - BBC, BAE Systems, Thales, CalMac, Three Mobile
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**UKVI Student
Sponsor with
track record
of Compliance**

Global Reach



USA



Canada



Germany



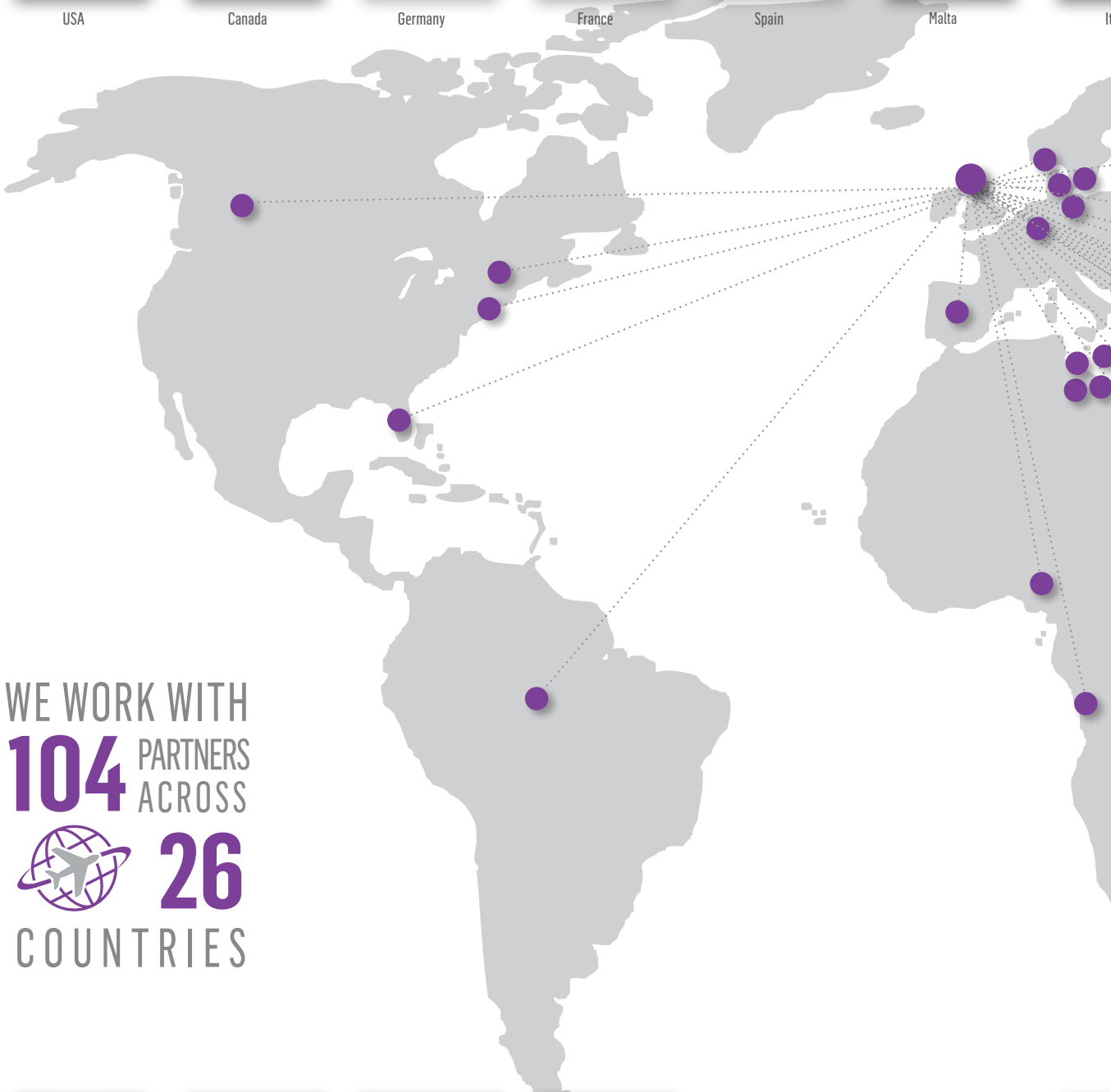
France



Spain



Malta



WE WORK WITH
104 PARTNERS
ACROSS
 **26**
COUNTRIES



Nigeria



India



Pakistan



Sri Lanka



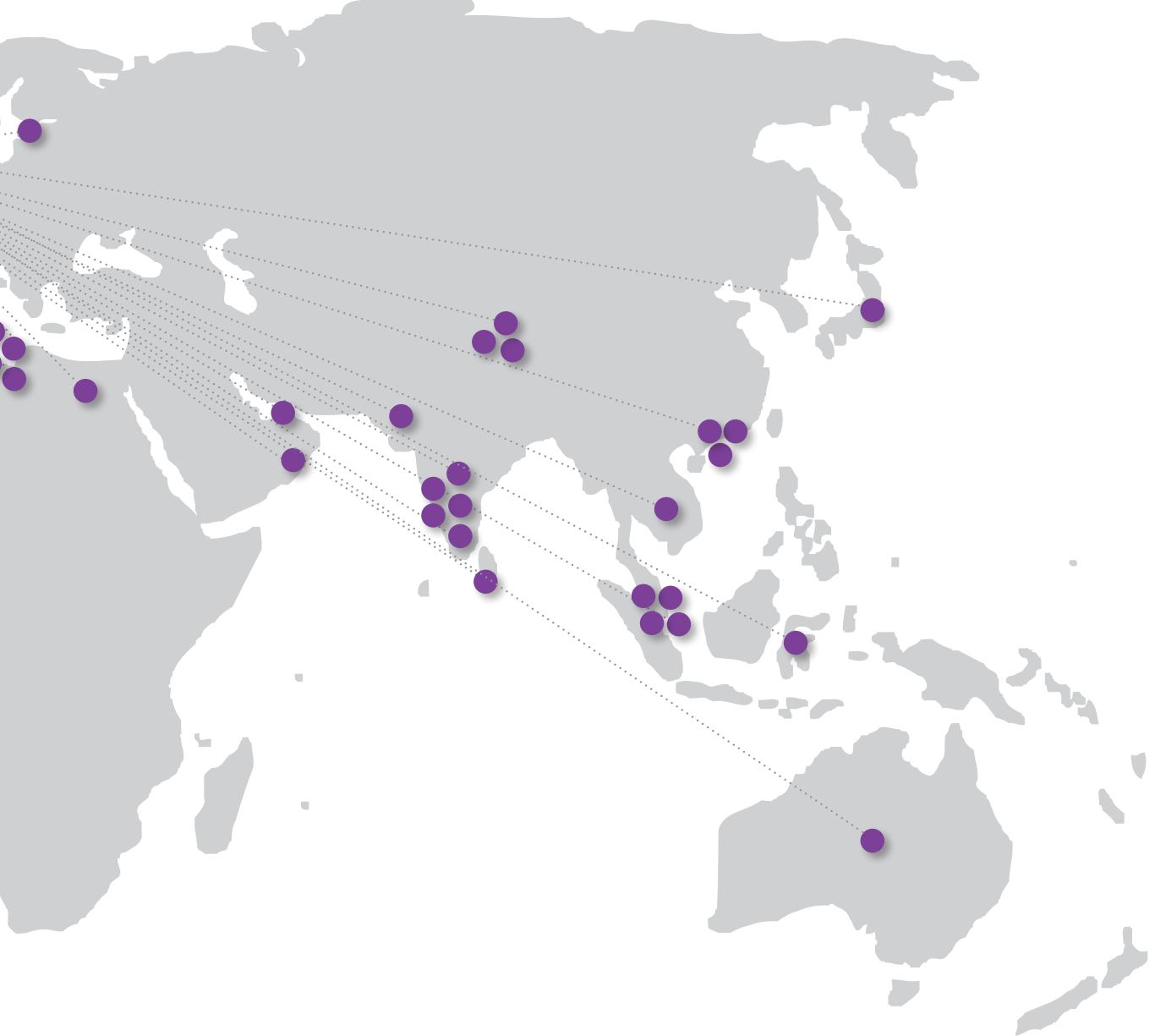
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Queen's Anniversary Award for Life-Saving Research

City of Glasgow College was awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher & Further Education for its life-saving research into oxygen depletion in enclosed spaces on-board ships.

Queen's Anniversary Prizes are awarded every two years to colleges and universities judged to show world-class excellence, innovation, which impacts and benefits the institution itself and society generally in the wider world.

They represent the highest national honour

conferred on the tertiary sector. This prestigious award underlines the world-class research and innovation taking place at our Super College.

This ground-breaking oxygen depletion research is having a global impact by saving hundreds of seafarers' lives across the oceans. This prize-winning work is also testament to the importance we place on symbiotic partnership working together and the vital role our college sector plays within industry.





OUR RESEARCH IS
already reducing
**PREVENTABLE
LOSS OF LIFE**



EVERY YEAR PEOPLE DIE
as a result of **oxygen depletion**
IN ENCLOSED SPACES IN
THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY



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GLOBAL AWARD 2022
OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT



European Union



The Scottish
Government
Riaghaidh na h-Alba

EUROPE & SCOTLAND

European Regional Development Fund
Investing in a Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Future