

# Open University Research

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Below are just a few of our research programmes:

- The Open University are actively engaged in exploring the views and ideas that will shape future public policy initiatives, drive commercial investment and enrich our society
- The Open University leads major international project investigating European citizenship
- The Open University's department of Earth and Environmental Sciences investigates new geological dating
- An International collaborative project is investigating ancient asteroid impacts on earth, to produce a detailed model of the ecosystem recovery following an impact event
- Open University researches lead new geochemical and isotopic analysis of lunar rock samples brought back by US Apollo missions
- The Science Faculty are investigating the role of microbes in weathering volcanic rocks
- The Open University team is helping the Metropolitan Police organise their unique archives and create a freely accessible virtual museum
- The Faculty of Social Sciences Team are helping to develop new E-Fit technology for law enforcement agencies