

## PRESS RELEASE

### UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS – ENGINEERING

**The Engineering Professors' Council** welcomes the latest UCAS application figures<sup>1</sup>, which show that engineering has remained a popular choice despite the forthcoming fee increases. While the overall number of applicants' choices has dropped by 7.0% in comparison with 2011, those for engineering have dropped by a very modest 1.3% - only two other subject groups<sup>2</sup> have fared better.

This is consistent with the steady growth in engineering applications over the last decade as a whole.

We believe this reflects the potential students' increasing concern, at a time of rising fees and high competition for jobs, to study subjects which offer good career prospects.

There is also evidence that the nation will continue to need a strong cadre of engineers over the next few years and if anything there will be a shortage.

#### **Note for editors**

The Engineering Professors' Council represents engineering in higher education throughout the UK and has 1700 members in over 80 universities. It has as its mission the promotion of excellence in engineering Higher Education teaching and research.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ucas.com/about\\_us/media\\_enquiries/media\\_releases/2012/20120130](http://www.ucas.com/about_us/media_enquiries/media_releases/2012/20120130)

<sup>2</sup> Subjects allied to Medicine (+ 2.1%) and Physical Sciences (-0.6%)