



# Case Study

Imperial College  
London

## 'World First' for IMC and Imperial College



*Imperial College has been one of the UK's leading educational establishments since 1907 and prides itself on its use of cutting edge equipment and solutions.*

### Background

IMC's solution to the diversion of caterers' food waste from landfill is founded on an extensive 3 year research programme that was concluded in 2006 by senior academics at London's Imperial College. The solution enables waste producers to recycle their food waste into a high quality compost on site and has already been recognised by numerous awards from both the catering and waste management industries.

Imperial College is renowned globally for the quality of its teaching with over 13,000 full time and 1,000 part time students enrolled at any one time and over 6,000 staff including academic, research and support personnel. Maintaining the highest academic standards also puts pressure on every services and support facility, whether it be catering, human resources, health & safety or facilities management to achieve the utmost level of professionalism and to deliver the very best

available. In a climate of reducing funds, fulfilling this challenge is becoming increasingly challenging.

Following an extensive review in 2007, as a result of which a new Waste and Recycling Strategy was developed, the newly restructured Soft Services team embarked on an ambitious 3 year recycling development plan to raise Imperial College's approach to dealing with waste to a level that would represent the benchmark for the sector.