



University of Warsaw

The University of Warsaw is both the largest university and best research centre in Poland. In 2016, UW celebrated the 200th anniversary of its foundation. It was an opportunity for UW to remind everyone about the rich history and distinguished heritage of the university, from which 5 Nobel Prize winners have graduated, and to set future goals for itself.

Community

7 200 employees work at the university. More than 44 400 undergraduate and graduate students, 3 200 doctoral students and 3 400 postgraduate students are educated here. The total number of students and doctoral students includes 4 400 international students, half of whom study on long-term programmes. The other group comprises participants on academic exchange programmes, the majority on the Erasmus+ programme. Most of our international students come from Ukraine, Belarus, Spain, Germany, Italy, France, China and Turkey. Study programmes are offered not only at our 21 faculties, but also at interdisciplinary units, and academic and research centres.

Education

The University of Warsaw provides a wide range of programmes in the humanities and social, exact and natural sciences, including 25 English-language and 3 MBA programmes. In cooperation with international universities, UW runs 24 programmes of first and second-cycle studies which enable students to obtain a double degree. Within the Polish language programmes, students can choose courses from 2 000 foreign-language courses. The University of Warsaw system of language provision has been distinguished by the European Commission and awarded the European Language Label. Also, the Open University, which makes courses available to all, is based at the University of Warsaw.

The highest quality of teaching is reflected in the career paths of graduates monitored by UW. Over 90% of respondents have found employment within a year of obtaining a degree. According to international rankings, the university is among the 3% top universities in the world. Authors of the international rankings by subject, such as the QS World University Rankings, the Eduniversal Best Masters and MBA Ranking, and the US News and World Report, select the best 200 programmes from the multitude of programmes available all over the world. More than 20 programmes provided by the University of Warsaw are listed there.

According to QS Best Student Cities 2017 Warsaw took 52nd place among the best cities in the world. It receives a very high score in the affordability category – within the top five of the entire index – thanks to its combination of low living costs and reasonable tuition fees.

Research

Currently, the university is focusing on the development of interdisciplinary global-range research projects concerning important issues for society. Almost one third of the university budget, equal to 330 million euro, is devoted to research. In the present financial framework, UW scholars have won ca. 50 grants from the Horizon 2020 programme, COSME programme and SESAR Joint Undertaking. Scholars from the University of Warsaw have received 14 of the 28 grants given to Polish institutions from the most prestigious European competitions of the European Research Council (ERC).

The research potential of the university is reflected in the results of the 2016 Nature Index of Rising Stars. The University of Warsaw was ranked 3rd among the institutions of South East Europe. Globally it occupied 96th place.

Since 2016, UW has used the 'HR Excellence in Research' logo, which is granted by the European Commission. It confirms that the university fulfils the requirements of the European Charter for Researchers.

Cooperation

The University works together with 800 international partners, 400 of which represent 73 countries which have signed a bilateral cooperation agreement with UW. In 2017 the UW and the University of Cambridge have signed an agreement regarding the Cambridge Polish Studies. The programme will provide opportunities for research collaboration, as well as teaching in Polish language, literature and culture.

The university is an active member of international associations engaged in the integration and development of higher education. It also belongs to 100 global research networks, as well as many consortiums set up to carry out research projects.

Development

Over the last decade, thanks to EU funding, scientists in exact and natural sciences have received well-equipped laboratories which enable them to carry out research at the highest level.

2016 saw the beginning of the realisation of a multiannual development plan (2016-2025) financed by the Polish government. The subsidy adds up to ca. 230 million euro. With this funding, it will be possible to develop research concerning humanities and social science, and conduct ambitious research projects which will, for example, use digital tools in those fields.

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