

University of Warsaw

The University of Warsaw is both the largest university and the best research centre in Poland. In its 200-year history, UW has provided education to many scientists, artists and politicians. Among its graduates the university has 5 Nobel Prize winners.

Community

7 300 employees work at the university. 45 500 undergraduate and graduate students, 3 000 doctoral students and 3 000 postgraduate students are educated here. The total number of students and doctoral students includes 4 800 international students. Teaching and research are offered not only at 21 faculties, but also at interdisciplinary units, and academic and research centres.

Education

The range of studies includes programmes in the humanities and social, exact and natural sciences, including individual interdisciplinary studies, 26 English-language programmes and 29 programmes of study run jointly with universities from abroad.

According to international university rankings, UW is among the top 3% of universities in the world. Every year, around 20 programmes offered by the University of Warsaw are listed in the international rankings by subject, such as the QS World University Rankings, the Eduniversal Best Masters and the MBA Ranking.

The university was the first Polish university to begin monitoring the careers of its graduates. The results of this monitoring indicate that over 90% of respondents find employment within a year of obtaining a degree.

Research

Currently, the university is focusing on the development of interdisciplinary global-range research projects concerning important social issues. Almost one third of the university budget, equal to 320 million euro, is devoted to research. Domestic and European grants are the main sources of academic research funding. UW employees have won 14 of the 28 grants awarded to Polish institutions from the most prestigious European competitions of the European Research Council (ERC). Within the current EU financial framework (2014-2020), UW scholars have won more than 50 grants from the Horizon 2020 programme.

Since 2016, the University of Warsaw has the right to use the title 'HR Excellence in Research' awarded by the European Commission. The award 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 are from 73 countries which have signed a bilateral cooperation agreement with UW. 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.

In 2018, UW, the Sorbonne University and the University of Heidelberg and Charles University in Prague signed a declaration on the formation of 4EU, a European University Alliance. The universities want to enhance cooperation in research, teaching and initiatives related to the social responsibilities of science.

Development

The strategic objectives of the university include enhancing international recognition and building

a good position among the top European research universities. The multiannual development plan, which will continue until 2025, makes the most of the potential of the university. It aims to foster research in the humanities and social sciences, tighten up collaboration between faculties and simplify cooperation within the social and economic environment, as well as promote international academic exchange. Thanks to this programme, new buildings will be constructed and others will be refurbished.

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