

University of Warsaw

The University of Warsaw is the largest university in Poland and a leading research centre in the country. The UW community comprises 7 300 employees, 45 500 undergraduate and graduate students, 3 000 doctoral students and 3 000 postgraduate students. 4 800 international students are among the overall number of students and doctoral students.

Besides its 21 faculties, UW also has 30 academic and research centres. UW provides a wide range of studies in humanities, and social, exact and natural sciences, as well as individual interdisciplinary studies, 26 English-language programmes and 29 programmes of study run jointly with universities from abroad.

The University of Warsaw 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.

Almost one third of the university budget, equal to 320 million euro, is devoted to research. Domestic and European grants are among the sources of academic research funding. UW employees have won 14 of the 32 grants awarded to Polish institutions from the most prestigious European competitions of the European Research Council (ERC).

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.

The university works together with 800 international partners, 400 of which are from 73 countries which have signed a bilateral cooperation agreement with UW. In 2018, UW, the Sorbonne University, 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.

The strategic objectives of the university include enhancing international recognition and building a good position among top European research universities. The multiannual development plan, which will continue until 2025, aims to maximise the potential of the university. It aims to foster research in the humanities and social sciences, tighten up collaboration within the environment and promote international academic exchange.

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