Facts and Figures
The University of Groningen is situated in a vibrant city surrounded by the picturesque countryside of the province of Groningen. With a population of 200,000, Groningen is the largest city in the northern Netherlands. The presence of 30,000 students from the University and 25,000 students from other educational institutions also make it a strikingly young city, with much to offer in terms of arts, culture and sport. The many foreign students and researchers give it a cosmopolitan feel and make it international in outlook. The University has a branch campus in Leeuwarden (Friesland).
University of Groningen

- 11 faculties
- Founded in 1614
- Budget 800 million EUR
Strategic partners

Sweden > Uppsala University
Belgium > Ghent University
Germany > University of Göttingen
Indonesia > Gadjah Mada University, University of Indonesia, Bandung Institute of Technology
China > Peking University, Tsinghua University, Fudan University, China Agricultural University
Japan > Osaka University
USA > University of California Los Angeles, University of Pennsylvania
Mexico > National Autonomous University of Mexico
Brazil > University of São Paulo

International networks

> Coimbra Group
> EUA
> Asea Uninet
> APAIE
> The Guild
Nourishing talent  The universities, schools and other educational institutions in Groningen make it a significant knowledge hub, a City of Talent. Talent development is a key theme at the University: outstanding students can follow an Honours programme or enter our University College; nine Graduate Schools give our Research Master’s students and PhD candidates plenty of opportunity to develop professionally; we have a tenure track system for talented researchers and the Rosalind Franklin Fellowship Programme for top female researchers. Our Dean of Talent Development scouts and supports talented researchers in their careers. Student entrepreneurship is encouraged and entrepreneurial skills are a standard feature of our Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes.
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Recent awards for our researchers

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Lodi Nauta
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Research at the University of Groningen is internationally renowned. Our Zernike Institute of Advanced Materials is one of the top two research schools in the Netherlands and we participate in the other one, the Netherlands Research School for Astronomy. Our investment in international interdisciplinary research has resulted in highly esteemed research institutes and groups such as the European Research Institute for the Biology of Ageing, the Centre for Synthetic Biology and the Willem Barentsz Polar Institute. Ben Feringa, winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2016, works at the Stratingh Institute for Chemistry.
Academic staff

3,000 FTE
400 professors
100 of whom are women
2,000 PhD candidates
6,000 research publications
500 PhD theses

Contract research

160 million EUR

Rosalind Franklin Fellows

21 appointed in 2016

Grants

4 ERC Starting Grants
1 ERC Consolidator Grant
2 ERC Advanced Grants
9 Veni Grants
9 Vidi Grants
2 Vici Grants
Education

The University of Groningen is an international university with 30,000 students, about 15% of whom come from abroad. Quality has been our top priority for over four hundred years, and with great results: the University is currently in the top 100 of several influential ranking lists. Building on our long tradition of high-quality education and pioneering innovations, we have revolutionized our teaching in recent years. We have successfully piloted, and are now implementing, state-of-the-art educational concepts such as research-driven education, learning communities, the international classroom and e-learning. This has already significantly improved our results and has led to increased student satisfaction.
30,000 students
6,000 international students
167 Master's degree programmes and specializations
126 Master's taught in English
48 Bachelor's degree programmes
29 Bachelor's taught in English
6 Erasmus programmes
22 patent applications in 2016
In 1614 the representatives of the city of Groningen and the surrounding area saw a long-held dream come true: the foundation of a university. Strong ties arose between the University and the community and these endure today to the benefit of both. Research at the University of Groningen concentrates on three areas that are of great societal relevance: Energy, Healthy Ageing and Sustainable Society. The University collaborates with government, industry and society to share knowledge and generate new investment in research. The Dean of Industry Relations and the Dean of Entrepreneurship play an important role in this.
Read more about the University of Groningen

› Annual report
  www.rug.nl/annual-report
› Strategic Plan 2015–2020
  www.rug.nl/strategic-plan

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