Facts and Figures
The University of Groningen is situated in a vibrant city surrounded by the picturesque countryside of the province of Groningen. With over 200,000 inhabitants Groningen is the largest city in the northern Netherlands. A city with which the University feels closely connected. The presence of 30,000 students from the University and 30,000 students from other educational institutions make this 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 an international 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

International networks

> U4
> The Guild
> Coimbra Group
Nourishing talent

The universities, schools and other educational institutions in Groningen together make it an important 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. And we have a tenure track system for talented researchers and the Rosalind Franklin Fellowship Programme for top female researchers. 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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Research. The University of Groningen is in the European top tier in terms of research. Our researchers collaborate with colleagues all over the world on major fundamental and societal issues. They conduct interdisciplinary research at various renowned centres of expertise. One example is the Stratingh Institute for Chemistry, where Nobel Laureate Ben Feringa works. Students are actively involved in the research themes at their faculties and help to resolve scientific issues.
Academic staff

3,500 FTE
300 full professors
2,200 PhD candidates
6,000 research publications in 2017
500 PhD theses in 2017
19 patent applications in 2017

Contract research and teaching

165 million EUR

Rosalind Franklin Fellows

10 appointed in 2017

Grants awarded in 2017

5 ERC Starting Grants
3 ERC Consolidator Grant
2 ERC Advanced Grants
16 Veni Grants
6 Vidi Grants
4 Vici Grants
Teaching

The University of Groningen is an international university with 30,000 students, about 20% 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, implementing educational concepts such as research-driven education, learning communities, the international classroom and e-learning. We are committed to creating an academic community every student and staff member feels part of.
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Societal impact  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 developed 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.
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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