Lund University

2022 | EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND COLLABORATION SINCE 1666
A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY

To understand, explain and improve

Lund University was founded in 1666 and, ever since, has been a centre of culture and learning. One of our strengths is our unique disciplinary range and our ability to generate boundary-crossing collaboration. Student influence, internationalisation and close cooperation with wider society are other characteristics of Lund University.

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH
Our nine faculties conduct strong research in a wide range of areas. Many scientific breakthroughs and pioneering innovations have originated from Lund University.

AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Our strong reputation helps to attract students and researchers from all over the world. More international students apply to Lund than to any other university in Sweden. We collaborate with some 650 universities in approximately 70 countries and we are the only Swedish university to be a member of the international research networks League of European Research Universities (LERU) and Universitas 21 (U21).

A WIDE RANGE OF STUDY PROGRAMMES
Our study programmes are closely intertwined with current research and we have one of the widest ranges of study programmes in Sweden, including several unique interdisciplinary programmes for both Swedish and international students.

WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH FACILITIES
Two of the world’s foremost research facilities for materials research and life sciences are established in Lund – the synchrotron radiation facility MAX IV and the European Spallation Source (ESS), the world’s most powerful neutron source, which will be fully operational by the end of 2027.

OPEN ACTIVITIES
The University offers many open activities, not least the public events at Skissernas Museum – Museum of Artistic Process and Public Art, the Botanical Garden and the Historical Museum.
LUND UNIVERSITY IN BRIEF

FOUNDED: 1666

MOTTO: Ad utrumque (paratus), prepared for both

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 46,000

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 8,400

ANNUAL TURNOVER: EUR 912 million

RANKING (2020/21):
QS World University Rankings: 87
Times Higher Education: 116
Shanghai ranking: 151–200

FACULTIES:
• School of Economics and Management
• Faculty of Engineering, LTH
• Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts
• Faculties of Humanities and Theology
• Faculty of Law
• Faculty of Medicine
• Faculty of Science
• Faculty of Social Sciences

The University also comprises MAX IV, the International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics IIIEE, The Pufendorf Institute for Advanced Studies and several other interdisciplinary centres and facilities open to the general public, such as Skissernas Museum – Museum of Artistic Process and Public Art. The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is also closely associated with the University.

LOCATIONS: Lund, Malmö, Helsingborg and Ljungbyhed
A meeting-place for international students

Lund University has Scandinavia’s largest range of education taught in English, and one of Sweden’s broadest ranges of study programmes in engineering, science, law, social science, economics and management, medicine, humanities, theology and the fine and performing arts. We offer degree programmes and freestanding courses at Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD levels.

We educate the knowledge generators, problem solvers and leaders of tomorrow. Our students are taught how to think freely, creatively and critically, and to develop their ability to collaborate in order to tackle demanding problems. We give our students the tools to explore and understand themselves and the world around them. Our alumni include Nobel Prize winners, ministers, ambassadors, business leaders and personalities from the world of culture.

Our study programmes are closely intertwined with current research, which is an important quality factor. The majority of our lecturers are also researchers and we place great importance on ensuring that they are skilled educators. We are also keen to provide our students with opportunities to have their say in their education. Student representatives sit on all decision-making bodies of the University. We place strong emphasis on the employability of our students and deliver our programmes and courses in close collaboration with wider society.

Lund University is consistently the most popular choice for international students coming to study in Sweden. With students from more than 130 countries, the University is a meeting place which offers opportunities for international engagement, cultural exchange and life-long global networking. Many students also study part of their degree programme abroad, with a choice of exchange studies in approximately 70 countries all over the world.

Lund University offers a rich student life and is known for its variety of student organisations which offer great opportunities to get involved in extracurricular social activities.
Lund University has a long-standing reputation for transformative, world-class research. The University leverages multidisciplinary research in climate and environmental science, demographics, diseases such as cancer and diabetes, and IT and mobile communications to tackle challenges that face mankind on a global scale.

Utilising our breadth and strengths in many key areas to solve problems in new ways, Lund has continual success in winning grants for large and interdisciplinary research areas, but the real value in these strategic research areas lies in mobilising world-class research to impact society. For example, our research impacts policy decisions, deepens understanding of underlying conditions for disease, develops future communications technologies, and builds on long-term research linking biobanks and databases to new understanding of how environmental factors, diet or migration affect long-term issues in public health.

With an annual research budget of around EUR 600 million across its nine faculties, Lund University offers one of the broadest research palettes in Scandinavia. Lund University stands out in the European research arena, receiving more EU funding than any other Swedish university, most notably in individual excellence grants. We are one of the most active Swedish participants in the EU framework programmes for technical and economic development. The University is a member of the EU’s largest collaboration on climate and innovation, Climate-KIC, collaborating with European universities and companies to find solutions to climate change. We are also a member of a consortium that is applying to establish a KIC within cultural and creative sectors and industries.

Lund University hosts the large-scale research facility MAX IV, which will be able to receive around 2 000 researchers per year once it is complete. Lund is also home to the European Spallation Source (ESS), which will be fully operational by the end of 2027. These facilities together with the new Lund University campus in Science Village will constitute a highly visible, world-leading center for research in materials and life sciences, cultural heritage and environmental science. The development of this science complex will create an international hub for research, education and innovation in which Lund University plays a central role.
EXAMPLES OF STRONG RESEARCH ENVIRONMENTS

- Ageing and supportive environments
- Biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Cancer research
- Climate modelling
- Diabetes research
- Epidemiology
- E-science
- Humanities Lab
- Information technology and mobile communications
- The International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics
- Laser physics and spectroscopy
- MAX IV
- The Middle East in a Contemporary World
- Nanotechnology
- Neuroscience
- Stem cell therapy
- Sustainability science
- Sustainable production
COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION

A driving force in society

Lund University’s wide subject range and ability to collaborate across disciplinary boundaries gives us unique opportunities to create new solutions that improve people’s lives all over the world. As such, we have developed strong collaborations with public and private sectors as well as society at large. In this way, we tackle current problems and challenges, and make sure that the knowledge and research findings generated are put to good use.

For us, collaboration can refer to the utilisation of new knowledge in areas such as healthcare and education, administration and cultural activities, as well as to innovations in the form of new successful products, services or processes.

Our project managers encourage and facilitate collaboration between the University’s researchers and external partners. Our innovation unit supports students and researchers whose ideas and research findings are potential innovations. One of the most famous innovations from Lund is ultrasound diagnostics, a method routinely used nowadays to examine patients in hospitals all over the world. Further examples of innovations include the artificial kidney, which formed the basis for a multinational company, Gambro (now Baxter), and makes life easier for dialysis patients all over the world, and Bluetooth technology, developed together with Ericsson Mobile and used in millions of products every day.

Lund University’s capacity for innovation is evident, not least through Ideon Science Park – the first of its kind in Sweden. A significant proportion of the more than 1,200 companies that have been active there since 1983 originated in research at Lund University.

We also collaborate by tailoring professional development programmes for companies, public authorities and organisations, and by offering courses and study programmes aimed at promoting lifelong learning in various areas.

In order to raise young people’s interest in research and higher education, we cooperate with schools and arrange science shows and theme days. At the Vattenhallen Science Centre, the whole family can conduct experiments.

EXAMPLES OF INNOVATIONS FROM LUND

1946  The artificial kidney (Gambro)
1953  Diagnostic ultrasound
1967  Nicorette – nicotine gum to quit smoking
1971  Modern ventilator (ServoVentilator)
1984  Axis – printer and camera servers
1990  Oatly – oat drink
1991  Proviva – probiotic fruit drink
1993  Qlik – software for data visualisation
1995  Bluetooth
1997  Precise Biometrics – fingerprint reader
2005  Hövding – “invisible” bicycle helmet with airbag function
2010  SenzaGen – allergy testing without experiments on animals
2012  Orbital Systems – the world’s most water-efficient shower
2012  Speximo – skin care using quinoa
2013  Endodrill – instrument for cancer diagnostics
2015  Elonroad – charging infrastructure for all electric vehicles
2018  Aimovig – preventive treatment of migraine
THINGS TO SEE AND DO
AT LUND UNIVERSITY

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2. Lund University’s Historical Museum is Sweden’s second largest archaeological museum.

3. Lund University’s Botanical Garden contains 7,000 plant species and attracts more than half a million visitors per year.

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SWEDEN IN BRIEF

• Located in Scandinavia in Northern Europe
• Population: 10 million
• Home of the Nobel Prize
• Ranked among the world’s most innovative, creative and democratic countries
• One of the world’s highest levels of proficiency in English as a second language
• Ranked as one of the best countries to live in
• An open multicultural society with one of the highest levels of gender equality
• Well known for its eco-friendly culture
LUND AND GREATER COPENHAGEN

A dynamic science region

The University has been making its mark on Lund for 350 years and the University campus occupies large areas of the city. Lund has a compact and charming city centre where everything is within cycling distance. Students and researchers, coming from more than 130 countries, create a truly international and vibrant atmosphere.

Lund is a city of contrasts in which a thousand years of history meet the very latest in modern science. The city centre is small and picturesque, with historical features such as the cathedral and the winding cobble-stoned streets. At the same time, new neighbourhoods are expanding in connection with Ideon Science Park and the MAX IV and ESS research facilities. Medicon Village is a life science village for research, innovation and business. There are more than 2 600 people working here to improve the conditions for future patients. Lund University is one of the largest member organisations.

Lund University is located in the Southern part of Sweden, and has activities in Lund, Malmö, Helsingborg and Ljungbyhed. More than 85 per cent of the University’s education and research are conducted in Lund. Activities at Campus Helsingborg mainly involve social sciences, humanities and technology. In Malmö, we have the Academy of Music, the Art Academy and the Theatre Academy, as well as parts of the Faculty of Medicine. Ljungbyhed is the site of the Lund University School of Aviation.

The area is also called the Greater Copenhagen region, where everything is within reach – from Lund, it takes about 10 minutes by train to get to Malmö, 28 minutes to Helsingborg and 45 minutes to Copenhagen and its international airport. Every day, some 18 000 people commute over the Öresund bridge between Sweden and Denmark.

The Greater Copenhagen region consists of Skåne and eastern Denmark, with a population over 4 million. Around 10 500 researchers, 140 000 students, 7 science parks and 13 higher education institutions make this one of Scandinavia’s most knowledge-intensive areas. Here, local startups work side by side with well-known international corporations.

In the region, there are also good opportunities for rewarding leisure time with vibrant city life and beautiful nature just beyond city limits.
350 years of Lund University

When Lund University was founded in 1666, Sweden was a great power that had conquered the province of Skåne from Denmark eight years previously. Immediately after the Swedish victory, the Bishop of Lund, Peder Winstrup, proposed that Lund should acquire an academy, since the youth of Skåne could no longer study in Copenhagen. The decision was delayed, but in the end pastor Bernhard Oelreich succeeded in convincing the regency government of Karl XI, under dowager queen Hedvig Eleonora, to found the University.

During the Middle Ages, Lund had already been a centre of religious learning with an early form of higher education institution and an upper secondary school which is still operational.

Initially, the young academy had four faculties with 14 professors and 80 students – but no premises. Until 1688, when the University took over the King’s House, most of the teaching took place in the Cathedral. The first set of lecturers had a clear international profile, with Saxon legal scholar Samuel Pufendorf the best known among them. In 1676, however, the University was forced to close because of a Danish invasion, only reopening in 1682, with mainly Swedish lecturers at this point.

The University’s finances were strained for a long time, yet the academy grew during the 1700s and a park was laid out in Lundagård, along with a botanical garden on what is now the University square. During the early 1800s, the University experienced a period of brilliance marked by the polymath geniuses Esaias Tegnér and Carl Adolph Agardh. It was also in the 1800s that the University started conducting research in the modern sense, and new premises were built, including the main University building in 1882. In 1880, the first female student was enrolled but it was not until the 1960s that the first female professor was appointed.

During the 1900s, the University continued to expand in Lund, Malmö and Helsingborg. The number of students and staff grew steadily. The faculties also became more numerous – there are currently nine. Over the past century, a series of pioneering research findings and innovations have put Lund University on the map, as have the generations of students who, after completing their studies, have gone out and contributed to society, in Sweden and worldwide.
Lund University in figures (2021)

**Education**

**STUDENTS**
- Individuals, total over year: 46,000
- Individuals, per semester: 35,000
- Full-time equivalents: 29,000

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
- Total: 27%
- At Master’s level: 44%
- Exchange students, outgoing: 700
- Exchange students, incoming: 1,000
- Other international students: 9,970

**STUDY PROGRAMMES AND COURSES**
- Freestanding courses: 1,444
- Study programmes total: 275
  - leading to an undergraduate degree: 88
  - leading to a Master’s degree: 187
  - of which professional qualifications: 32

**DEGREES AWARDED**
- General
  - Bachelor’s: 2,870
  - Master’s: 2,600
- Professional
  - Bachelor’s: 750
  - Master’s: 1,800
  - PhD: 400

**Research**

**RESEARCH STUDENTS**
- Individuals: 2,800
  - of whom new students: 450

**INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STUDENTS**
- Total: 46%

**NO. OF PUBLICATIONS (2020)**
- Total: 5,770

**LARGEST FUNDING BODIES**

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**Staff**

**EMPLOYEES**
- Individuals, of whom: 8,400
  - professors: 840
  - other academic staff, researchers and employed research students: 4,780
  - technical and administrative staff: 2,890

**INTERNATIONAL STAFF**
- Researchers: 54%
- Academic staff: 35%

**Finances**

**REVENUE**
- Total SEK 9,4 billion/EUR 912 million, of which:
  - direct government funding: 55%
  - external funding: 45%

**EXPENDITURE**
- Total SEK 9,3 billion/EUR 902 million, of which:
  - staff: 69%
  - premises: 12%
  - other: 19%

**Ranking**

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Former students, researchers and staff members are welcome to join the Lund University Alumni Network. As a member in this global network, you can expand your social and professional networks while also enhancing and supporting the University. Take part in events, enjoy special offers and receive the latest news from the University.

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