

Introductution to the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering





# Our university





# Location



Leuven in Europe





### Leuven









- » 100 764 inhabitants (in 2017)
- » Area of 5,751.25 ha
- » A stone's throw away from Brussels









# History



# History

1425

Foundation by Papal Bull

1816

Refoundation as a state university under Dutch rule

1911

First lectures in Dutch

1970

Division of the university into KU Leuven and U.C.Louvain 1797

Abolition by the French authorities

1834

Restoration as a Catholic university

1965

Foundation of Kulak

2013

KU Leuven expands to include academic degree programmes hosted at university colleges within KU Leuven Association







### Enrolment statistics

# Total number of students: 58 617 Bachelor 44.1% Initial Master 31.1% Advanced Master 4.6% Doctoral Programme 9.8% Academic Teacher Training 0.8%

9,6%

#### Largest student populations:

**Business & Economics** 

Medicine

Other

Engineering Technology

Law

Arts

14% first-time students 49% female students

Figures: June 2017









### International students

### **OVER 150 NATIONALITIES**

#### 8 932 international students

#### 16% international students

#### Top 5: EU

Netherlands	1 962
Italy	537
Spain	461
Germany	399
Greece	233

#### Top 5: non-EU

China	824
India	434
United States	287
Turkey	191
Vietnam	177

Figures: January 2017







Big challenges for global society































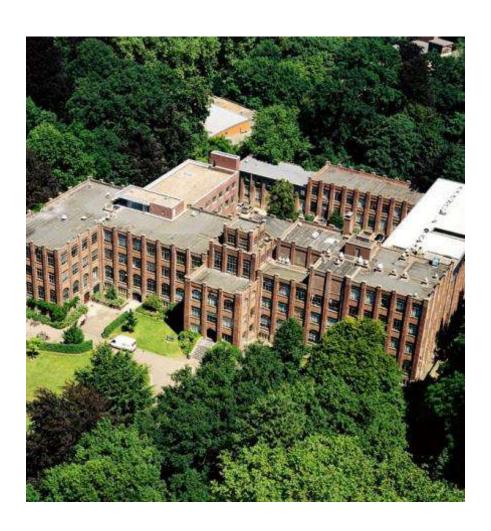












#### 2.249 students

>> Bachelors: 812

>> Masters: 917

>> Doctoral students: 520

>> International students: 667

Figures of 12/12/2017





#### 2.249 students

>> Professors: 67

>> Researchers: 448

>> Admin. & technical staff: 148

>> 3.5 students / staff member



### Campus Leuven-Heverlee





#### Supporting Facilities





Greenhouse Facility

>>> moderate as well as (sub)tropical environments
Centre of Fruit Culture
Experimental Farm for Animal Breeding

1300 pigs 3000 chickens 500 sheep ± 90 hectares









Educational Programmes

Bachelor of Science Dutch - 3 years





Master of Science English/Dutch - 2 years

PhD - Arenberg Doctoral School





### Bachelor Programme

- >> Only taught in Dutch
- >> Seven specialisations
- >> One degree
- >> Gives direct access to the MSc programmes

stage

Third











First stage
Second stage

Agricultural Sciences
Land Management
Biosystems Engineering
Environmental Technology
Catalytic Science and Technology
Food Science and Nutrition
Biomolecular Engineering

>> BSc degree



#### Master Programmes taught in Dutch

Landbouwkunde Agricultural Sciences

Katalytische technologie Catalytic Technology

Land Management Land Management

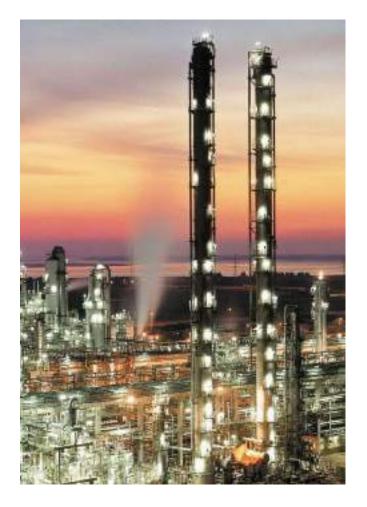
Levensmiddelenwetenschappen en voeding

Food Science and Nutrition

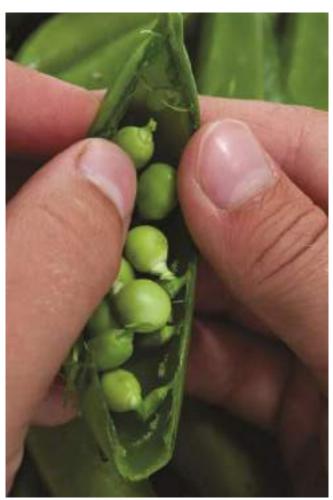
Biosysteemtechniek Biosystems Engineering

Cel- en gentechnologie Biomolecular Engineering

Milieutechnologie Environmental Technology







Master Programmes taught in English

MSc in Bioinformatics

MSc in Bioscience Engineering: Agro and Ecosystems Engineering

MSc in Bioscience Engineering: Human Health Engineering

MSc in Food Technology

MSc in Molecular Biology

MSc in Statistics

MSc in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

MSc in Water Resources Engineering



#### Minor Programmes

Leadership in a Globalizing Context
Industrial Microbiology
Food and Health
Applications for Human Health Engineering
Tropical Natural Resources Management
Internship





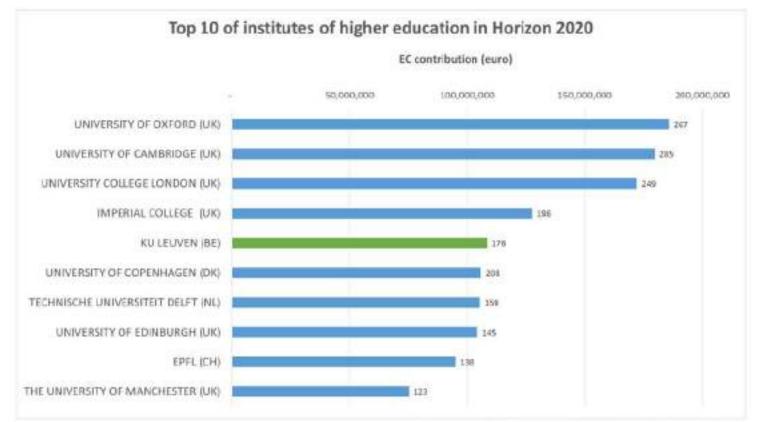


# Research



### Research excellence

### KU Leuven: a leading European research university



Total EC Contribution: €108 million Number of projects: 176 Source: signed grants, eCORDA H2020 database, February 28, 2017.



### Research: input

Research funding expenses 2016: € 466,6 million

Internal funds	19.0%
Special Research Fund (BOF)	17.0%
Industrial Research Fund (IOF)	2.0%

leverage to	
basic research	
applied research	
(Gabarett	

External funds	81.0%
Flemish Science Fund (FWO)	20.1%
Other government funds	14.5%
International/EU	8.1%
Flemish Science & Innovation Fund (IWT)	6.7%
Industrial contracts	26.9%
Flemish Institute for Biotechnology (VIB)	4.8%



#### Research based Education

- » Department of Biosystems (BIOSYS)
- >>> Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- » Department of Microbial and Molecular Systems (M2S)



Division of Mechatronics, Biostatistics and Sensors Division of Crop Biotechnics

Division of Animal and Human Health Engineering

Research based Education

» Department of Biosystems (BIOSYS)





Division Soil and Water Management

Division Forest, Nature and Landscape

Division of Bioeconomics

**Division of Geology** 

Division of Geography and Tourism

#### Research based Education

Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences





Centre for Surface Chemistry and Catalysis
Centre for Food and Microbial Technology
Centre of Microbial and Plant Genetics

#### Research based Education

Department of Microbial and Molecular Systems (M2S)







# Networks

















european network of international relations officers





### WAGENINGEN UR













For quality of life

Norwegian University of Science and Technology



















Tech transfer:

LRD



### KU Leuven Research & Development



Established in 1972

One of the first university technology transfer offices in Europe

LRD advances the impact of research results on people's lives around the globe by means of:

Contract research

Managing intellectual property rights

Founding spin-off companies

Promoting entrepreneurship and innovation

Supporting regional development



#### LRD in figures

2016: 2 005 new contracts concluded

2016: € 122 million revenue from intellectual property

2005-2016: € 874 million external capital investment in spin-off portfolio



## Spin-off companies



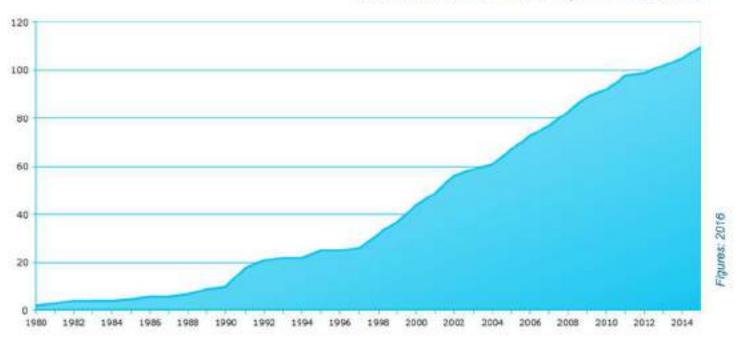
#### As of late 2016

116 spin-off companies

4 100 direct jobs

7 IPO's (Initial Public Offering)

Cummulative number of spin-offs created



### Europe's most innovative university

KU Leuven is named Europe's most innovative university by Reuters. In this study, Reuters aims to identify which institutions contribute the most to science and technology, and have the greatest impact on the global economy.

#### Reuters top 100: Europe's Most Innovative Universities

- 1. KU Leuven
- Imperial College London
- University of Cambridge
- École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- 5. Technical University of Munich
- University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
- 7. Delft University of Technology
- 8. University of Oxford
- 9. University of Munich
- 10. University of Zurich

#### Reuters' study is based on:

- Number of publications
- Patent application (number of applications, patents granted, ...)
- Number of citations of patents and publications (in other patents and publications)
- Number of industrial cooperations
- ...





Strategic research institutes

### IMEC



#### A world leader in research and innovation in nano-electronics and digital technologies

- Combination of microchip technology, profound software and ICT expertise
- Groundbreaking innovation in application domains such as healthcare, smart cities and mobility, logistics and manufacturing, and energy
- Local and global partners across a multitude of industries: companies, start-ups and universities

#### Revenue: € 467 million (2015)

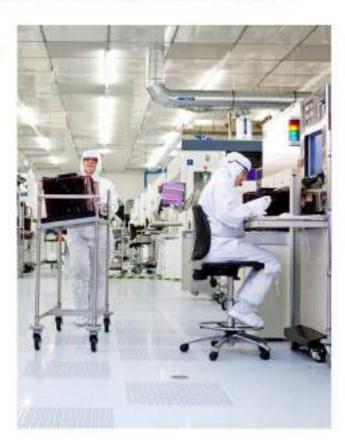
imec € 415 million

iMinds € 52 million

#### Staff

Close to 3 500 top scientists from over 70 nationalities

Offices in Belgium, the Netherlands, China, Taiwan, India, USA, Japan





### Flemish Institute for Biotechnology



#### Basic research in life sciences

In partnership with 5 universities

#### Strong focus on translating scientific results

- » Active licensing policy
- » Emphasis on creating new companies

#### 1,470 scientists in 75 research groups

#### VIB-KU Leuven: 592 scientists in 3 research centres

- » Center for Cancer Biology (11 groups)
- » Center for Brain & Disease Research (11 groups)
- » Center for Microbiology (4 groups)

#### NERF (VIB/KU Leuven/IMEC)



Prof. De Strooper



## Energyville



#### Knowledge centre devoted to researching green energy

#### To achieve the goal of making the EU CO2-free by 2050 Energyville is:

- » Leveraging the combined forces of research, development and business;
- » Positioning itself as a leading European knowledge centre (recently granted EIT funding from the EU);
- » Helping Flemish industry become a leading European and global force in green energy;
- » With an emphasis on renewable/sustainable energy sources;
- » Making Flanders a green region by 2020.





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