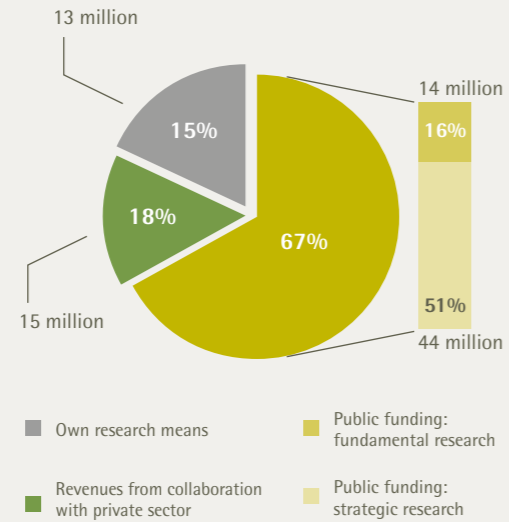


Our top scientists make the difference

- 1st University in Belgium to establish a research council
- 2 Fields medals
- 150 research groups
- € 86 million of research resources (based upon performance and merit)
- 2,200 publications (2013)
- 33 reported inventions (2013)
- 112 active patent families
- 20 spin-offs
- 76 cooperation contracts in 38 countries (2013)

VUB Research Budget: € 86 million (2013)



Rankings

- QS World University Rankings 2014: 181
- THE World University Rankings 2013-2014: between 251- 275
- ARWU Academic Ranking of World Universities 2014: 313

U-Multirank 2014

Research			Knowledge Transfer		International Orientation	Regional Engagement
Citation Rate	Research publications (size-normalised)	Top cited publications	Co-publications with industrial partners	Patents awarded (size-normalised)	International joint publications	Regional joint publications
B	A	B	A	A	A	A

A (Very good) - B (Good) - C (Average) - D (Below average) - E (Weak)

Vrije Universiteit Brussel



Thinking must never submit itself, neither to a dogma, nor to a party, nor to a passion, nor to an interest, nor to a preconceived idea, nor to anything whatsoever, except to the facts themselves, because for it to submit to anything else would be the end of its existence.

*Henri Poincaré (1854 - 1912)
French mathematician and philosopher of science*



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is a Belgian public-private university with 180 years of history located in Brussels



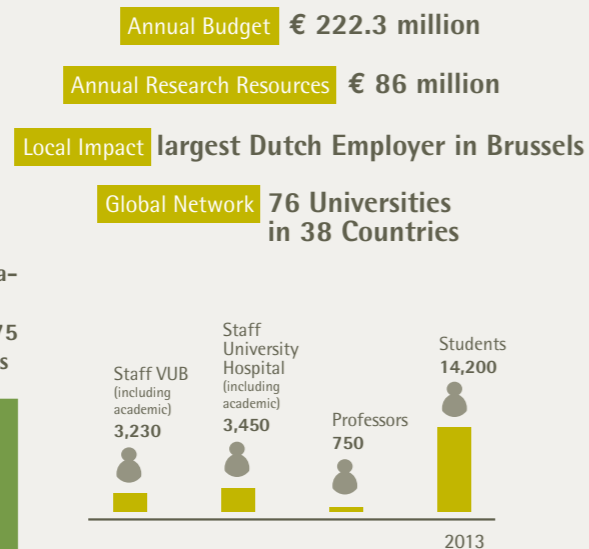
Brussels – QS Best Student City Rankings 2013: 33

- First Student City in Belgium
- Political and geographical centre of Europe, home to both the **EU- and NATO-headquarters**
- **First Congress City** in Europe, second in the world
- **World's largest press centre** and largest number of **diplomats**
- Home to several representations of **international institutions**
- 1,700 international associations
- Highly **cosmopolitan** city: 33% of foreign origin - 104 languages registered
- **English, Dutch and French** as main communication languages
- Cities such as **London, Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Köln** within easy reach
- Unique and cosy centre, known for **history, culture and arts**
- 1.1 million inhabitants

VUB Statistics

- **8 faculties:**
Arts and Philosophy / Law and Criminology / Medicine and Pharmacy / Physical Education and Physiotherapy / Psychology and Educational Sciences / Economic and Social Sciences and Solvay Business School / Engineering Sciences / Science and Bio-engineering Sciences
- **Interfaculty Department of Teacher Education**
- **University Hospital: 721 beds, 305,875 consultations and 54,201 hospitalisations**

Two green campuses, the main campus and the medical campus housing the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, the University Hospital and a nursing school



Learning Environment

On campus library, language centre, career centre, sports facilities, restaurant, medical care, counselling, housing support

Extensive programme offer and personal guidance

Dutch taught programmes

- 29 Bachelor's
- 47 Master's
- 24 Advanced Study Programmes
- 8 Teacher Education Programmes

English taught programmes

34 Master's and Advanced Master's in

- Engineering & Exact Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Human Sciences, including Business & Management / European Studies / American Studies / Communication Studies / Educational Sciences / Linguistics

8 English Postgraduate Certificates in:

- China Studies
- European Studies
- Diplomatic Studies
- Life Sciences
- Arts

172 PhDs

awarded in 2013

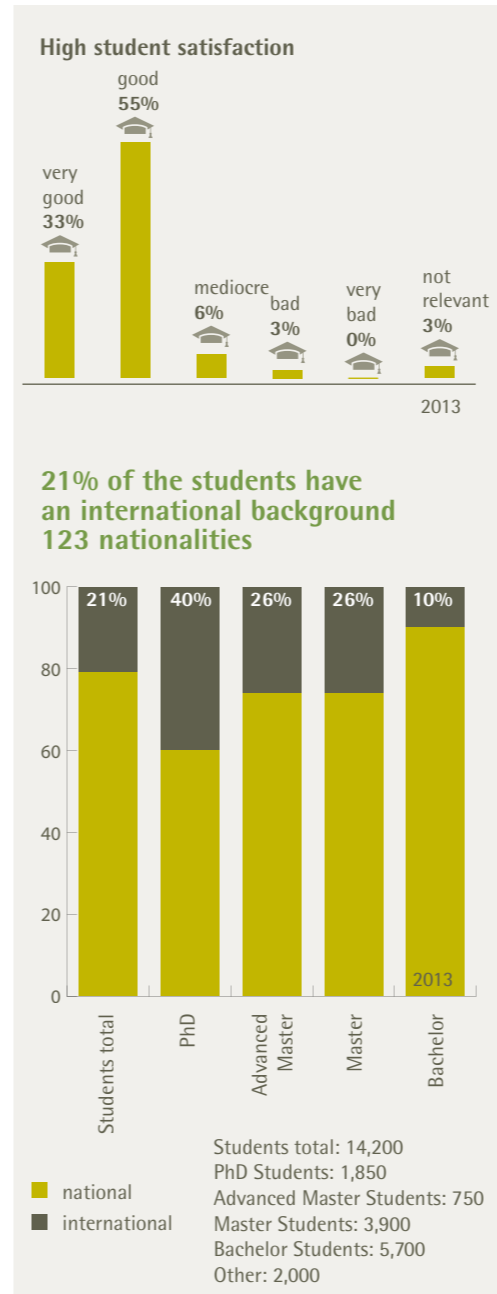
PhD guidance by dedicated supervisors (charter of the good promoter) and 3 Doctoral Schools: Human Sciences / Natural Sciences and (Bioscience) Engineering / Life Sciences and Medicine.

The Doctoral Schools offer a training programme tailor-made to the needs of the individual PhD-student.

More information: <http://www.vub.ac.be/phd/english/DoctoralSchools>

VUB Centers of Knowledge

- Institute for European Studies (IES)
- Brussels Diplomatic Academy (BDA)



HR Excellence in Research since 2011



Research clusters

Vrije Universiteit Brussel has research in all disciplines. Some of the major interdisciplinary topics cover "The Circle of Life", "Brain and Behaviour", "Building Blocks of Life", "Light and Imaging"...

Research based education

With active student participation

Research validation

- About 30 inventions yearly
- 112 active patents, patent families and patent applications
- 20 active and flourishing spin-offs



Collaboration with strategic research centers

- Collaboration with VIB (Flanders Institute for Biotechnology), IMEC (Interuniversity Microelectronics Centre), VITO (Flemish Institute for Technological Research) and iMinds
- 2 university's incubation centers: IICB and ICAB
- Interuniversity Institute for High Energy (VUB+ULB)

Qbic Fund – interuniversity seed capital fund

- Financing of technology spin-offs from three university associations in Belgium: Brussels, Ghent and Antwerp
- Start-up: June 2012
- € 34.5 million capital and growing
- Investments in life sciences, new materials and ICT
- Multidisciplinary approaches

Affiliates and networks

- Alliance with UGent
- Brussels University Alliance (BUA) with Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
- University Centre for Development Cooperation (UCOS)
- Vesalius College (VECO)
- University Association Brussels (UAB)
- Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA)
- Top Industrial Managers for Europe (T.I.M.E.)
- 497 Erasmus LLP agreements with 245 partner universities