



# THE UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN

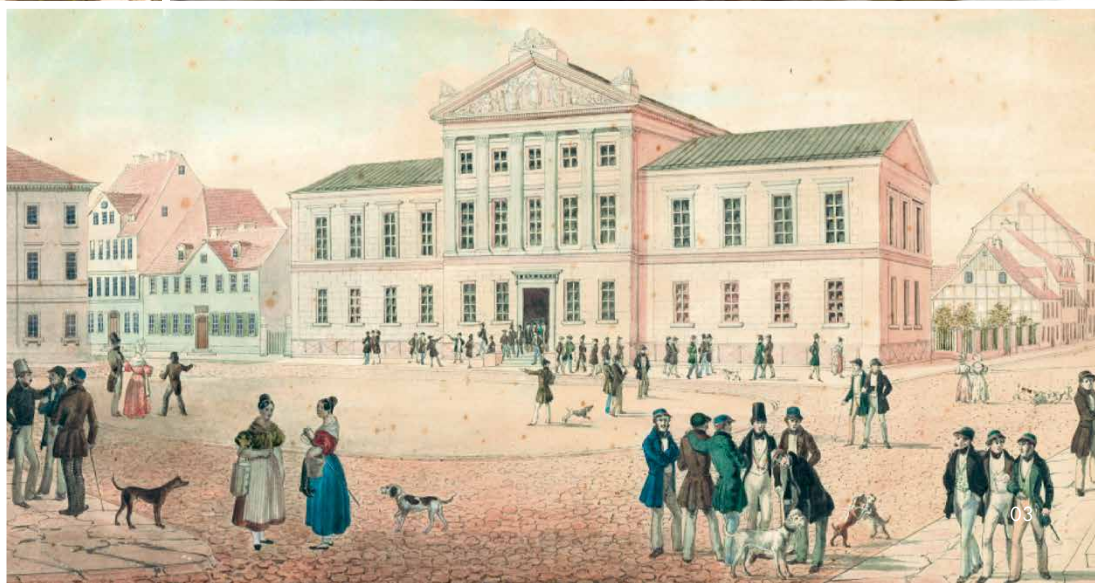
## OUR PROFILE

**Founded in 1737, in the age and spirit of the Enlightenment, we are strongly committed to democracy, tolerance, equity and our societal responsibility.**

As a globally renowned university with strengths in fundamental as well as applied research, Göttingen encompasses 13 faculties spanning the natural, social and life sciences, as well as the humanities and medicine. We offer a large number of exceptional degree courses with research-based teaching and our broad variety of subjects present excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. Our distinct and unique profile ensures the high visibility of our university in a national and international context. In 2003, we sought out greater scope for independent design and more autonomy when Göttingen was the first comprehensive university in Germany to become a Public Law Foundation.













## OUR ORIGIN

### **Georg-August Universität Göttingen was named after its founder, George II, King of Great Britain and Ireland and Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg**

In the first ten years of its existence, Gerlach Adolph Freiherr von Münchhausen, Minister of the Duchy of Hannover under George II, destined the university for greatness by pursuing a clever recruitment policy, which laid the foundation for our future success. Among the outstanding personalities whom he attracted to Göttingen were the renowned classical philologists Johann Matthias Gesner und Christian Gottlob Heyne, who also presided over the University Library. The universal scholar Albrecht van Haller founded our famous Botanical Garden in 1751 and was the first President to the Academy of Sciences in Göttingen, which was also founded by George II. In the 250 years since then, the University has become associated with names like Georg Christoph Lichtenberg, Carl Friedrich Gauß and 14 Nobel Prizes.



## FACULTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN

- Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
- Faculty of Biology and Psychology
- Faculty of Chemistry
- Faculty of Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology
- Faculty of Geoscience and Geography
- Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Law
- Medical Center
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Business and Economics





## OUR FACULTIES

**With a total of 13 faculties, the University of Göttingen offers a broad and differentiated spectrum of subjects in natural sciences, life sciences, humanities and social sciences as well as medicine. Our near 30.000 students are spread over our 234 degree courses.**

It is of particular historical relevance that our university – founded in the age and spirit of the Enlightenment – decisively influenced the development of the humanities and natural sciences as we know them today: Göttingen was one of the first universities in Europe to give equality to the Faculties of Theology, Law, Medicine and Humanities, thereby terminating the right of the Theologians to censor the scientific output of the other subjects.



# THE GÖTTINGEN CAMPUS

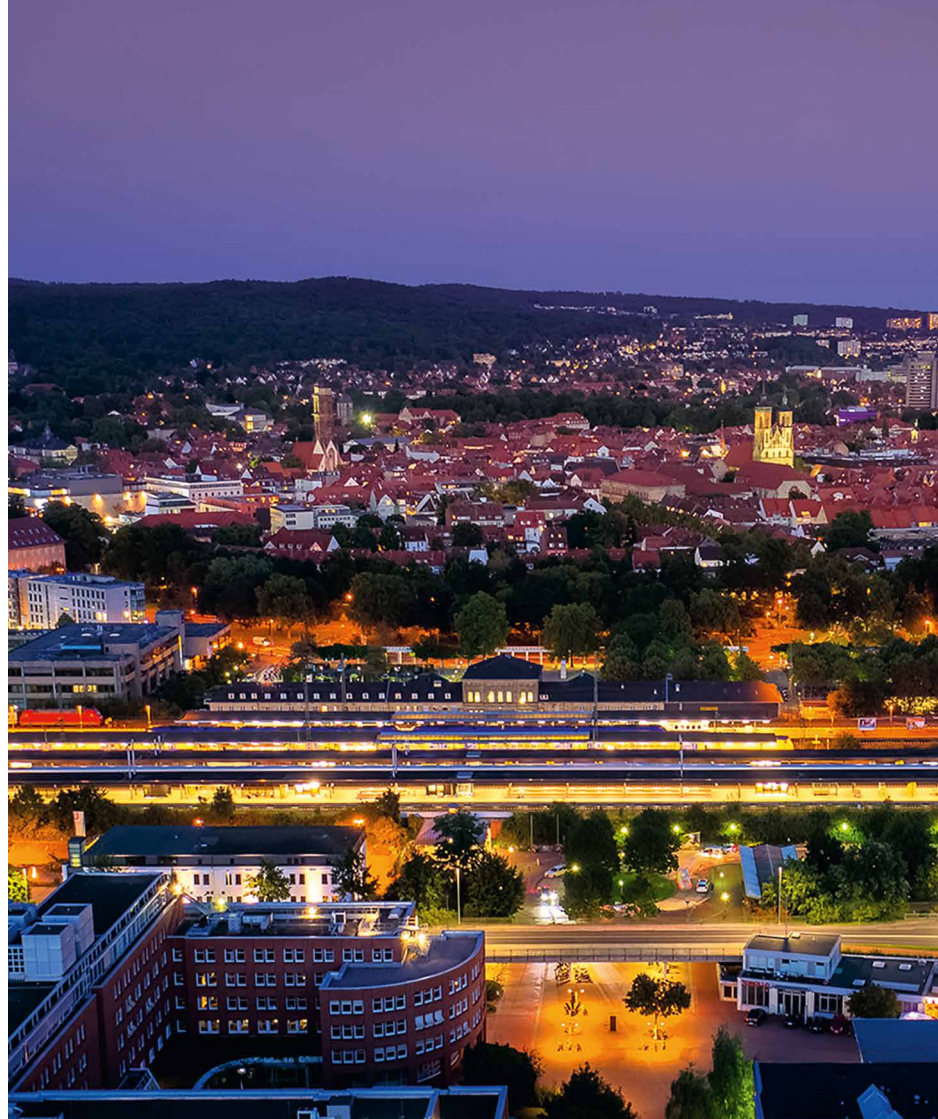
**9** university and non-university research institutions

**4** of which are Max Planck institutes

Associated partners: **14**

More than **5,900** researchers in almost all scientific disciplines.

[www.goettingen-campus.de](http://www.goettingen-campus.de)







## OUR GÖTTINGEN CAMPUS

**As a real science city, Göttingen stands for top-level international research. In order to optimize the strengths and potential of our research location, nine local institutions joined forces and formed the Göttingen Campus: the University of Göttingen and University Medical Center as well as seven local non-university research institutions, consisting of four Max Planck institutes, the German Primate Center, German Aerospace Center and the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Lower Saxony.**

The Göttingen Campus is a unique research environment characterised by a collegiate community. It cultivates diversity and fosters active exchange between researchers at all career stages. The campus partners share access to resources, infrastructures and services to create optimal frameworks for research and teaching. Joint and collaborative professorships as well as collaborative research centers, graduate programmes and early career research groups serve the high quality of teaching and boost early research careers.

We are among the top 3 German universities for research units and research training groups.  
Göttingen coordinates:

**11** research training groups

DFG research units: **8**

**9** Collaborative Research Centers







## OUR RESEARCH

**The University of Göttingen is among Germany's largest and oldest universities. It is an interactionally leading research university, closely intertwined with the outstanding non-university research institutions on the Göttingen Campus. We define ourselves by our strengths in fundamental research, applied research and excellent research-based teaching.**

The variety of our scientific disciplines is of high repute at home and abroad. We regard this variety as a particularly important asset in light of current global challenges, because most of our societal and planetary emergencies can only be addressed and solved at an interdisciplinary level.

# OUR GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences (GGG)
- Graduate School of Humanities Göttingen (GSGG)
- Graduate School of Forest Sciences and Agricultural Sciences (GFA)
- Georg August University School of Science (GAUSS)  
with Göttingen Graduate Center for Neurosciences,  
Biophysics, and Molecular Biosciences (GGNB)

[www.graduiertenschulen.uni-goettingen.de](http://www.graduiertenschulen.uni-goettingen.de)







## OUR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

**Four multidisciplinary graduate schools offer our PhD researchers the opportunity to be part of a structured doctoral program.**

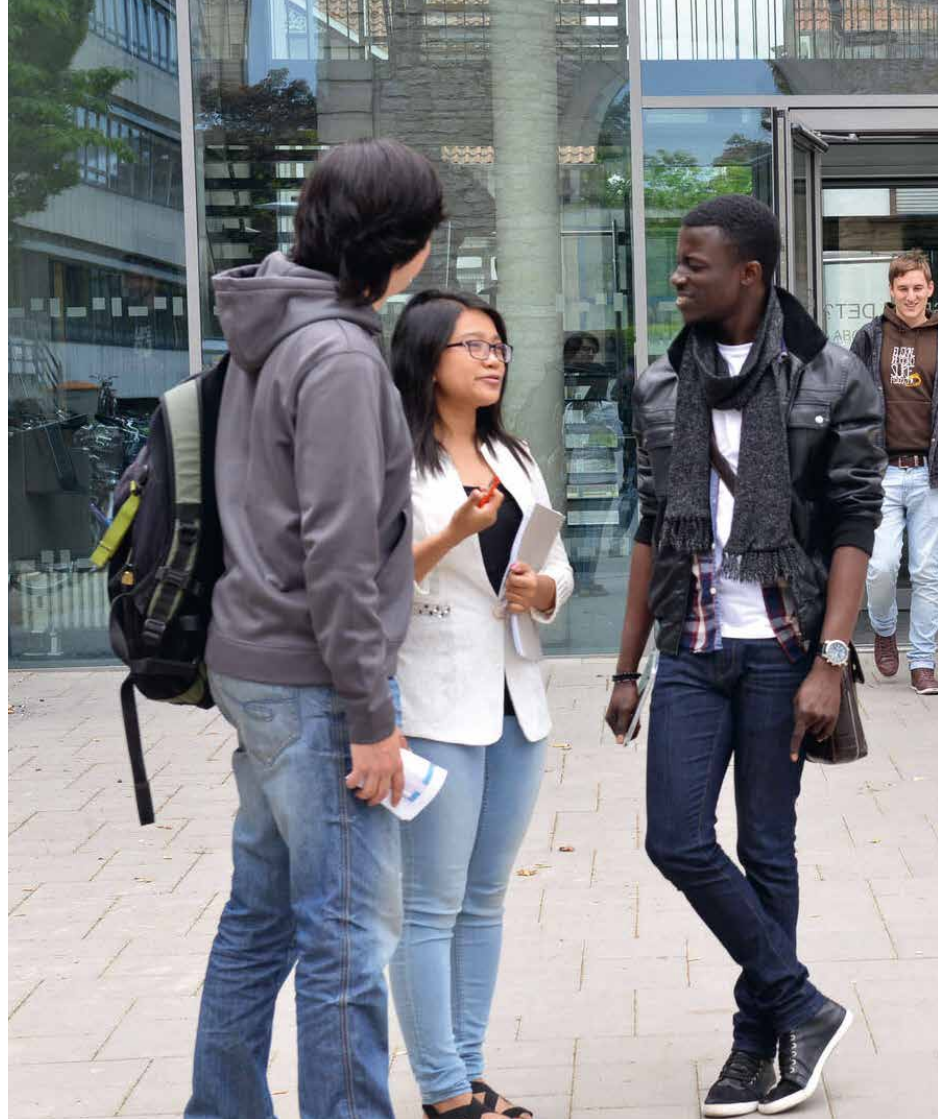
Our graduate schools optimise the research and learning conditions of PhD researchers. They provide thorough supervision and first-class seminars as well as a broad selection of qualification opportunities.

Like an umbrella, the graduate schools span our research training groups, PhD programs and the International Max Planck Research Schools. The Max Planck Schools in particular are an excellent example of the targeted collaboration between our university and local Max Planck Institutes to promote early career research development.

About **30,000** students

Enourmous subject diversity of over  
**200** degree courses

**15** percent international students







## OUR STUDENT LIFE

**There are many good reasons to study in Göttingen. Our outstanding study conditions and accessible facilities, the breadth of our courses and research-based teaching are as much part of the Göttingen student experience as our great accommodation facilities and the vibrant student life in this picture-postcard setting with an urban flair that will spoil you for choice.**

Our university town combines an international spirit with the quick feeling of belonging. The distances are short and our many students – who make up a quarter of the city's population – give Göttingen a lively charm of diversity. And anyone who wants to explore the world during their studies is invited to profit from the numerous exchange opportunities with over 280 partner universities across the globe.







## OUR SCIENCE TRANSFER AND START-UPS

**Scientific transfer is an important task of any higher education institution that prepares its future graduates for positions in businesses, politics, administration and society. Göttingen is no exception. Fostering scientific and technology transfer in addition to supporting and accompanying star ups are among the main tasks of the University and the Göttingen Campus.**

The Transfer and Start-up Hub is the central contact point for all issues related to innovation, entrepreneurship as well as scientific and technology transfer at our university. We support students, researchers, professors, members of staff and alumni of the University by bundling all activities that foster start-ups and scientific and technology transfer.





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# START-UP SUPPORT

THINK  
HERE!

Start  
UP



FORUM WISSEN

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## OUR RESEARCH AND SOCIETY

**The centrally located Forum Wissen, a museum of knowledge opened in 2022, is our main platform for bringing scientifically gained knowledge to the interested public. It will be complemented by the Biodiversity Museum and Thomas Oppermann Cultural Forum in the near future.**

The goal of our university museum is to show how knowledge emerges by drawing on a carefully chosen selection of objects from the extensive university collections.

The Biodiversity Museum will raise awareness for the present-day biodiversity crisis through a multi-sensory exhibition. It will tell the story of the diversity of life by means of fascinating specimens and multimedia presentations, and it will highlight human effects.

The Thomas Oppermann Cultural Forum will supplement both museums with a variety of available event rooms and work stations.



About **9.5** media units

More than **13** million book pages can be accessed digitally from anywhere on the globe

Standard and interlibrary loans in 2021:

**785,840**

[www.sub.uni-goettingen.de](http://www.sub.uni-goettingen.de)







## OUR UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

**The Göttingen State and University Library (SUB) is among the largest research libraries in Germany. With a stock of over 9.5 million media units, its importance to teaching, learning and research can hardly be overstated.**

Its foundation was strongly intertwined with the emerging university 275 years ago, and it significantly raised the attractiveness of the university town in the 18th century. It was devised as a modern research library from the beginning. Today, the SUB is a recognised competence center for the digital library and simultaneously a leading institution in the development of our research infrastructure. It is also home to extensive historical collections.

The university computing center (GWDG), which was completed in 2021, combines joint infrastructure for:

- High Performance Computing
- Storing data and making it available
- Artificial intelligence and Big Data
- IT-supported collaboration

It provides computing and storage capacity for research, administration and patient care.

[www.gwdg.de](http://www.gwdg.de)







## OUR UNIVERSITY COMPUTING CENTER

**The University of Göttingen and Max Planck Society jointly founded a society for processing scientific data, known as the GWDG. It supports and consults both institutions in all issues relating to data processing in research.**

The GWDG is, simultaneously, a computer center, IT competence center and university computing center. It is also a computing center in the National High Performance Computing Alliance and national AI service center, and a service operator for the German National Research Data Infrastructure.

The GWDG is in charge of operating of high-performance computers, making resources for data management available and looking after the transmission network GÖNET, which unites the institutes in Göttingen with one another and with the internet.







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# THE UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN IN NUMBERS

**28.484** students in the winter semester 2022/23

**745** completed PhD theses in five years

University staff (excluding student assistants): **5.008** | of which female: **50,8 %**

University Medical Center staff (excluding student assistants): **8.331** | of which female: **68,2 %**

**523** professors

Year of Reference 2022

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