

Open to New Approaches





We must make science humane once more.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Carl von Ossietzky (1889 –1938)

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The Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg was founded in 1973, making it one of Germany's young universities. Its goal is to find answers to the major challenges society faces in the 21st century – through interdisciplinary, cutting-edge research.

The pathways on the Oldenburg campus are short: the University's academic staff and administrative staff work closely together, using an interdisciplinary approach. Many are integrated into special research areas, research groups and European clusters of excellence. The University cooperates

closely with more than 200 other universities worldwide and is also affiliated with non-university institutes in the areas of research, education, culture and business.

The University of Oldenburg is preparing over 13,700 students for professional life. It offers a broad range of disciplines, from language studies, cultural studies and the humanities to educational sciences, art and musicology, the economic and social sciences, mathematics, computer science, the natural sciences and the new medicine and health science programmes established in 2012.



The University of Oldenburg

- ... is a nationally and internationally renowned research location
- ... focuses on research topics of the future and places special emphasis on interdisciplinarity
- ... is conducting research on how to improve the communication situation of people with hearing impairment in its „Hearing4all“ project, a „Cluster of Excellence“ in the Excellence Initiative by the German federal and states governments
- ... campaigns for research-oriented teaching and learning
- ... gives people space to think unconventionally and develop their personality
- ... supports young scientists through its Graduate Academy
- ... has been designated one of Germany's three top universities for business start-ups
- ... is transcending borders in medical education with the European Medical School Oldenburg-Groningen
- ... is the nationwide pioneer of the „open university“ in Germany and is paving the way for new target groups to gain access to university education

Founded in December **1973**
13,700 students **6** faculties
192 million euros annual budget

Facts and Figures

Budget

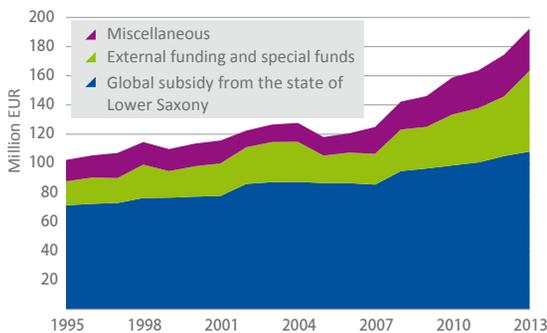
1995: EUR 102m 2013: EUR 192m

External funding and special funds

1995: EUR 16m 2013: EUR 55m

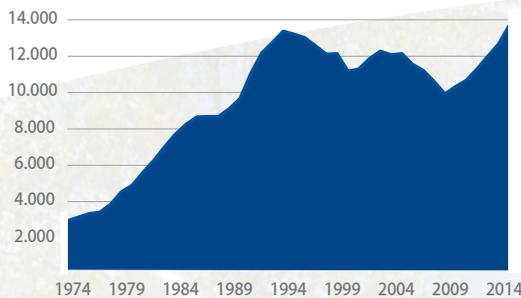
Global subsidy from the state of Lower Saxony

1995: EUR 71m 2013: EUR 108m



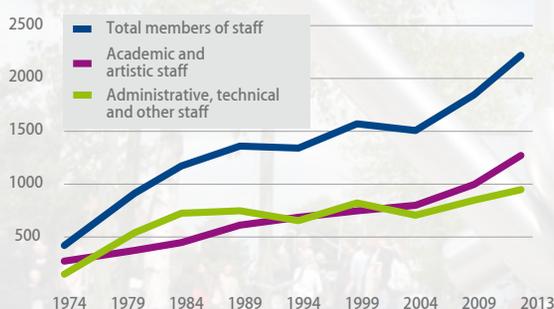
Student figures

1974/75: 2,950 students 2014/15: 13,746 students



Staff numbers

1974: 420 2013: 2,220



Focus Research Areas

Neurosensory Science

Hearing Research

Computer Science

Marine Sciences

Biodiversity

Energy Research

Environmental Sciences

Teaching and Learning Research

Women and Gender Studies



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