

## AN ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT



- Universities that reflect French-speaking Belgium:
  - multicultural
  - welcoming and friendly
  - French spoken but English widely used
- An ideal framework for researchers:
  - inter-university cooperation
  - tailored to researchers' needs
  - teams with international reputation
  - at the heart of outstanding infrastructure
  - encouraging interaction with the economic and social sectors
- Doctoral colleges offering:
  - an international dimension
  - thematic and interdisciplinary specialisations
  - excellent training in the different aspects of research work

NEARLY 700 PHD THESES ARE PRESENTED  
EACH YEAR IN FRENCH-SPEAKING BELGIUM

A THIRD OF THESE THESES ARE PRESENTED  
BY STUDENTS FROM ABROAD

## WHY PURSUE A PHD IN FRENCH-SPEAKING BELGIUM ?

- Quality training
- Supervised research work
- Recognised inter-university doctoral colleges  
Information on doctoral colleges: [www.frs-fnrs.be](http://www.frs-fnrs.be)

## CONTACTS

### Three University Alliances (Academies) and seven universities

#### Academie universitaire 'Louvain'

Université catholique de Louvain	<a href="http://www.uclouvain.be">www.uclouvain.be</a>
Facultés universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix (Namur)	<a href="http://www.fundp.ac.be">www.fundp.ac.be</a>
Facultés universitaires Saint-Louis (Bruxelles)	<a href="http://www.fusl.ac.be">www.fusl.ac.be</a>
Facultés universitaires catholiques de Mons	<a href="http://www.fucam.ac.be">www.fucam.ac.be</a>

#### Academie universitaire Wallonie-Bruxelles

Université libre de Bruxelles	<a href="http://www.ulb.ac.be">www.ulb.ac.be</a>
Université de Mons	<a href="http://www.umons.ac.be">www.umons.ac.be</a>

#### Academie universitaire Wallonie-Europe

Université de Liège	<a href="http://www.ulg.ac.be">www.ulg.ac.be</a>
(Including Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech)	<a href="http://www.fsgx.ac.be">www.fsgx.ac.be</a>

### The Fund for Scientific Research Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)

A body that plays an essential role in independent scientific research,  
the F.R.S.-FNRS: [www.frs-fnrs.be](http://www.frs-fnrs.be)

- aims to develop independent scientific research initiated by researchers
- supports and finances:
  - individual researchers
  - research programmes carried out within laboratories and departments mainly in French-speaking Belgian universities
  - international co-operation and mobility of researchers



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WHY STUDY  
IN FRENCH-SPEAKING  
BELGIUM ?

# RESEARCH IN FRENCH-SPEAKING UNIVERSITIES IN BELGIUM : AN INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK AT THE HEART OF EUROPE



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## QUALITY RESEARCH



- Seven universities (grouped together in three University Alliances) that enjoy an international scientific reputation
- Centres of excellence bringing together leading research teams
- Openness to European research partnerships, in the context of projects with high scientific value, led by teams with worldwide reputation (7th Framework Programme, etc)
- Numerous and varied international partnerships that bring together researchers from industrialised countries, emerging countries, and developing countries
- A close partnership with the "Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS" (F.R.S.-FNRS) with a number of F.N.R.S-FNRS researchers integrated into university research centres
- Research results published with impact in high level scientific journals

A SUCCESS RATE FOR EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK PROGRAMMES SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE EUROPEAN AVERAGE

## RESEARCH HIGHLY INTEGRATED WITHIN SOCIETY



- Close links with the socio-economic sphere via :
  - research work carried out in cooperation with industry
  - a policy to optimise research
  - the creation of numerous spin-offs
  - the development of outstanding science parks
- Close links with civil society via :
  - research directly related to major issues faced by the society
  - excellent expertise on society and governance issues
- International networks based on numerous partnerships with universities around the world
- Active participation in programmes focused on university cooperation for development

195 SPIN-OFFS IN SCIENCE PARKS LINKED TO FRENCH-SPEAKING UNIVERSITIES IN BELGIUM  
AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF 30 MILLION EUROS DEDICATED TO UNIVERSITY COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

## RESEARCHER IN FRENCH-SPEAKING BELGIUM: A GUARANTEE OF PROFESSIONAL STATUS AND FUTURE



- Universities in French-speaking Belgium adhere to the European Charter for Researchers
- The researcher's status guarantees him/her :
  - access to social security
  - fair pay
  - professional recognition
  - protection of intellectual property rights
- Access to a scientific visa for visiting researchers
- Researchers benefit from the assistance of EURAXESS Services centres:
  - Within universities : <http://www.euraxess-cfwb.be>
  - at European level : the European portal for researchers' mobility (<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess>)

