

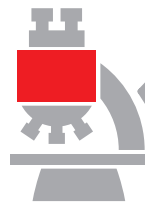
## Universities and research institutes in the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia

**70**   
**universities**  
 (including **37** state-funded universities)  
 with **2,091** (undergraduate) degree programmes

and more than **763,000** students  
 (winter semester 2015/16)



Over **50** non-university  
 research institutes



- 12** Max Planck institutes
- 14** Fraunhofer institutes
- 10** Institutes of the Leibniz Association
- 3** Helmholtz centres
- 15** Johannes Rau research institutes

with over **15,000** employees



Plus approx. **100** university  
 research institutes



and faculties of medicine  
 and teaching hospitals in  
**7** locations


with approx. **43,700** employees

and approx. **22,300** students



## Ministry of Innovation, Higher Education and Research of North Rhine-Westphalia

 **1970**  
 Foundation  
 of the ministry

 **Minister**  
 Minister Svenja Schulze,  
 Member of the State Parliament  
 State Secretary Dr. Thomas Grünewald

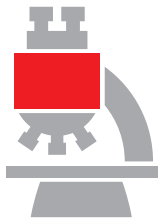
 **€ 8.5 billion**  
 budget (approx.  
 11.6 percent of the  
 Land's budget)

 **280**  
 jobs in  
**4** departments

### Key topics



The Ministry of Innovation, Higher Education and Research has made “knowledge creates opportunities” its guiding principle. This concept expresses the fact that participation, inclusion and educational justice, as well as prosperity, progress and the ability to meet the challenges of the future, go hand in hand with access to and use of knowledge.

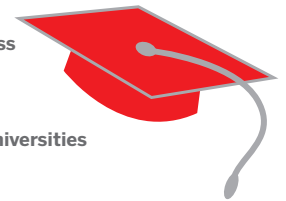


#### “Researching for progress”

- A consistent and systematic realignment of research policy and funding on contributing solutions to the major challenges facing society today and in the future
- Endeavours to attract other nationally funded research institutes to North Rhine-Westphalia
- Improving our participation in the EU Structural Funds, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and Horizon 2020
- Strengthening research in the humanities and social sciences

#### “Studying successfully”

- Using diversity management to improve access to tertiary education
- Opening degree programmes to people with professional qualifications
- Endeavours to establish gender equality at universities
- Ensuring the quality of teaching
- Implementing the Bologna Process in line with students' needs
- Reducing the drop-out rate of students at universities
- Developing the state-run student-loan system
- Continuation and development of the pact for higher education
- Strengthening the student unions
- Expansion of universities of applied sciences
- Amendment of the Higher Education Act
- Improving employment conditions in universities and research institutes



## The German State of North Rhine-Westphalia



is situated at the **heart of Europe**  
 and has the largest population  
 of Germany's 16 Federal States (“Länder”).



**17.7 million**  
 people live in North Rhine-Westphalia.



North Rhine-Westphalia contributes  
**€ 645.6 billion to Germany's gross  
 domestic product** – the equivalent of  
**21.3 percent** and the highest share of all  
 German States.



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