

Key Research Areas

Environment and Sustainability

Focus Topics:

Biodiversity and Marine Science

Sustainability

Future Energies

Humans and Technology

Focus Topics:

Hearing Research

Cooperative Critical Systems

Neurosensory Science

Health Care and
Patient-Centredness

Society and Education

Focus Topics:

Diversity and Participation

Participation and Education

Professionalisation Processes
in Teacher Education

Social Transformation and Subjectivation

founded in **1973**

6 faculties

about **15,000** students

including **1,500** international students

from more than **110** countries

3,000 employees

306.5 million euros annual budget
thereof

90.5 million euros in external funding
and special funds

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View from above:



“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. Its mission is to find answers to the key challenges society faces in the 21st century – through interdisciplinary, cutting-edge research and teaching. Its academic and administrative staff work hand in hand and across disciplines. Many are integrated into the University's numerous research structures, which include Collaborative Research Centres, research groups, European projects and European Clusters of Excellence.

The University collaborates closely with more than 280 other universities worldwide and also maintains strong ties with non-university institutions active in research, education, culture, business and industry. Its status as a key research location is reinforced by its being home to the Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity, a Max Planck Research Group and three Fraunhofer research institutes as well as a virtual Helmholtz institute.

The University prepares around 15,000 students for professional life in a wide range of disciplines, from the humanities and cultural studies, economics, law and social sciences to mathematics, computer science, the natural sciences and medicine.

The University of Oldenburg

- is a nationally and internationally renowned research location
- is dedicated to future-oriented research and places particular emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration
- is successful in the Excellence Strategy with three approved clusters: Hearing4all, NaviSense and – together with the University of Bremen – Ocean Floor
- campaigns for research-oriented teaching and learning
- provides plenty of space for lateral thinking and personal development
- supports young researchers with its Graduate Academy
- is one of the top EXIST Entrepreneur Universities
- is part of the University Medicine Oldenburg and trains the doctors of tomorrow together with its partner hospitals
- is the pioneer of the “open university” in Germany and is paving the way for new target groups to gain access to university education