

KU LEUVEN



Inspiring the outstanding

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Research-intensive

Fundamental and
applied research

Inter- and
multidisciplinary



Active learning

Education based on
high-level research

Focus on personal initiative
and critical reflection

Independent

Academic freedom

Culture of idea exchange
and cooperation



Service to society

Active participation
in public debate

High-quality
health care



Celebrating 600 years of curiosity



1517

Desiderius Erasmus inspires a new generation to use **original research**



1543

Andreas Vesalius lays the foundation for **modern anatomy**



1931

Georges Lemaître publishes his **Big Bang theory**



2021

Sofie Claerhout finds way to use DNA to **solve forensic cold cases**

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

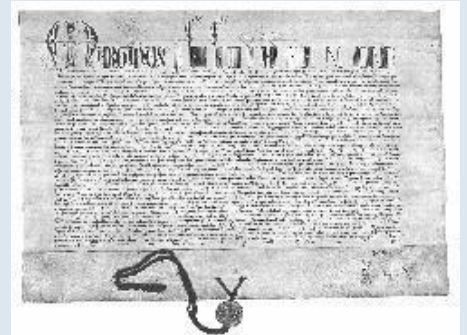


The historic city of Leuven, Belgium, is a hub of scientific learning and home to the 15th-century university where the Big Bang theory was formulated in 1931.
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TRAVEL

The Belgian city where the Big Bang theory was born

In Leuven, a new festival celebrates the local priest who first proposed a revolutionary "day without yesterday."



Founded in 1425



'De humani corporis fabrica' returns home

In the heart of Europe

TO LONDON
UNITED KINGDOM
120 MIN BY TRAIN

TO PARIS
FRANCE
90 MIN BY TRAIN



TO AMSTERDAM
THE NETHERLANDS
110 MIN BY TRAIN

TO COLOGNE
GERMANY
110 MIN BY TRAIN

KU Leuven: 13 campuses in 10 Belgian cities



Main campus in a centuries-old city



Campus in Leuven

- 50,100+ students
- 100+ programmes



University Hall a 15-minute walk from train station



#1

Most innovative City
in Europe
(iCapital Award 2020)

56K

students in a 100k city

#1

HQ of the world's largest
beer brewer
(AB InBev)

1

of the 112 selected EU
Mission Cities accelerating
climate transition
towards 2030

Our research in numbers



**YEARLY RESEARCH
EXPENSES**

740

MILLION EUROS

**CURRENT
RESEARCHERS**

10,432

**MOST CITED
UNIVERSITIES**

#61

Worldwide

ERC GRANTS

153

**PHD DEGREES
AWARDED**

926

2022-2023

Focus on 9 key research areas



Human health



**Matter,
materials
& energy**



**Arts, religion
& culture**



**Medical
technologies**



**Nature
unlimited**



**Economy, law
& society**



**Biosciences
& environment**



**Manufacturing
& ICT**



**Human
behaviour**

Support for MSCA postdoctoral applicants

- Contact us (msca-pf@kuleuven.be)
 - Info to find a suitable supervisor
 - Let us check your eligibility
- Join our Master Class 2025*
- Personalized feedback on draft proposal*
- Highly motivated support office to answer all questions
- KU Leuven postdoctoral fellowship for highly ranked applicants on reserve list

*only for eligible applicants with a confirmed KU Leuven supervisor

Master Class 2025

- Webinar on June 5 (9-11:30 h, Brussels time)
 - Basic information to start writing an excellent proposal
- Access to online platform
 - Annotated templates and advice documents
 - Short videos (> 30) to explain template and KU Leuven services
- Interactive Q&A sessions on June 19 and August 19 (11-12:30 h)

All sessions will be recorded and be made available to all our applicants at any time

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