

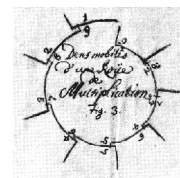
## Leipzig University

Leipzig University in the Free State of Saxony, Germany, is one of the world's oldest universities. It was founded 1409 and has ever since its inception engaged in teaching and research for over 600 years without interruption. Famous alumni and scholars include Leibniz, Goethe, Möbius, Nietzsche, Lessing, Schumann, Telemann, Wagner, Brahe, Heisenberg, Weizsäcker, Hertz, Boltzmann, Flechsig, and chancellor Merkel.

Today, Leipzig university is constituted of 14 faculties. The current position is advertised in the Medical Faculty (Leipzig University School of Medicine). Leipzig's biomedical research focusses on sustainable principles for life and health concentrating on *Brain Dynamics*, *Molecular and Cellular Communication in Therapy and Diagnostics*, *Modern Diseases*, and *Sustainable Systems and Biodiversity*.

Amongst other cooperations, Leipzig University participates in three International Max Planck Research Schools.

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## City of Leipzig

Leipzig oozes history – medieval and modern. It has been a trade city since at least the time of the Holy Roman Empire and sits at the intersection of the Via Regia and Via Imperii, two important Medieval trade routes. Leipzig was one of the major European centres of learning and culture in many fields such as music and publishing. For example, Leipzig was home and place of work for Johann Sebastian Bach for more than 25 years. Till this day every week you can listen to the world-renowned boys' Choir of St. Thomas (*Thomanerchor*), which Bach conducted during his tenure and which is in existence since 1212. In the wake of the peaceful revolution that ended the cold war, Leipzig played a significant role in instigating the fall of communism in Eastern Europe through events which took place in and around St. Nicholas Church.

Leipzig today has a population of ca. 570,000 inhabitants (> 1 Mio residents in the larger urban zone) and is located about an hour drive from Berlin. Leipzig is an economic centre and the most livable city in Germany, according to the GfK marketing research institution. Oper Leipzig is one of the most prominent opera houses in Germany, and Leipzig Zoological Garden is one of the most modern zoos in Europe. Leipzig is currently listed as Gamma World City and Germany's "Boomtown". Outside of Leipzig the *Neuseenland* district forms a huge lake area with approx. 120 sq mi and is an ideal place for recreation and sports.



Leipzig/Halle International airport (LEJ) offers daily connections to London, Zurich, Vienna, Istanbul, Munich, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Cologne/Bonn and Stuttgart. Also other international airports in Berlin and Frankfurt can be conveniently reached from Leipzig.



The city is well connected via high-speed trains to Berlin (1 h), Dresden (1 h), Frankfurt (3:45 h), Munich (5 h), and many more cities.



Leipzig can be easily reached by car if you enjoy driving fast on the German Autobahn.

## Science in Germany

According to Wikipedia: "In the 21st century, Germany is a great power and has the world's fourth-largest economy by nominal GDP, as well as the fifth-largest by PPP. As a global leader in several industrial and technological sectors, it is both the world's third-largest exporter and importer of goods. Germany is a developed country with a very high standard of living sustained by a skilled and productive society. It upholds a social security and universal health care system, environmental protection and a tuition-free university education." This all sounds about right.

Germany has been a cradle for top-notch science and education since the days of the Humboldt brothers. World-famous institutions such as the Max Planck and Helmholtz Societies foster research in a non-governmental environment, while German universities draw from federal and state sources to conduct their research agendas. This financial strategy for science support has proven wise and consoling, especially during the recent years of the stock market and currency crises. When stocks plummeted, private funding dried up and endangered the careers of many labs and scientists, chiefly post-docs and young group leaders, in many western countries. We offer positions in a system that is different, but we will help you integrating into it. Because we want you to prevail with your ideas on world-class science.