



The [Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona](#) (UAB), located in Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès), near Barcelona, is one of the major public universities in Spain.

Since its foundation in 1968, the UAB has been acknowledged for its excellence in promoting quality in teaching and in attracting international talent. Its impact on research is also noteworthy. This excellence is reflected in its position in the most prestigious international rankings.

In the 2025 edition of the QS World University [Rankings](#), the UAB placed **third** among Spanish universities, **175th** in the world ranking and **74th** within Europe.



QS World University
Rankings (QS WUR
2025)

The UAB is among the
12% of the best
universities in the world



THE World
University Rankings
(THE WUR 2025)

UAB ranks as 200 best
world universities



Academic Ranking
of World Universities
(ARWU 2024)

3rd best Spanish
university

Regarding the UAB's research activity, the following annual data stand out (for 2024):

- 5.446 articles published (Clarivate Analytics WoS).
- 355 research agreements.
- 228 national research projects.
- 58 international research projects.
- 41 patents filed.
- 1 new company hosted at the UAB's Research Park.

UAB has successfully participated in the different EC R&I Framework Programmes. For the **Horizon Europe** (2021-2027) UAB ranks 2nd university in Spain, attracting 75M€ in the first half of the programme and being awarded with:

- 127 HEU projects (20 led by the UAB).
- 31 European Research Council Grants.
- 35 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

For the **Horizon 2020** (2014-2020) the UAB attracted more than 85M€ from 191 projects (35 led by the UAB). For the **Erasmus + Programme** (2021-2027) the UAB has been awarded until January 2025 with 3,3M€ and 62 granted projects (12 led by the UAB and 4 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degrees). The **Erasmus + Programme** (2014-2020) has had a strong impact with a total of more than 10M€, of which 5,6M€ to finance the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degrees, and 110 granted projects (27 led by the UAB).

It is important to note that the UAB is part of one of the first alliances selected in the call for European Universities, [ECIU University](#). ECIU University is working to put the challenges linked to SDG 11, proposed, and worked on together with society stakeholders through Challenge Based Learning and the Challenge Based Research, at the centre of the training and research activity.



The UAB is committed to improving the professional career of researchers in keeping with the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct of the Recruitment of Researchers. This commitment has been recognized by the EC and in 2014 the UAB was awarded the [HR Excellence in Research Logo](#).



The UAB has over 40,000 students, almost 10,000 researchers and teaching staff, and hosts more than 5,000 foreign students. Currently, the university offers:

- 109 bachelor's degrees, covering a wide range of fields in humanities and arts, social sciences, health sciences, technology, and physical sciences.
- 143 master's degrees, as well as 9 Erasmus Mundus Master.
- 68 doctoral programs and more than 700 PhD dissertations are defended per year.

The UAB promotes new business projects, focuses on activities associated with local socio-economic needs, and disseminates newly acquired knowledge to collaborate in the social and economic development of the territory.

The UAB's research covers extremely varied areas of knowledge: animal nutrition and welfare, biotechnology and health, social sciences and humanities, materials and energy, environmental sciences and sustainability, information, and

communication technology. This wide range of disciplines integrated into a single campus helps to promote multi-disciplinary research.

Apart from its own research groups, departments, institutes, research centres and research park, the UAB is the hub of the [UAB Sphere](#). The UAB Sphere is a knowledge ecosystem that includes research centres, most of them situated on the UAB's campus. The UAB Sphere also integrates local businesses, authorities, and the largest hospital network in Catalonia.

