



Mission statement

The University of Stuttgart is one of the leading technically oriented universities in Germany with global significance. Located centrally in an economically strong region with vast cultural integration, the University sees itself as a **hub of university-based, extramural and industrial research**. Furthermore, it takes a role as a guarantor of research-based teaching, focused on quality and holism. The University is dedicated to researching and strengthening the interfaces between technology, society and culture **in an interdisciplinary manner, defined as the Stuttgart Way**. This means integration of engineering, natural sciences, humanities and social sciences based on the fundamentals of cutting-edge research at a disciplinary level.

The University of Stuttgart implements **innovative concepts in research and teaching** in order to provide knowledge and strategies for a meaningful and sustainable development. It focuses on basic research that is both knowledge oriented as well as application related and is actively **part of regional, national and international research networks**.

The University of Stuttgart is committed to the principle of unity between research and teaching. Students acquire knowledge, expertise and the power of judgement, in accord with the guidelines of scientific research and awareness. The University **fosters fascination for the sciences, supporting its students and junior researchers** at all stages of their careers. It promotes independent thinking and provides an environment for responsible action. In doing so, **the University educates individuals into exceptional experts** who think integratively and globally and act responsibly in sciences, economy and society.

Founded in 1829, at the beginning of the Age of Industrialization, the University of Stuttgart continues to prepare **the way for innovation** within an economically and scientifically powerful region and contributes to the economic success and prosperity of our society. This process combines with the requirements of a social and cultural change, which allows an early and extensive **input of social interests** in research and design, as well as teaching and further education.

As an employer, the University provides support for all of its employees and **enables individuals to reach their full potential**. The University strives for a healthy work-life balance as well as equality and diversity. It is committed to a **leadership style of cooperation and esteem** and to dealing with one another fairly – independent of status, age, origin or gender. In its decisions and administrative procedures, the University aims for greatest possible transparency and promotes loyalty to its alumni, partners and sponsors.

The University of Stuttgart stands for **open-mindedness, individuality and community spirit**. It brings together students that are eager to learn, highly motivated employees, outstanding teachers, excellent researchers as well as visionary thinkers and inventors. By means of its **culture of integration**, the university creates and conveys knowledge for shaping the future of our society.