Moving knowledge.
FAU.
Our vision is to create a platform for freedom. At our FAU, students, employees and researchers are driven to implement innovative ideas with curiosity, boldness and respect. Together, we can tackle the exciting challenges facing us today and in the future whilst remaining true to our values of innovation, diversity and passion.

Prof. Dr. Joachim Hornegger
President FAU
Founded in 1743, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) is now one of the largest research universities in Germany. Its five faculties cover the entire spectrum of modern academic disciplines, from the humanities, social sciences and theology to medicine, law, economics, sciences and engineering.

FAU is committed to interdisciplinary teaching and research that often crosses the boundaries of individual subjects. Following the University’s motto “Moving knowledge. FAU.”, the various faculties and subjects work together to offer a range of interdisciplinary degree programs, the like of which is hard to find anywhere else.
One University.
Five Faculties.

Faculty of Humanities,
Social Sciences, and Theology
Faculty of Business,
Economics, and Law
Faculty of Medicine
Faculty of Sciences
Faculty of Engineering
As a diverse, open and innovative university, FAU thrives on the mutual respect demonstrated by all its members. FAU offers everyone at the University scope for personal and career development, creates flexibility and provides support in all stages and situations of life. We strive to create a climate of openness, recognition and equal opportunity, thus promoting excellence in studying, teaching, research and administration.

Prof. Dr. Andreas Hirsch
Vice President People
38,000 students

620 professors

15,000 employees

friends
No matter whether you have just left school, have already gained initial work experience or can even look back on a successful career: Studying at FAU prepares you for whatever your next step may be. You can choose between studying full time or part time, in German or in English, in Erlangen or in Nuremberg. Whatever you decide, you can look forward to becoming part of an open, respectful and diverse community—the largest university in Northern Bavaria looks forward to welcoming you.

Prof. Dr. Bärbel Kopp
Vice President Education
265 degree programs

30 degree programs in English

20 double degree programs

9 elite degree programs
FAU is a full-spectrum university with a long tradition of research. Over 250 degree programs and long-standing partnerships with international research institutions such as Max Planck, Fraunhofer and Helmholtz give staff and students the opportunity to look beyond the boundaries of their own subjects, network with others and consider research questions from different perspectives. This has not only made FAU one of the leading research universities in Germany but also ensures that FAU has a valuable contribution to make to a sustainable future with its ideas and innovations.

Prof. Dr. Georg Schett
Vice President Research
243 million euros third-party funding

25 Collaborative Research Centers

15 Research Training Groups

with FAU participation

7 Leibniz Prizes

9 Humboldt professorships
FAU invites you to create and experience innovation with us and take a brave approach to shaping the future. The University supports passionate start-ups, and offers many opportunities to get involved, as well as exciting options for lifelong learning. We look forward to your contribution.

Prof. Dr. Kathrin Möslein
Vice President Outreach
120 invention disclosures
75 patents registered

per year

≈ 53 startups founded

per year

2.222 students in professional Master’s degree programs

in 2021

#1 Innovator

#1 in Germany and #14 worldwide according to Reuters Innovation Ranking 2019
The FAU Digital Tech Academy is our launch pad for all those who would like to discover innovation with us.

At ZOLLHOF, FAU’s digital start-up center, you will learn how you can rapidly turn your idea into a market-ready innovation or set up your own company.

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Shaping innovation

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FAU is part of a strong network that reaches beyond institutional and geographical borders. As well as research partnerships with international companies such as Siemens, Schaeffler and Adidas, FAU works closely with authorities in Germany, museums and extramural research institutions. FAU is also closely linked to other universities on a national and international level, for example as a member of EELISA, a European university alliance for innovation, engineering, entrepreneurship and sustainability. These partnerships generate new processes, technologies and services that are quickly transferred from theory into practice, providing added value for researchers and students.
Both Erlangen with its approximately 115,000 inhabitants and Nuremberg, the second largest city in Bavaria, have their own unique charms. The music festivals, beer festivals, theater and museums, along with a lively pub scene and night life, offer plenty of opportunities to relax after a day in the lecture hall, lab or library. For outdoor pursuits, the Fränkische Schweiz is a paradise for climbers and walkers and is only a stone’s throw away. If water sports is what you are after, the Franconian lakes with the University’s water sport center is sure to be a highlight.
Nuremberg

Fränkische Schweiz

Water sports center

Erlangen