

## Facts and figures. President's Report



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# Foreword from the President

Dear friends,  
sponsors and  
members of the University of Passau,

The academic year 2017–18 was all about our University's 40th anniversary, which we celebrated with a big weekend festival in June 2018 and at the Dies academicus, on 9 November, as the last festivity of our anniversary year.

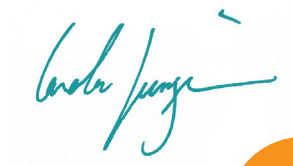
Forty years ago, in 1978, the University started out with a few dozen staff and just a few hundred students, sent here, to the border region between Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany, by the central university admissions body for Germany. By the year 2025, we expect to grow to approximately 15,000 students and 1,500 staff in academic and support functions. We are preparing for this by positioning the University of Passau accordingly in terms of the disciplines represented here and by implementing suitable policies in the areas of finance, organisational structure, personnel – and not least by expanding the University's physical space capacities.

Having received, in September 2018, the full approval of the competent state ministries for our application for an extension of the campus onto the former premises of the Lowenbrau brewery, we will now expand our built environment at the same time as we grow figuratively into a world-class university. On the Spitzberg site, the 'Passau International Centre of Science and Research' will be established, bringing the University as a centre of excellent, competitive research and strong, innovative teaching closer to the city centre of Passau and creating a gateway to Passau as a city of science. The premises will also be an important place of music and culture, for which we are very grateful to the Free State of Bavaria.



The basis for all our efforts is the University Development Plan, which was adopted by the Extended University Executive with the support of all member groups of the University in the summer semester of 2018. With this, will being negotiations with the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts for the next round of target agreements, which represent a great opportunity to set the course for the future development of the University of Passau.

You will find further information on the research, teaching and knowledge transfer activities of the University of Passau and its four faculties on our website, [www.uni-passau.de](http://www.uni-passau.de), in our official university magazine, *Campus Passau*, and the digital research magazine, which is set to go online this winter semester.



**124**  
chairs and profes-  
sorships

**3**  
interdisciplinary  
research and  
teaching focuses

**1**  
joint  
vision for 2028

**19,429,000**  
euros in external  
funds for excellent  
research

**12,384**  
outstanding  
students

**37,007**  
successful  
graduations  
since 1978

# Research & Support for Early Career Researchers

## Guiding themes

The University focuses its research on the guiding themes of 'Digitalisation, Networked Society and (Internet) Cultures', 'Europe and Global Transformation' and 'Migration, Sustainable Development and Just Order'. In order to meet future social challenges, the University is committed to fostering diversity in research and teaching.

## Times Higher Education Ranking 2018

In the Times Higher Education World University Ranking for 2018, the University of Passau came up among the 20% best universities. As a newcomer, we ranked 27th out of the best 250 'young' universities (under 50 years of age) in the Young Universities Ranking 2018, reaching third place in Germany.

## Supervision Agreement and General Doctoral Regulations

With the doctoral supervision agreement, which the Senate adopted in the winter semester 2017–18, the University of Passau wishes to contribute to a fair and quality-led doctoral qualification phase for researchers. Subsequently, in summer semester 2018, the General Doctoral Degree Regulations were adopted.

## University Executive

The University Council elected Professor Daniela Wawra as Vice President for Study, Teaching and Internationalisation in 2018. Together with Vice Presidents Jörg Fedtke, Harry Haupt and Harald Kosch, who were re-elected for another term, she has been supporting University President Carola Jungwirth in the University Executive since 1 April 2018.

## Digital research magazine

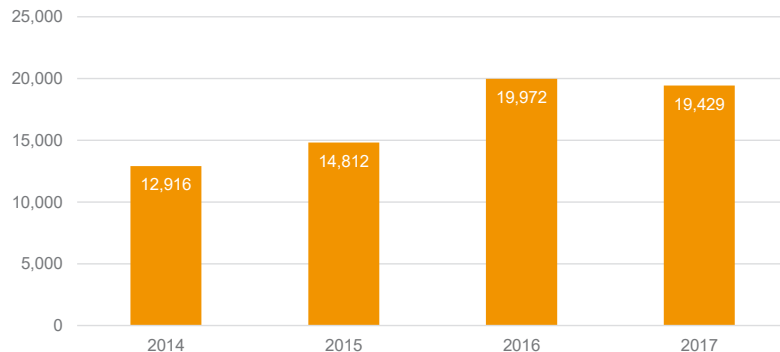
The *digital research magazine*, which will go online in winter semester 2018–19, will highlight outstanding research projects that strengthen the university's strategic orientation on the internet. This online platform will make use of current trends in science communication and present selected projects in a journalistic style.

### University Development Plan

In the summer semester of 2018, the Extended University Executive adopted a new university development plan, which will remain in effect until 2022. The plan outlines the following central aims:

- The University strives to become one of the leading European centres of interdisciplinary research on the societal implications of digitalisation by 2028.
- The University wishes to make a significant contribution to solving current and future challenges as an internationally visible and attractive Bavarian university for Europe.
- The promotion of excellent research as well as the creation of excellent conditions for study and work – particularly for our students and early career researchers – is a top concern for the University of Passau.

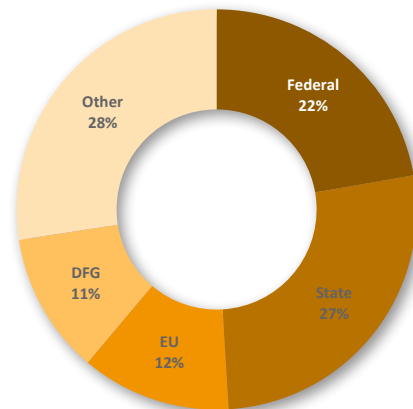
## Intake of external funds over time (EUR '000)



The bar chart shows how acquired external funds developed in recent fiscal years. These external funds are usually earmarked for projects over subsequent years.

## External funds in 2017 by funding organisation (%)

Other external funds include income from research alliances, research funds from foundations and research commissions from commercial and industrial entities.



## Funding (selection)

### Fraunhofer research group

Fraunhofer research group 'Knowledge-based Image Processing', 2017–20

- Branch of the Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits IIS, headquartered in Erlangen, Germany.
- Funding totalling 4 million euros from the Bavarian State Ministry of Economic Affairs, Energy and Technology for the joint 'Big Picture' research project at the Fraunhofer branches in Fürth, Deggendorf and Passau.
- Professor Tomas Sauer (Chair of Digital Image Processing) is the Principal Investigator at the University of Passau.

### ERC Grant

- Advanced Grant: 'ReConFort – Reconsidering Constitutional Formation, Constitutional Communication by Drafting, Practice and Interpretation in 18th and 19th Century Europe', Professor Ulrike Müßig (Chair of Civil Law, German and European Legal History), 2014–18
- ERC Starting Grant: iHEARu, Professor Björn Schuller (Chair of Complex and Intelligent Systems), 2014–18

### DFG Research Training Group

German Research Foundation (DFG) RTG 1681/2 'Privacy and Digitalisation', 2012–21

Spokespersons: Professor Dirk Heckmann (Chair of Public Law, Security Law and Internet Law) and Professor Hans Krah (Chair of German Literature and Film)

## Funding (selection)

### ZD.B Junior Research Groups

- ZD.B Junior Research Group ‘Data Neutrality & Open Access: Coherent Economic Policies for the Digital Economy’, Dr Daniel Schnurr, at the Chair of Internet and Telecommunications Business, 2017–23
- ZD.B Junior Research Group ‘PICCARD Improving Communication and Collaboration of Developers’, Dr Janet Siegmund, at the Chair of Software Engineering, 2017–23

### ZD.B Professorship

Chair of European and International Information and Data Law,  
since 1 January 2017  
(currently vacant, pending appointment)

### Heisenberg Professorship

Professor Sven Apel,  
Chair of Software Engineering  
Funding period: 2013–18

### Tenure track

The University of Passau will offer tenure-track professorships as a separate career path alongside the traditional procedure for professorial appointments. The first such professorship was announced in winter semester 2017–18. The application for participation in the second round of the federal/state programme for the advancement of early career researchers in 2019 is in preparation.



## Awards & memberships (selection)

Honorary doctorate from Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires  
*Professor Ursula Reutner*

Ars Legendi Prize for Law  
*Professor Thomas Riehm*

Full member of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences  
and Humanities  
*Professor Barbara Zehnpfennig*

Data Ethics Committee of the German Federal Government  
*Professor Dirk Heckmann*

Permanent Senate Commission of the DFG  
*Professor Hans-Georg Dederer*

Executive Board, Bavarian University Centre for Latin America  
*Professor Ursula Reutner*

Entrepreneurship Research Newcomer Award 2017  
*Professor Rodrigo Isidor*

Best Paper Award of the Green Growth Knowledge Platform  
*Professor Michael Grimm*

Kardinal-Wetter-Preis of Katholische Akademie in Bayern  
*Zsafia Schnelbach*

Bayernwerk AG Bavarian Culture Prize 2017  
*Dr Angela Fehn*

IHK Award 2017 of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce  
*Dr Volodymyr Izrailevych, Katja Bromme, Janina Garbas, Dörte  
Leusmann, Julia Lohfink, Sophie Kindler, Simon Dominik Fink*

Junior Researcher Award of Verein für Ostbairische  
Heimatforschung e. V.  
*Frauke Gams, Anna Chiara Knoblauch, Andrea Weber*

## Awards & memberships (selection)

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Woman of Legal Tech 2018  
*Christina-Maria Leeb*

Honorary Professor at the Faculty of Law  
*Dr Friederike Grube*

Honorary Doctorate from the Faculty of Business, Economics and Information Systems  
*Professor Chandrasekharan Rajendran*

Internationalisation Award of the University of Passau 2017  
*Professor Michael Grimm*

Karl Heinz Pollok Memorial Award 2017 of Neuburger Gesprächskreis e.V.  
*PD Dr Friederike Grüninger*

Doctoral Thesis Award 2017 of Sparda-Bank Ostbayern eG  
*Dr Alexander von Rhein*

Doctoral Thesis Award 2017 of Sparkasse Passau  
*Dr Stefanie Baller*

Doctoral Thesis Award 2017 of Freunde und Förderer der Universität Passau e.V.  
*Dr Tobias Starnecker*

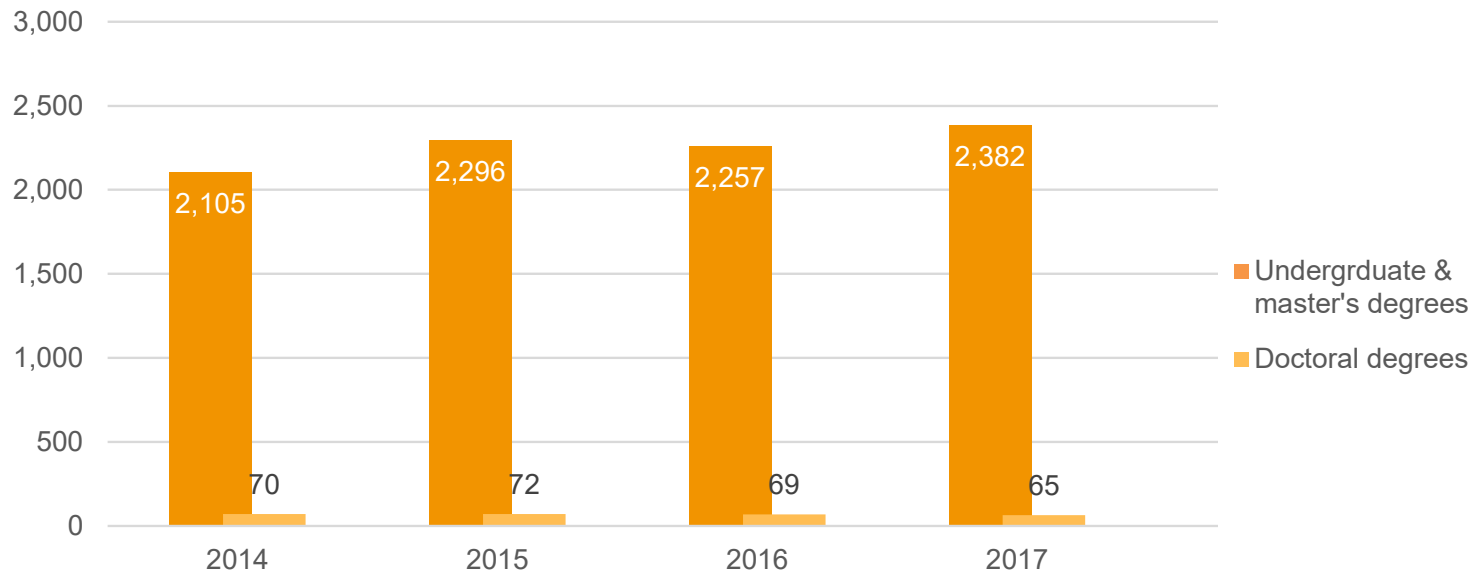
Doctoral Thesis Award 2017 of the University of Passau  
*Dr Martin Hennig*

Award for Good Teaching at the University of Passau 2017  
*Professor Jan-Oliver Decker, Dr Marcus Antonio Giamattei, Dr Thomas A. Heiß, Anne-Christin Hoffmann, Montserrat Resch, Dr.-Ing. Cornelia Schwarz*

Award for Good Teaching at the Public Universities of Bavaria 2017  
*Dr Michael Weigl*

Teaching Prize of Cornelsen Publishing House  
*Valentina Stickdorn*

## Undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees (absolute figures)



The figures for academic years 2014–17 are derived from the official statistics (published on 1 December each year).

# Undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees (absolute figures)

## Doctorates

The University is continuing its efforts to raise the number of completed doctoral projects and will give keen attention to the long-term advancement of early career researchers in its university development plan. This includes the establishment of structured doctoral programmes.

## Research Training Groups

6 structured doctoral programmes:

- Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics (BGPE)
- Bavarian Research Training Group on Political Theory
- DFG RTG 1681/2 'Privacy and Digitalisation'
- Graduate School of International Cultural Studies (GSICS)
- Graduate Programme of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Information Systems
- The Tri-national Graduate Research Training Group on Multi-media Distributed and Pervasive Systems (MDPS)

## Alumni

Since opening in 1978, the University of Passau has produced 37,007 graduates.

## BayWISS collaborative research groups

BayWISS collaborative research group 'Media I Communication':

- Collaborative research group with Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences and Universität der Bundeswehr München, directed by the University of Passau
- Principal Investigator at the University of Passau: Professor Oliver Hahn, Professor of Journalism

BayWISS collaborative research group 'Digitalisation'

- Collaborative research group with Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, OTH Regensburg and University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt, with participation of the University of Passau
- Contact person at the University of Passau: Professor Tomas Sauer, Chair of Digital Image Processing

### Degree programmes

Through its four faculties, the University of Passau offers a total of 39 degree programmes. Those studying at the University of Passau have access to the Language Centre's first-rate subject-specific language tuition and the Centre for Careers and Competencies's job market preparation courses.

### Bachelor's degrees

Our 15 undergraduate programmes conclude with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bakkalaureus/Bakkalaurea Artium (B.A.), Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) or Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.).

### Double degree programmes

The University maintains 19 double degree programmes with international partner universities.

### Studying abroad

The University has 236 partner universities in Europe and throughout the world, giving students the opportunity to gain valuable international experience as they study towards their degree.

### New partner university in France

A new cooperative partnership has been established with Université Catholique de Lille (Paris – Issy-Les-Moulineaux campus). The agreement provides for staff and student exchanges under the Erasmus framework and establishes a new binational, trilingual master's programme in Business Law to be studied by professionals while in employment.

# Teaching & Study

## Master's degrees

Our 19 master's programmes are open those with a relevant undergraduate degree (e.g. bachelor's, Diplom, state examination or Magister), and lead to the degree of Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.Sc.) or Master of Education (M.Ed.).

## Programmes concluding with a state examination

Five degree programmes prepare our students for a state examination: the Teacher Education Programmes and the Undergraduate Law Programme.

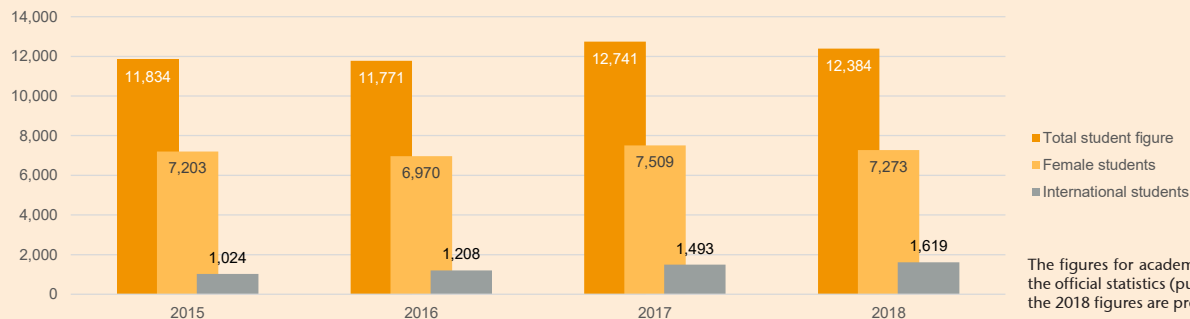
## Certificate programmes

Two certificate programmes have been established in the field of entrepreneurship, which are aimed at students and doctoral students of all faculties and are funded by the Bavarian State Ministry of Education, Science and the Arts through the Zentrum Digitalisierung.Bayern (ZD.B) platform.

## Doctorates

Upon completion of any of the master's programmes – or even a bachelor's programme with very good grades – students can follow up with doctoral study.

## Students (absolute figures)



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## Scholarships (selection)

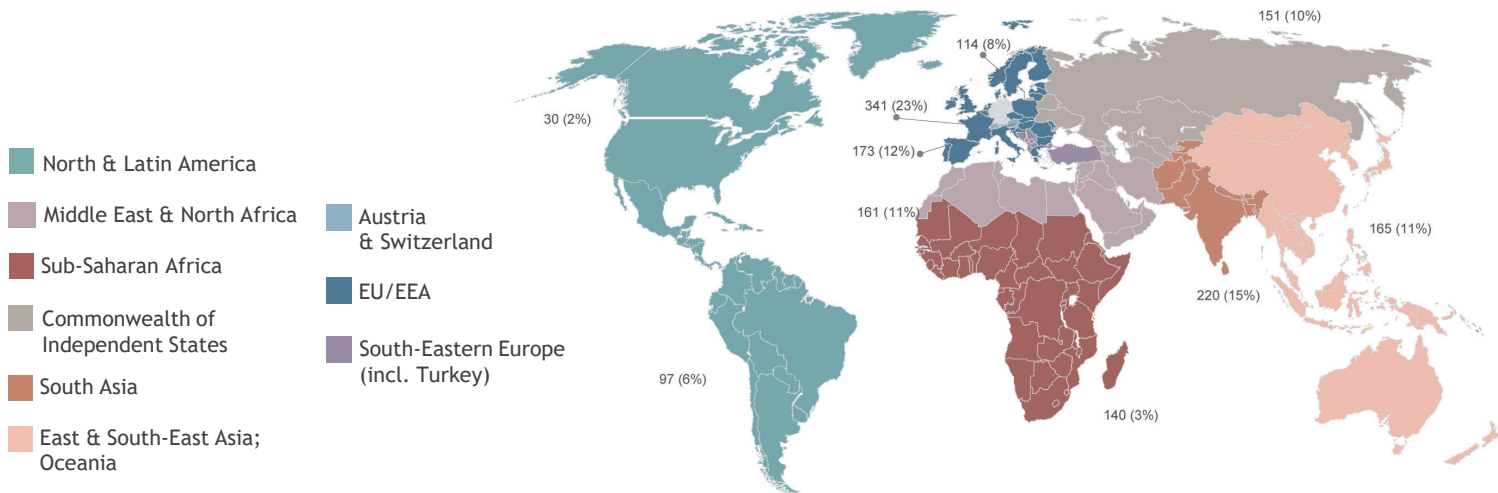
### Scholarship ratios

German Academic Scholarship Foundation	55 students (0.48%)
Other funding bodies	127 students and 15 doctoral students (1.18 %)
Deutschlandstipendium scholarship	50 students (0.41%)
Bavarian Elite Academy	8 students (0.07%) (of which 4 from the 2017 intake and 4 from 2018)

Numerous organisations support students and doctoral researchers at the University of Passau through a variety of scholarship programmes. This includes the European Union, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the Bavarian State Ministry of Education, Science and the Arts, the support associations of the University of Passau, foundations and other institutions as well as support received under the Bavarian Equal Treatment Act.

In 2017, a total of 1,493 international students from 106 countries studied on our campus.  
The University has registered a sustained strong increase in students from Asian countries.

### Provenance of students (absolute and relative figures)





## Funding lines and programmes (selection)

### German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

177 students and graduates and 11 academics from Germany and abroad received scholarships or fellowships from the DAAD. This puts the University of Passau in 30th place among the 100 DAAD member universities in Germany and in 4th place in Bavaria. For internationalisation projects and programmes such as Erasmus+, PROMOS, Welcome and Integra, the University received a total of 1,599,796 euros in funding.

### German Courses Passau

German Courses Passau counted 138 participants in their Academic German Year, Academic German Semester and summer courses programmes, helping them to gain the German language skills required to study in Germany.

### iStudi Coach

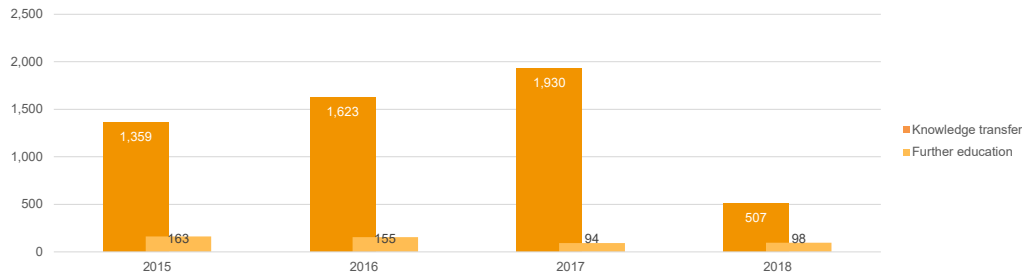
The iStudi Coach provided one-on-one advice to 170 international degree-seeking students from 59 countries on job search, the job application process, study organisation as well as administrative and legal matters.

### Refugee Programme

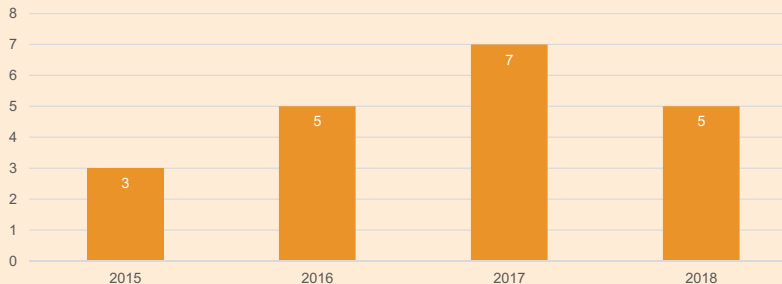
50 refugees took part in an intensive higher-education preparatory programme to allow them to meet the requirements for studying at the University of Passau or at other German higher education institutions. 14 of those who graduated from the Refugee Programme have meanwhile begun their studies in Passau, and four of them are currently studying towards a master's degree.

## Knowledge Transfer

### Intake of external funds over time (EUR '000)



### University spin-outs (absolute figures)



#### EXIST entrepreneurship scholarships

- The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy awards EXIST entrepreneurship scholarships for innovative technology-focused start-ups.
- Three teams (nine persons overall) from the University of Passau received EXIST entrepreneurship scholarships in 2017 and 2018, totalling 356,500 euros.

## Awards (selection)

- Having made it to the finals of the 58th Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition 2017, Passau's budding lawyers achieved yet another international competition success: At the renowned Willem C. Vis Moot Court held in Vienna from October 2017 till the end of March 2018, the team from Passau reached the quarter-finals for the first time.
- The Law Clinic received an award from Chancellor Angela Merkel for its services to society in the StartSocial federal competition. The award ceremony took place in the Federal Chancellery in Berlin.
- The 'Regiothek' project, a spin-out of the University of Passau, was one of the winners of the nationwide 'Digital Innovations' start-up competition organised by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. This consumer platform was the only start-up business from Lower Bavaria to receive an award at the IFA trade show in Berlin.

## Funding and cooperative partnerships (selection)

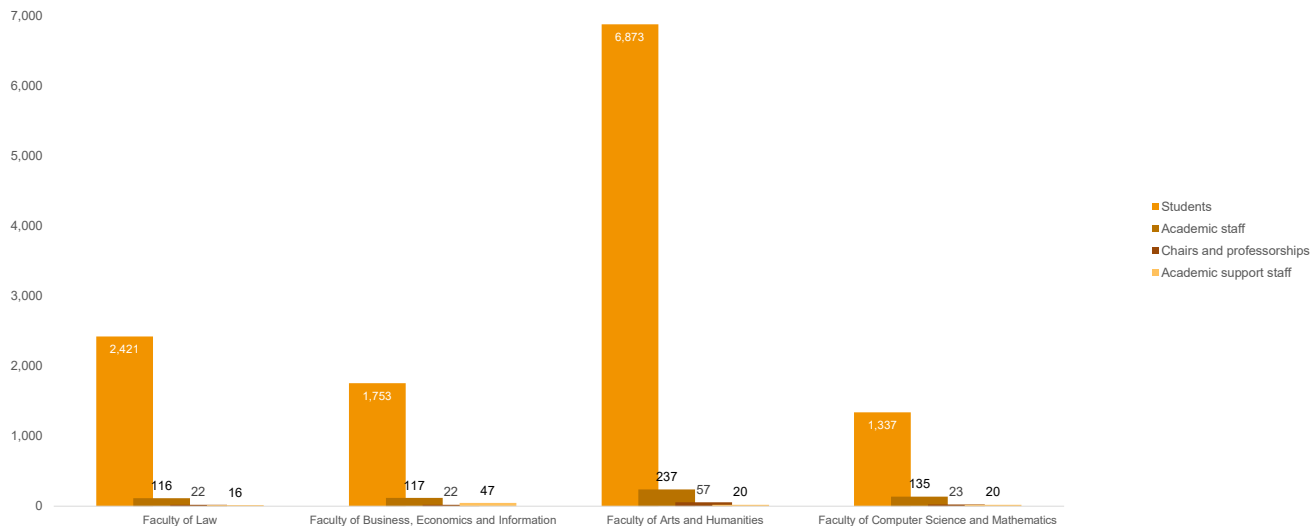
- The University Consortium for Knowledge Transfer and Innovation in Eastern Bavaria (TRIO) has commenced signing the cooperation agreements with its associated partners. The consortium is one of the largest funded projects in the 'Innovative University' federal-state program, receiving in excess of 14 million euros from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. TRIO seeks to strengthen the knowledge and technology transfer activities between universities, businesses and society in the administrative districts of Upper Palatinate and Lower Bavaria.
- The University of Passau and the Passauer Neue Presse (PNP) newspaper will cooperate even more closely in the training of journalists: a cooperation agreement was signed in summer semester 2018.
- The exhibition 'Nature Unleashed – The Image of Catastrophe since 1600' at the Hamburger Kunsthalle, which ran from 29 June to 14 October 2018, was created in cooperation with the University of Passau. The project was curated by Dr Markus Bertsch, Director of the 19th Century Collection of the Kunsthalle in Hamburg, and Professor Jörg Trempler, who holds the Chair of Art History and Visual Culture Studies. In addition to the holdings of the Hamburger Kunsthalle, the exhibition featured more than 200 works from world-renowned museums and collections such as the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay in Paris, the National Gallery and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the Kunsthau Zürich, the Kunstmuseum Basel and the Berlinische Galerie.

## Staff Structure

### Fair Play

By establishing the new *Fair Play Guidelines* in summer semester 2018, the University of Passau seeks to create a framework for all its members in which conflicts can be dealt with before they grow into full-blown crises.

## Student and staff structure (absolute numbers and distribution across faculties)

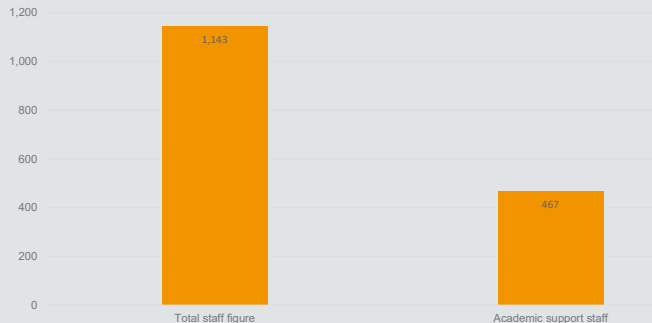


The University of Passau has 124 professors, 24.6% of whom are women (as at 30 September 2018). On 1 September 2018, there were a total 1,143 staff in primary occupation. Of these, 676 were academic staff and 467 academic support staff. These are preliminary figures.

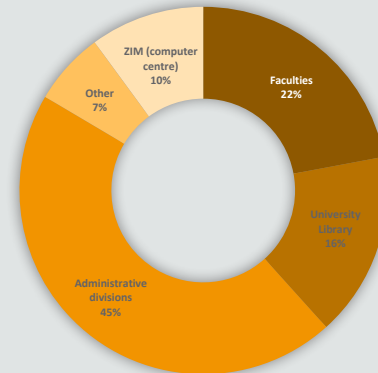
## New professorial appointments

- Chair of Software Engineering II, held by Professor Gordon Fraser since 1 October 2017.
- Chair of Criminal Law and Procedure, Criminology and Philosophy of Law, held by Professor Bettina Noltenius since 1 November 2017.
- Chair of Theoretical Computer Science, held by Professor Ignaz Rutter since 1 March 2018.
- Chair of Civil Law, German, European and International Business Law, held by Professor Michael Beurskens since 1 April 2018.
- Chair of German as a Second/Foreign Language, held by Professor Julia Ricart-Brede since 1 August 2018.
- Chair of Human Geography, held by Professor Malte Steinbrink since 1 September 2018.

## Academic support staff (absolute figures and distribution across the University units)



‘Other’ includes the academic support staff of the Sports Centre and of the central academic units. Staff working for the central operating and supply facilities are included in the ‘administrative divisions’ figure. These figures are preliminary as of 1 September 2018.



## Overall Budget

### Intake of external funds over time (EUR)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
State funds	54,953,000	55,386,100	55,661,600	60,574,400
External funds	9,888,000	11,089,000	12,411,000	13,636,000
Tuition fees or student subsidies	5,981,000	7,218,000	6,468,400	7,534,600
Overall budget	70,822,000	73,693,000	74,541,000	81,745,000

The overall budget figure includes the actual utilised external funds in the respective fiscal year. The external funds utilised in 2017 were mostly acquired in previous years.

### Sponsorships and donations (EUR)



2017	
Sponsorships	39,434
Donations	282,928
of which earmarked for the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship	101,750
Total amount	322,362

#### Finances

The University of Passau's core funding comes from state funds and study subsidies. This is complemented by external funds acquired by the University.

Nevertheless, the University relies on private sponsors' financial support to finance various initiatives and activities and to offer scholarships to eligible students. If you wish to contribute, please use the following account to make your donation:

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