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- Gulbenkian Foundation
- Khachatur Abovian Armenian State Pedagogical University – ASPU (*Yerevan*)
- National Library of Armenian (*Yerevan*)
- Yerevan State University (*Yerevan*)

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- Catholic Private University Linz (*Linz*)
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- Catholic University of Croatia (*Zagreb*)

## Czech Republic

- Brno University of Technology (*Brno*)
- Masaryk University (*Brno*)

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- Aarhus University (*Aarhus*)
- International Business Academy (*Kolding*)

## Estonia

- Tallinn University of Technology – TALTECH (*Tallinn*)

## Finland

- Åbo Akademi University (*Turku*)
- University of Jyväskylä (*Jyväskylä*)

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- Catholic Institute of Higher Studies – ICES (*La Roche-sur-Yon*)
- Catholic University of Lyon (*Lyon*)
- Catholic University of Paris (*Paris*)
- Catholic University of Toulouse (*Toulouse*)
- Paris Graduate School of Digital Innovation – EPITECH (*Paris*)
- Paris Higher Institute of Electronics – ISEP (*Paris*)
- Paul Sabatier University – Toulouse III (*Toulouse*)
- University of Bordeaux (*Bordeaux*)
- Université Catholique de Lille (*Lille*)
- Université Paris-Est Creteil – UPEC (*Créteil*)

## Georgia

- Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani University (*Tbilisi*)

## Germany

- Albert-Ludwigs Universität (*Freiburg*)
- Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (*Eichstätt*)

- Dresden University of Technology (*Dresden*)
- Heidelberg University (*Heidelberg*)
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Winkelmann-Institut (*Berlin*)
- Johannes Gutenberg University (Mainz)
- University of Leipzig, Leibniz Institute of East-Europe's History and Culture (*Leipzig*)
- University of Münster (*Münster*)
- Technical University of Munich (*Munich*)

## Italy

- Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna (*Bologna*)
- Catholic University of Sacred Heart (*Milan*)
- Centro Culturale Studium di Gorizia (*Gorizia*)
- IFOM, the FIRC Institute of Molecular Oncology Foundation (*Milan*)
- LUMSA University (*Rome*)
- Politecnico di Torino (*Torino*)
- Sapienza University of Rome (*Rome*)
- University of Catania (*Catania*)
- University of Padova (*Padova*)
- University of Siena (*Siena*)
- University of Trento (*Trento*)

## Kosovo

- University for Business and Technology (*Pristina*)

## Lithuania

- Vytautas Magnus University (*Kaunas*)

## Moldova

- Pridnestrovian State University (*Tiraspol / Chişinău*)

## Poland

- Adam Mickiewicz University (*Poznan*)
- Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (*Warsaw*)
- Jagiellonian University (*Kraków*)
- Nicolaus Copernicus University (*Toruń*)
- Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Warsaw (*Warsaw*)
- Pontifical University of John Paul II (*Krakow*)
- The John Paul II. Catholic University in Lublin (*Lublin*)
- University of Rzeszów (*Rzeszów*)
- University of Warsaw (*Warsaw*)

## Portugal

- Catholic University of Portugal (*Lisbon, Porto*)

## Romania

- Babeş-Bolyai University (*Cluj-Napoca*)
- Partium Christian University (*Oradea*)

- Politehnica University of Timisoara (*Timisoara*)
- Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania (*Cluj-Napoca*)

## Russian Federation

- Bashkir State University (*Ufa*)
- Kazan Federal University (*Kazan*)
- North Ossetian State University after Kosta Khetagurov (*Vladikavkaz*)
- Novosibirsk State Pedagogical University (*Novosibirsk*)
- Samara National Research University (*Samara*)
- South Ural State University (*Chelyabinsk*)
- Tatarstan Academy of Sciences (*Kazan*)
- Tyumen State University (*Tyumen*)
- Volgograd State University (*Volgograd*)

## Serbia

- Nikola Tesla University in Belgrade (*Belgrade*)

## Slovakia

- Catholic University in Ružomberok
- Comenius University (*Bratislava*)
- Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra (*Nitra*)
- Matej Bel University (*Banská Bystrica*)
- University of Trnava (*Trnava*)

## Spain

- Autonomous University of Madrid (*Madrid*)
- Ecclesiastical University of San Dámaso (*Madrid*)
- Ramon Llull University La Salle (*Barcelona*)
- San Pablo CEU University (*Madrid*)
- University of Barcelona (*Barcelona*)
- University of Cádiz (*Cádiz*)
- University of Francisco de Vitoria (*Madrid*)
- University of Valencia (*Valencia*)

## The Netherlands

- Radboud University (*Nijmegen*)

## Turkey

- Istanbul Technical University (*Istanbul*)

## Ukraine

- State University "Uzhhorod National University" (*Uzhhorod*)
- Ukrainian Catholic University (*Lviv*)

## United Kingdom

- Cardiff University (*Cardiff, Wales*)
- Goldsmiths University of London (*London*)



- Cardiff
- London
- Paris, Nanterre
- Val-de-Marne
- La Roche-sur-Yon
- Bordeaux
- Toulouse
- Porto
- Aveiro
- Lisbon
- Cádiz
- Valladolid
- Madrid
- Barcelona
- València
- Marseille
- Antwerpen
- Nijmegen
- Lille
- Leuven
- Reims
- Freiburg
- Lyon
- Milan
- Aarhus
- Osnabrück
- Münster
- Mainz
- Bonn
- Leipzig
- Dresden
- Prague
- Linz
- Salzburg
- Graz
- Ljubljana
- Eichstätt
- Berlin
- Poznan
- Warsaw
- Pardubice
- Olomouc
- Brno
- Vienna
- Bratislava
- Zagreb
- Belgrade
- Rome
- Messina
- Catania
- Turku
- Tallinn
- Tartu
- Kraków
- Lublin
- Banská Bystrica
- Trnava
- Cluj-Napoca
- Hasan Prishtina
- Sofia

**Hungary**

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# University of National Excellence

The University won the 'University of National Excellence' award in 2013. A statement from the Ministry of Human Capacities, given with the award, reads: 'The government has established such a standardized scheme which acknowledges and supports those institutional performances that outstandingly contribute to the creation and preservation of the intellectual and economic value system of our nation. Pázmány Péter Catholic University is one of the representatives of such institutional excellence and therefore it is worthy of the title of University of National Excellence.'

The Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics received the prestigious recognition as "Research Institution of Excellence" by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) in 2022.





# Introduction

Pázmány Péter Catholic University (PPKE) is an accredited higher education institution run by the Catholic Church and governed by the Hungarian Catholic Bishops' Conference. The following characteristics help us to fulfil our goals:

- a broad curriculum in the field of humanities,
- rich pedagogical and psychological expertise,
- pioneering research and teaching of info-bionics,
- training prospective teachers of linguistic and ethnic minorities living in Hungary,
- developing interdisciplinary programs in various fields of study,
- improving international cooperation in all fields of science utilizing our skills and capacities.

PPKE operates and fulfils its ecclesiastical mission upon the Apostolic Constitution *Ex corde Ecclesiae*: *"Since the objective of a Catholic University is to assure in an institutional manner a Christian presence in the university world confronting the great problems of society and culture. (...) A Catholic University, therefore, is a place of research, where scholars scrutinize reality with the methods proper to each academic discipline, and so contribute to the treasury of human knowledge. Each individual discipline is studied in a systematic manner; moreover, the various disciplines are brought into dialogue for their mutual enhancement (...)."*



In keeping up with its Catholic characteristic, Pázmány Péter Catholic University serves the search for truth in all its aspects through the means of universal humanism, directing its teaching and research activities towards the enrichment of the Church, the development of Christian culture and human progress. In the search for truth, it emphasises the knowledge integration of various disciplines, the dialogue between faith and reason”, the ethical concern and the theological perspective. It assesses the results of science and technology “from the perspective of the totality of the human person” (cf. Ex corde Ecclesiae 4, 11, 15, 7).

The University subordinates its international activities to its mission, and aims to serve the national and international communities through its work, its achievements and the values it represents. To achieve its goals, it seeks to cooperate in common research projects and education among Catholic universities as well as with other private and governmental institutions”. It takes part in international associations of Catholic universities, thus contributing to ‘the life and mission of the universal Church’ (cf. Ex corde Ecclesiae 35, 27).

People-oriented, high-quality education, classical knowledge, and innovation – this is what Pázmány Péter Catholic University offers its students. Our multifaceted education system aims to convey the traditional knowledge and values necessary for the development of the human personality in its entirety.

Our underlying goal is to provide training that supports everyday life, as well as students in learning and recognizing the related theoretical knowledge. We have a long-standing tradition of teaching a range of disciplines and disseminating valuable knowledge in theology, legal sciences, humanities, social sciences, information technology and bionics.

The Catholic roots and intrinsic human and social values of PPKE determine the mission of our Budapest-centred institution. Our approach consists of mutual respect, building intergenerational professional and friendly communities (from secondary schools to alumni), and helping each other. Our social programs draw an increasing number of students each year.

Knowledge is transferred in a people-oriented environment, always taking into account the capabilities, skills and needs of the students. The University pays particular attention to the importance of high quality science and education – even in international comparison. We are convinced that these universally recognized values guarantee that the degrees we issue maintain their value and the favourable reception of our graduates in the labour market.

# 7 facts about us



1. We are one of the oldest universities in continuous operation. **Founded in 1635** and re-established in 1992, PPKE combines traditional values of care for our students with flexible curricula, resulting in an environment of **high professional level** and **inspiring atmosphere**.



## PERSONAL CONNECTION DURING YOUR STUDIES

We aim to provide extensive care to each and every student.



## STRONG BUDDY SYSTEM

We aim to pair every incoming student with a Hungarian of the very same division, so students will have all the help they need during their stay in Hungary.



## EXTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Based on the international relations of our university and the researchers lecturing at our faculty, we have succeeded in building active contacts with several internationally reputed university research centres.



## COLLABORATION IN RESEARCH

Study and research in *The Ányos Jedlik Laboratories*, fitted for multidisciplinary research of Bionics, Biotechnology, Nanotechnology and Microelectronics, or conduct research of Humanities in *Psychological Research Laboratory* or the state-of-art *Archaeological Geoinformatical-System Laboratory*; or *Competition Law Research Center Hungary*; *Ereky Public Law Research Center*; *Law and Language Research Center*; *Media Law Research Center*; *Intellectual Property Law Research Center*.



## LOCATED IN THE HEART OF HUNGARY

Enjoy the sight and opportunities of the capital city in the centre of the country.



## EXCELLENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

After graduation in their chosen field of innovation area, our students find that their diplomas will open many doors.

# 3789

Bachelor students



# 627

Master students

## 2846

Students in Undivided Training Programs

## 740

Students in Specialist Training Courses

## 437

International students

# 307

PhD Students

## 437

Full time academic staff

## 109

Part time academic staff

## 416

Administrative and technical staff



## 434

Academic staff employed on an assignment

## Statistics

# 2023 / 2024 Study Year



# PPKE in National University Rankings



**5<sup>th</sup> place** in the ranking of Hungarian higher education institutions (based on student excellence) – statistics by HVG, Hungarian weekly economic and political magazine (2023)



**6<sup>th</sup> place** in the ranking of Hungarian higher education institutions – statistics by HVG, Hungarian weekly economic and political magazine (2023)



**7<sup>th</sup> place** in the field of engineering sciences (based on teaching excellence) – statistics by HVG, Hungarian weekly economic and political magazine (2023)



Pázmány Péter Catholic University nurtures a vast network of international relationships in Europe and around the world. This network guarantees diverse options in partnerships – be it mobility, research, project application, joint education or other activities. The University has over 400 inter-institutional agreements with various countries around the globe.

## Central European Exchange Program for University Studies (CEEPUS)

- CEEPUS covers mobility grants for students and teachers in the frame of university networks
- PPKE is an active partner in five operating networks in 2023/2024

## Erasmus+ KA131

- European Union Program, which provides learning mobility opportunities between program countries for students, teachers and staff
- PPKE has 185 bilateral agreements with European universities
- Our biggest partners of exchange are French, German, Italian, Polish, Spanish and Portuguese universities

## Erasmus+ KA171 International Credit Mobility

- Starting from 2016 PPKE established ties with several universities worldwide within the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility program
- European Union Program, which provides learning mobility opportunities between program countries and partner countries for students, teacher and staff
- Partner universities are mainly from region of Neighbourhood East, Middle East, Caucasus, Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.

## Erasmus KA220

- The Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics is a partner in an Erasmus+ KA220 Cooperation Partnership project, namely 'Introduction of joint short-cycle ICT courses for better employability of students and graduates' with five partner universities from Croatia, Greece, Serbia and Poland

- The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences is a partner in an Erasmus+ KA220 Cooperation Partnership project, called 'Reading Communities, Shaping Identities' with ten partner universities from Portugal, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Hungary, Spain and Czech Republic.

## Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Degree

The two-year Image Processing and Computer Vision (IPCV) Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Program gathers three European universities, leading in the field of image processing and computer vision. The program is run in collaboration with the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain (UAM) and Université de Bordeaux, France (UB). The IPCV AI program aims to cover the interdisciplinary fields of image processing and computer vision, which derive from topics such as electrical engineering, applied mathematics, computer science, and computer engineering, all covered by our consortium, with increased content of artificial intelligence (AI) neural models applied to the IPCV domain.

## Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People (SCYP)

The core mission of the SCYP is to provide opportunities to pursue higher education studies in Hungarian host institutions for Christian youth living in crisis regions of the world or being threatened in their countries because of their faith. The Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People (SCYP) was founded in 2017 by the Government of Hungary.

- Providing the possibility of studying in Hungary for young Christian students living in the crisis regions of the world and/or being threatened in their country because of their faith
- Incoming mobility from Armenia and Syria
- The scholarship covers tuition-free education, a monthly stipend, accommodation contribution reimbursement of travel costs and medical insurance

## Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme

Founded in 2013, the Stipendium Hungaricum is the Hungarian Government's most prestigious higher education scholarship programme, offering a wide range of courses for high-achieving international students. It is available on five continents in over 90 countries, attracting tens of thousands of international students each year.

- The program is based on bilateral educational cooperation agreements signed between the Ministries responsible for education in the sending countries and Hungary
- Available for Bachelor, Master, One-tier Master, Doctoral and Non-degree Programs
- Incoming mobility to PPKE includes Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Cambodia, Columbia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Kosovo, Laos, Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, The Philippines, Russia, Serbia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Vietnam
- The scholarship covers tuition-free education, a monthly stipend, accommodation contribution, and medical insurance
- More than 100 scholarship holders at PPKE

## Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship

The program was established by the Hungarian Government for those who live in a Hungarian diaspora outside of Europe and wish to study at a Hungarian higher education institution to develop their personal, professional and cultural relations to Hungary.

- As a Diaspora Scholarship holder, you can receive an internationally recognised degree and acquire highly competitive knowledge to advance both personally and academically
- An excellent opportunity to build your professional network and discover everything about the country in a supporting and welcoming student environment
- The scholarship covers tuition-free education, a monthly stipend, accommodation contribution and medical insurance.

## Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral study programs available for scholarship holders and self-funded students:

History (BA/MA/PhD), International Relations (MA), Archaeology (MA), Political Sciences (MA), Info-bionics Engineering (MSc), Computer Science Engineering (MSc), Medical Biotechnology (MSc), Bioinformatics (MSc), Quantum Engineering (MSc), Image Processing and Computer Vision AI (EMJM), Doctoral programmes of the Roska Tamás Doctoral School of Sciences and Technology in three disciplines: Information Science (PhD), Electrical Engineering Sciences (PhD), Biological Sciences (PhD)

## Memberships

Our international relationships primarily consist of the European Federation of Catholic Universities (FUCE), the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) and a regional cooperation initiated by the PPKE among universities from countries of the Visegrad Plus group. PPKE is also a member of the European Association for International Education (EAIE).



# Degree Programs offered in English at our University

## **Bachelor**

- English and American Studies
- History

## **Master**

- Archaeology
- Bioinformatics
- Catholic Canon Law
- Computer Science Engineering
- English Studies
- History
- Image Processing and Computer Vision AI (Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters)
- Info-Bionics Engineering
- International Relations
- Medical Biotechnology
- Political Science
- Quantum Engineering

## **PhD**

- Doctoral School of History
- Doctoral School of Sacred Theology
- Doctoral School of Linguistics
- Roska Tamás Doctoral School of Sciences and Technology

## **Postgraduate specialist training course**

- Biodata Analysis Online PgCert
- Combating Cybercrimes, Corruption and Money Laundering
- Corporate Compliance
- High-Throughput Biology PgCert



# Our Laboratories and Research Centers



The Pope Saint John Paul II Research Centre

International Canon Law History Research Centre

Archaeological GIS (Geographic Information System) Laboratory

Laboratory for Psychological Research



3D Image Processing and Stereography Research Group

The Ányos Jedlik Laboratories (Science-Education-Technology Center with 33 research labs)



Competition Law Research Centre – Hungary

Ereky Public Law Research Center

Law and Language Research Center

Media Law Research Center



Intellectual Property Law Research Center

# Student Services and Community Programs

*At Pázmány Péter Catholic University, student services and community programs are primarily organized at faculty level. This approach allows us to take the unique characteristics of each faculty into consideration, and helps us to tailor our support directly to the needs of the students of the respective faculty and study program. We aim to provide the most effective assistance to students as they navigate their academic journey in Hungary. This enables us to foster a supportive environment towards international students in Hungary, whether they come for an Erasmus+ exchange program or participate in full-time studies. The services and programs offered to international students vary slightly from faculty to faculty, therefore it is advisable to inquire the specific details through the international office or the website of the respective faculty.*

## **ORIENTATION WEEK**

The Orientation Week at PPKE marks the commencement of each semester with a blend of cultural immersion and informative sessions to acquaint incoming full-time and Erasmus+ visiting students with the university community. It serves to foster connections with peers from diverse backgrounds while familiarizing themselves with the campus environment and academic resources. Throughout the Orientation Week, students engage in a spectrum of activities designed by the Faculties to facilitate integration into university life. Icebreaker sessions, social gatherings, essential guidance on academic matters (from course selection to navigating campus facilities), cultural events and excursions mark the main highlights of the week. In addition to cultural immersion, the Orientation Week offers insights into the academic landscape of Pázmány Péter Catholic University. Students also gain exposure to research possibilities, enhancing their understanding of the university's academic excellence.

## **MENTOR SYSTEM**

PPKE maintains a diverse mentor system: all international students can have a perfect buddy during their time in Hungary. We aim to pair incoming students with one of the Hungarian students studying in the same division, so they surely know their way around. Mentors can help international students in managing their daily life in the University as well as in everyday life. They also organize various cultural events, concerts

or sightseeing tours all over Hungary during university breaks.

## **SPORTS FACILITIES**

While having sports facilities in the Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Law, PPKE also offers discounts from the local gyms.

## **LIBRARY**

International students can get a pass for each faculty library. In addition, our inter-university agreements enable our lecturers and students to use two renowned libraries in Budapest, of ELTE and Sapientia College of Theology of Religious Orders. Students of ITK also have access to the Semmelweis University Central Library. Students of Pázmány are allowed to use the collections and services according to the host institutions' regulations. Two of the biggest national libraries are located very close to the University: The Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library and the National Széchényi Library.

## **HOUSING**

In the process of finding suitable accommodation, our mentors will assist the international students. For scholarship holders dormitory accommodation is also available. You can find details at our website: [ppke.hu/en/dormitory-information#](http://ppke.hu/en/dormitory-information#) and [ppke.hu/en/dormitory-application-and-admission](http://ppke.hu/en/dormitory-application-and-admission)

## **HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE COURSE**

For holders of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship or the Scholarship Programme

# Student Services and Community Programs

for Christian Young People, Hungarian language classes are a compulsory element of their studies. At the same time, Hungarian language classes are available for free to all international full-time and visiting students. Hungarian language courses provide insight not only into the basics of the Hungarian language but also into Hungarian culture. They are highly recommendable to everyone, as they are a great opportunity to mix with your peers and get closer to locals as well.

## **INTERCULTURAL EVENINGS AND DAY-TRIPS**

PPKE supports the organization of intercultural evenings, where students can cook their traditional food and show videos of their country to their peers. The university also offers day-trips to the country in order to get to know the country and each other better.

## **IT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

PPKE provides an electronic mailbox for each enrolled student. The Eduroam Wi-Fi network is available on the university premises. The Neptun platform is the electronic academic administration system used in Hungary. Students register for the semester, take their lectures and exams, follow their results and financial matters etc. via Neptun. Students receive their Neptun ID and initial password before their first enrolment to the university. Students also receive a PPKE Microsoft account, through which they have access to the MS Teams and the Moodle of the University. Within the Microsoft Teams application, students can select the courses they have taken for the semester, access files uploaded by lecturers, and participate in online classes/exams via video conferencing.

## **FRESHMAN BALL**

The Faculties when they have the opportunity organize an elegant and prestigious event when all the students wear their most fancy dresses while having fun and enjoying the

party which is always accompanied by game of tombola, ball opening waltz and the election of the beauty queen of the ball. The invited performers and popular entertainers do their best to make the ball memorable.

Department evenings and trips

Most departments organise a Department Evening and Trip once a year to help students find out more about their fellow students and meet their lecturers in different situations.

## **PÁZMÁNY DAY**

Held in honour of Péter Pázmány, the founder of our University, this ceremony involves the delivery of Pázmány Awards and PhD degrees.

## **OPENING PARTY**

This is the very first event of each academic year to help students find their way back to university life after their summer holidays. The Opening Party is usually preceded by Information Day, which provides students with key information about the University.

## **PASTORAL SERVICES**

Pázmány University welcomes students of all religions and backgrounds, as well as those with no religious affiliation. For Catholic students, a Catholic university will provide a place that is familiar and welcoming: it is certainly a bonus to study at a university reflecting their own values, and to practice their religion in various ways. The University Chaplaincy offers a wide range of programs to help students experience a loving community, deepen their relationship with God, and clarify their values. The Chaplaincy welcomes students, teachers, and staff for events organised throughout the year. Mass is held in the chapels of each faculty weekly. The University chaplain (who speaks fluent Italian and English) is happy to answer your questions and he is at students' disposal for spiritual conversations and confessions. Everyone is welcome!

# Student Community Programs

## STUDENT WELL-BEING SERVICES

Several Faculties provide psychological services and counselling in English for enrolled students in case of need for free.

## STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Pázmány Péter Catholic University is committed to supporting students with disabilities. Students with children and/or with reduced mobility or hearing/visual impairments are welcome at PPKE. The Faculty Equal Opportunities Coordinators assists participants with fewer opportunities. Each Faculty offers additional opportunities for digitalization and the possibility to buy special tools and software. The Faculty buildings are wheelchair accessible. For more details, please contact the Equal Opportunities Coordinator of the respective Faculty.

## START-UPS

Active participation in academic activities can easily be coupled with effective involvement in research projects which may ultimately lead to innovative ideas and high-value intellectual properties. Many of our students have ambition to commercialize their results in form of spin-offs, in other words they establish their own startup ventures that are powered by the university's ecosystem before growing into a self-reliant business. Various examples of specific cases at the faculty show that opportunities are borderless.

- A team of graduates and young entrepreneurs developed and commercialized unique multi-axial force/torque sensors with a revolutionary optical technology that equips industrial robots with the sense of touch, providing the tactile sensing of automated equipment.
- Another team of smart students developed bionic prosthetics and telerobotic limbs that work, look and feel true to human anatomy. They have established their own company, carry out an ongoing development and a successful business.

- Others have built on their expertise in software development. The mission of their company is to realize the automation of hybrid compiling where implementation takes advantages of CPU and GPU simultaneously. Their state-of-the-art R&D technology is based on professional knowledge and applies the latest research results and mathematical methods.
- In the area of dermatology, young innovators of the university established their startup on the development of a high-resolution ultrasound imaging tool for evidence-based skin treatments, and related services that can help early detection of skin cancer and support the planning of interventions. Their research package includes AI-based detection and quantification of skin changes, patient management with anonymized data collection, smart image annotation, filters and settings, web-based with cloud or local storage, and user-friendly exports and imports.
- Another success story is a data-driven biotechnology company that provides a cell simulation platform capable of revolutionizing patient treatments starting from drug discovery and development to selecting the best treatment option for patients. They offer cutting-edge technology solutions designed to enhance and support the healthcare industry's capabilities and bring meaningful progress to the field, providing benefits for a broad range of clients in the healthcare industry, including pharmaceutical companies, biotech firms, medical research organisations, and healthcare providers.

These examples help students to understand that their potential is unlimited. They may find encouragement in the achievements of other fellow students and realize the inherent prospects provided by the supportive environment of the university.

# The Pope Saint John Paul II Research Centre

The Pope Saint John Paul II Research Centre was established in 2020. The aim of the Research Centre is to contribute to the research work of PPKE in the search for truth, the preservation of knowledge and its transfer to the benefit of society, complementing the research carried out in the faculties of PPKE in a subsidiary manner. In its research, it seeks to integrate knowledge, to dialogue between faith and reason, to take into account the ethical aspects of the subject of research and to present its theological perspectives (cf. Ex corde Ecclesiae I, 35 and 30).

The Centre will pursue these objectives through the production of scientific publications, the translation of scientific textbooks, the organization of conferences and the dissemination of scientific knowledge. The Centre operates under the direct authority of the Rector. The Rector may delegate his management powers to a Deputy Rector or another person with an academic degree.

In addition to the existing Research Groups, the Rector may establish additional ones to study serious contemporary problems, their roots and causes, their ethical and religious dimensions (cf. Ex corde Ecclesiae I. 32). Within the Centre, there are research institutes and research teams.



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The Faculty of Theology is the eldest School of the Pázmány Péter Catholic University, it has been created at Nagyszombat in 1635. As a Theological Institution, it dedicates its activity to the so-called 'sacred sciences', which mean different Fields of Theology, Christian Philosophy, Biblical Studies, Patristic Studies, Ecclesiastical History and Canon Law.



The Institute introduces students to these scientific fields and independent research practices through instructional levels which have received recognition by the Holy See and also by the Hungarian State. Therefore, our graduates can begin their ecclesiastical carrier with highly-valued special experience within the wide activity of the Church institutional system. They will be able to enrich, with their own scientific results, the Science of Theology in Hungary on an international level as well. This is served by the undivided (5 years) Theological program and the Theological PhD instruction which is unique in Hungary.

The well-known and widely-respected teaching faculty, approved by the Holy See, is guaranteed to produce work and education of the highest quality. This esteemed faculty has prepared two unique specializations in international cooperation for 2016, in Patristic and Biblical Studies.

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# Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Humanities was opened in Budapest in 1992. It moved to its campus in Piliscsaba in 1994, and established a separate venue for certain Master's and later Bachelors programs in Budapest in 2012. Due to the increasing significance, and numbers of programs in social sciences, our Faculty was renamed Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2012 and moved back to Budapest.

The former Vitéz János Faculty located in Esztergom was integrated into our Faculty as the Vitéz János Centre for Teacher Training in 2013. The Faculty attaches great importance to the training of future teachers.

At the faculty there are over 40 Bachelor and Master courses in the fields of humanities, social sciences and economics, ranging from Hungarian and several foreign languages to history, art history, philosophy, aesthetics, psychology, sociology, international studies and more. This gives the advantage of diversity, which proves that Pázmány is a unique university in Hungary. It offers different environments and atmospheres for those who want to master an area in the arts and social sciences.

The Faculty offers accredited doctoral training in two academic fields: Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies and History.



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## Campuses

### Sophianum (Budapest)

The major administrative location and venue of events of Pázmány's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, is in downtown Budapest. Sophianum is home to the offices of the Faculty including the Dean's Office, Directorate of Finances, Registrar's Office, International Office, Department of Scientific Management etc. The building also serves as the location of doctoral and lots of extra-curricular and scientific events throughout the academic year.

### Danubianum (Budapest)

Our major building of education is on the other side of the Danube, but only in a twenty-minute distance from Sophianum. Except from the doctoral events, all our educational activities take place here, and all related offices can be found in Danubianum, including the Student Union.

### Iohanneum (Esztergom)

The main field of specialisation in Esztergom is teacher education. Future practitioners of two important professions, kindergarten and primary school teachers are trained there. The main building, Iohanneum, has a unique location: it is in downtown Esztergom, next to the River Danube and the Cathedral. Esztergom, though a mid-sized town now, has a unique position in Hungary: it has been the seat of the Catholic Church for over a thousand years. More precisely, the Esztergom Cathedral is the seat of the Catholic Church and of the cardinal-archbishop in Hungary. For a few hundred years, it was also the coronation town.

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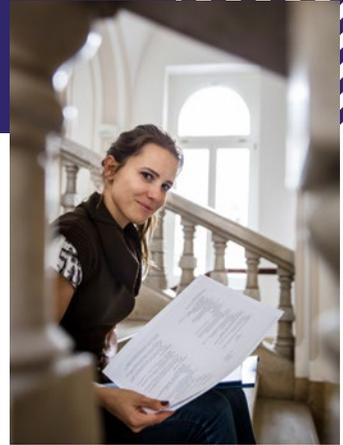
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# Canon Law Institute

The Canon Law Institute “*ad instar facultatis*” was established in 1996. This Institute with “Faculty Rights” works on the profound scientific instruction of experts in the own internal law of the Catholic Church, which is unique within this geopolitical region. The Institute, through exceptional teaching, promotes and unifies the activity of the Ecclesiastical Tribunals on High Level not only in Hungary, but also in other neighbouring countries (i.e. Serbia, Slovakia, Romania, and Ukraine).

Our Institute has placed, from the very beginning, a significant emphasis on internationally-recognized and highly-valued scholarly research, exemplified by the different forms of publications of new results. Globally respected and recognized members of our faculty make these activities possible. Their work is a clear testament that the Canon Law Institute “*ad instar facultatis*” of the Pázmány Péter Catholic University has unquestionably reached the excellent level of some of the best old and traditional Pontifical Canon Law faculties “in Urbe”. It is one of the reasons why many people from different countries are looking forward to receiving our diploma and scientific degrees.



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# Faculty of Law and Political Sciences



The Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the Pázmány Péter Catholic University is an eminent law school in Hungary. It was established in 1995.

Our downtown Budapest building is a great place for our students to study and connect with fellow peers. Our faculty members seek to advance knowledge in a search for truth to explore the relationship between law and social justice.

Pázmány professors are influential legal scholars and enthusiastic classroom teachers. With diverse backgrounds as practicing attorneys, policymakers, judges and interdisciplinary experts, their wide-ranging work contributes to the community and enriches the classroom experience.

Our Deák Ferenc Institute is a market leader in offering post-graduate courses in Hungarian and in English. At graduate level, about 50 courses are offered in English to our international and Hungarian students.



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# Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics

At the Faculty of Information Technology and Bionics (Pázmány ITK), we specialize in cutting-edge technology for the 21st century.

Established in 1998, Pázmány ITK's study programs merge electronic and computer engineering with life sciences such as molecular and neural biology, and medicine. Our aim is to decipher and adapt the techniques and algorithms found in biological systems for engineering applications.

Our Faculty fosters innovation, research, and collaborative partnerships with other universities and research institutions across all educational levels – from Bachelors to Doctoral degrees.

Our interdisciplinary study programs are led by experts in their respective scientific fields, ensuring that students receive a comprehensive education. With access to state-of-the-art facilities and resources, students are equipped to realize their full potential. International students receive ample support from teachers, administrative staff, laboratories, and fellow students to facilitate a smooth transition to life in Hungary.

All our MSc and PhD programs are fully conducted in English, thus we are happy to welcome international students for full-time studies or as visiting students at Masters and Doctoral levels in each of our study programs. Additionally, we offer a prestigious two-year Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree in Image Processing and Computer Vision in collaboration with the University of Bordeaux (France) and the Autonomous University of Madrid (Spain).

Our research spans diverse areas such as artificial intelligence, bio-inspired computing, cognitive science, language technology, and human-computer interaction, among others. The Faculty received the prestigious recognition as "Research Institution of Excellence" by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) in 2022.



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- Seoul National University of Science and Technology – SEOULTECH (*Seoul*)

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- Fu Jen Catholic University (*New Taipei*)
- National Sun Yat-sen University (*Kaohsiung*)
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- University of Baghdad (*Baghdad*)

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- Ludovika Memorandum

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- University of Jordan (*Amman*)

### Lebanon

- Antonine University (*Baabda*)
- Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (*Kaslik*)
- The Lebanese University (*Beirut*)

### Syria

- Al Andalus University for Medical Sciences (*Qadmus*)
- Antioch Syrian Private University (*Maaret Saidnaya*)
- Damascus University (*Damascus*)

- Syrian Arab Republic Ministry of Culture (*Damascus*)

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### Peru

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