Research at Ghent University

Ghent University prides itself on being a knowledge hub which is not only forward-thinking but also self-questioning and authentic.

Our university’s motto is ‘Dare to think’. As a consequence, scientific curiosity, innovation, and academic freedom are at the core of our organisation. We are not afraid to take a leap of faith: many a researcher has been given the opportunity to pursue his or her own line of inquiry, often resulting in well-established projects that generate great research.

We offer a platform to the dissenting voices, and give wigwams to the out-of-the-box ideas. And it is not just our research that is cutting edge and pioneering. Also our policy is thought provoking and creative, aimed at creating the best environment for our research community.

This makes us unique among the Belgian universities.

Scholarly impact

Number of peer reviewed publications

Researcher development

We strive to build a research nest

We do not simply want to be a research hotel that tends a ‘roof’ to researchers, rather we strive to build a ‘research nest’ where researchers can be suitably guided, are encouraged to spread their wings and can work in a pleasant and nurturing work setting.

Research infrastructure

University Library

Facilitating open knowledge creation

Research expenditure

Investing in Flanders’ knowledge potential

Number of PhD degrees awarded

Where do our graduates work 3 years after their PhD?

Research track record

International research network

Not just a local but also a global partner

Research collaborations within Europe are widespread. Our development cooperation is long-standing and exceptional.

We encourage our researchers to look beyond the edge of their page or beyond the confines of their lab and to think about the impact of their work. Current research runs through our 200+ study programmes. Findings are translated into policy and innovative applications. Our scientists and scholars interact with stakeholders and communicate about their work with passion.

Technology transfer

Bringing research to daily life

Ghent University strategically invests in multidisciplinary clusters to expand its industrial R&D network.