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**WELCOME  
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU!**



TURUN YLIOPISTO

VAROON ERIKSEN LUKU  
VARAALLE TIETEELLIS

# ACADEMIC HERITAGE IN TURKU SINCE 1640

Royal Academy of Turku – Academia Aboensis  
(1640–1828)  
until the Great Fire of Turku



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# UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

(the first Finnish-language University)  
was founded in 1920

*"From a Free People to Free Science"*



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# ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FACULTIES

1920

Faculty of Humanities

Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

1943 Faculty of Medicine

1950 Turku School of Economics\*

1960 Faculty of Law

1967 Faculty of Social Sciences

1974 Faculty of Education

*\* A separate university until 2010*



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In the 1950's  
a new campus was built on the University Hill

In the 1970's  
universities in Finland became state owned

2007  
University of Turku and Turku School of Economics  
decided to merge

1 January 2010  
New University of Turku  
The new University Act gives universities  
an independent legal status



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WELCOME  
to the Campus of  
Top Research and  
High Quality Education



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Ranked 221. university in  
in the whole world

*THES – QS World University Rankings*



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# 21,000 STUDENTS

16,000 Degree Students,  
2,500 Post-graduate Students &  
2,500 Visiting Students



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# 3,500 EMPLOYEES

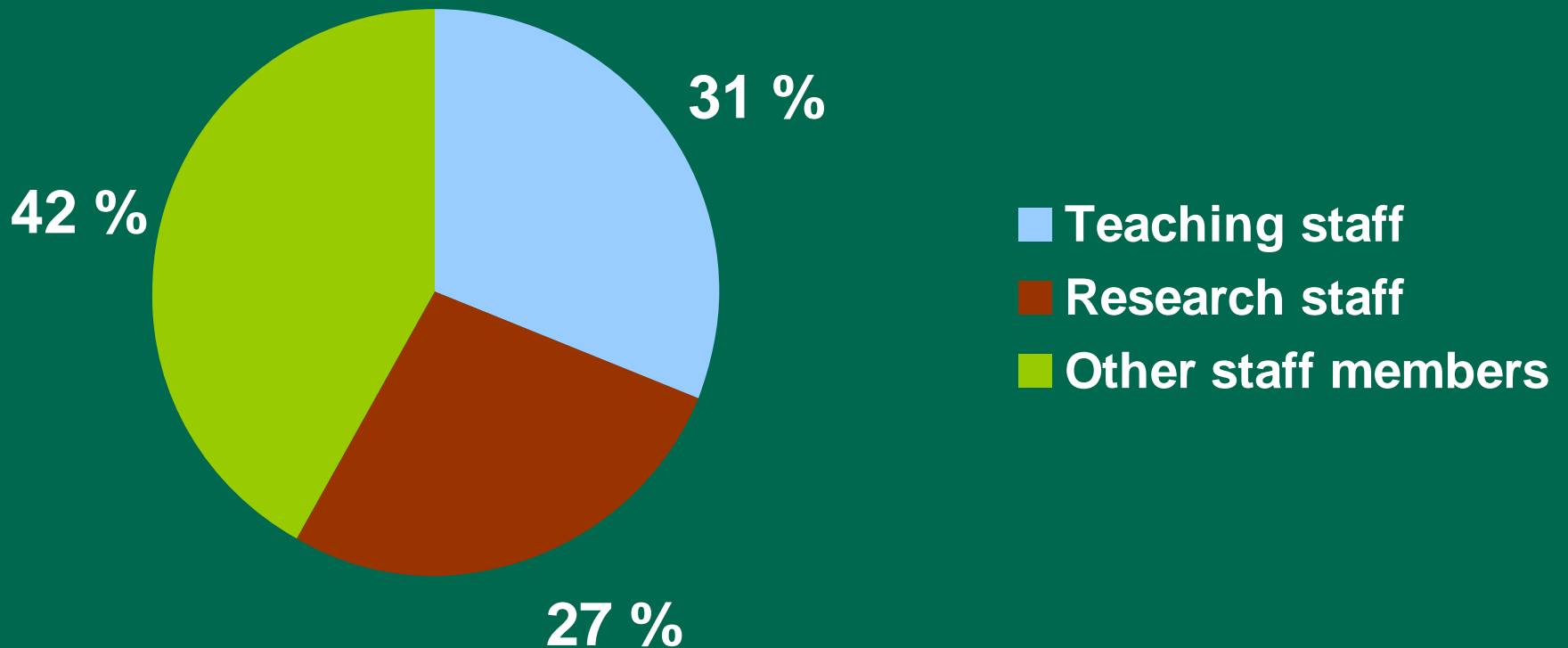
3<sup>rd</sup> largest employer in Turku



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# University Staff







PUBLICUM



A STRONG  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
PROFILE  
with 7 faculties



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# FACULTIES

- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Social Science
- Faculty of Education
- Turku School of Economics



# SPECIAL UNITS

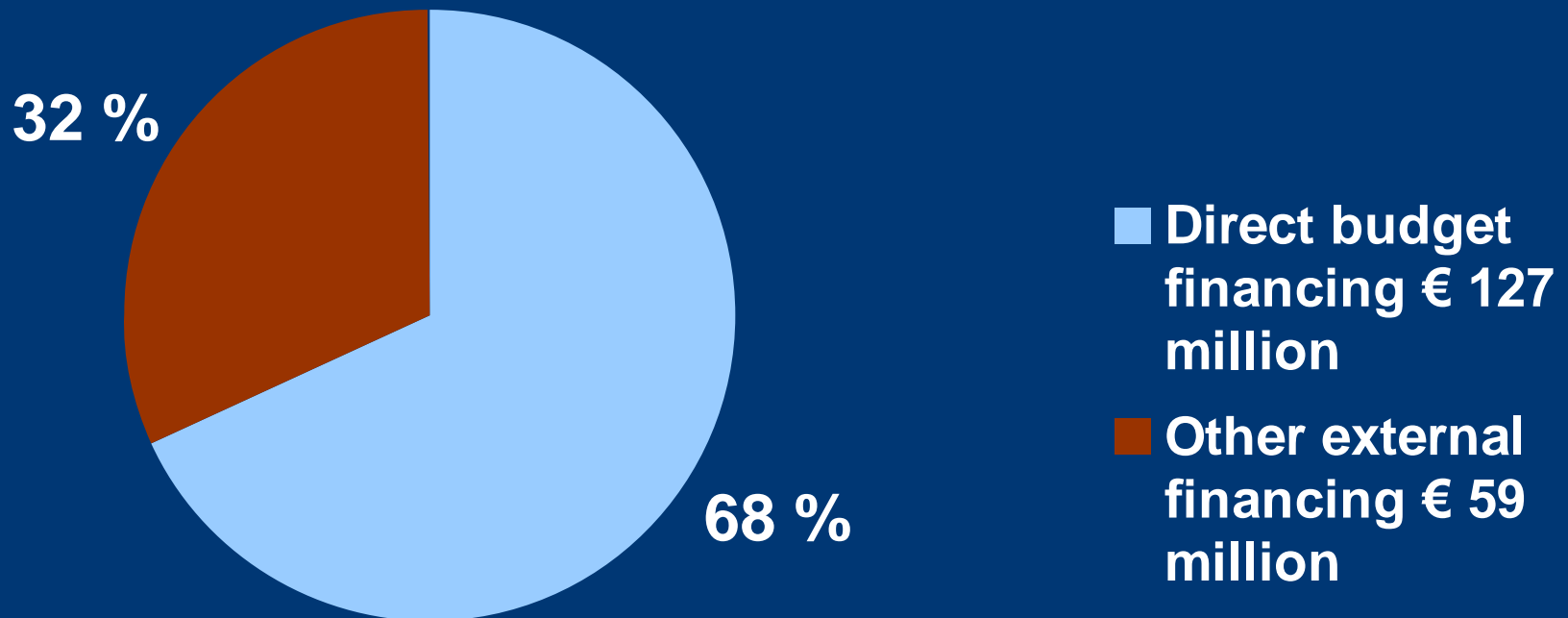
- Business and Innovation Development BID
- Centre for Extension Studies
- Centre for Maritime Studies
- Finnish Centre for Astronomy with ESO
- Finland Futures Research Centre
- Functional Foods Forum
- Environmental Research Centre
- Language Centre
- Research Unit for the Sociology of Education RUSE
- Turku Centre for Biotechnology
- Turku Centre for Computer Science TUCS
- Turku PET Centre







# Financing € 221 million



# AREAS OF STRENGTH IN RESEARCH

- Molecular biosciences
- Cardiovascular and metabolic research
- Ecological interactions and ecological genetics research
- Learning and education research
- Future studies
- Research on institutional design and social mechanisms

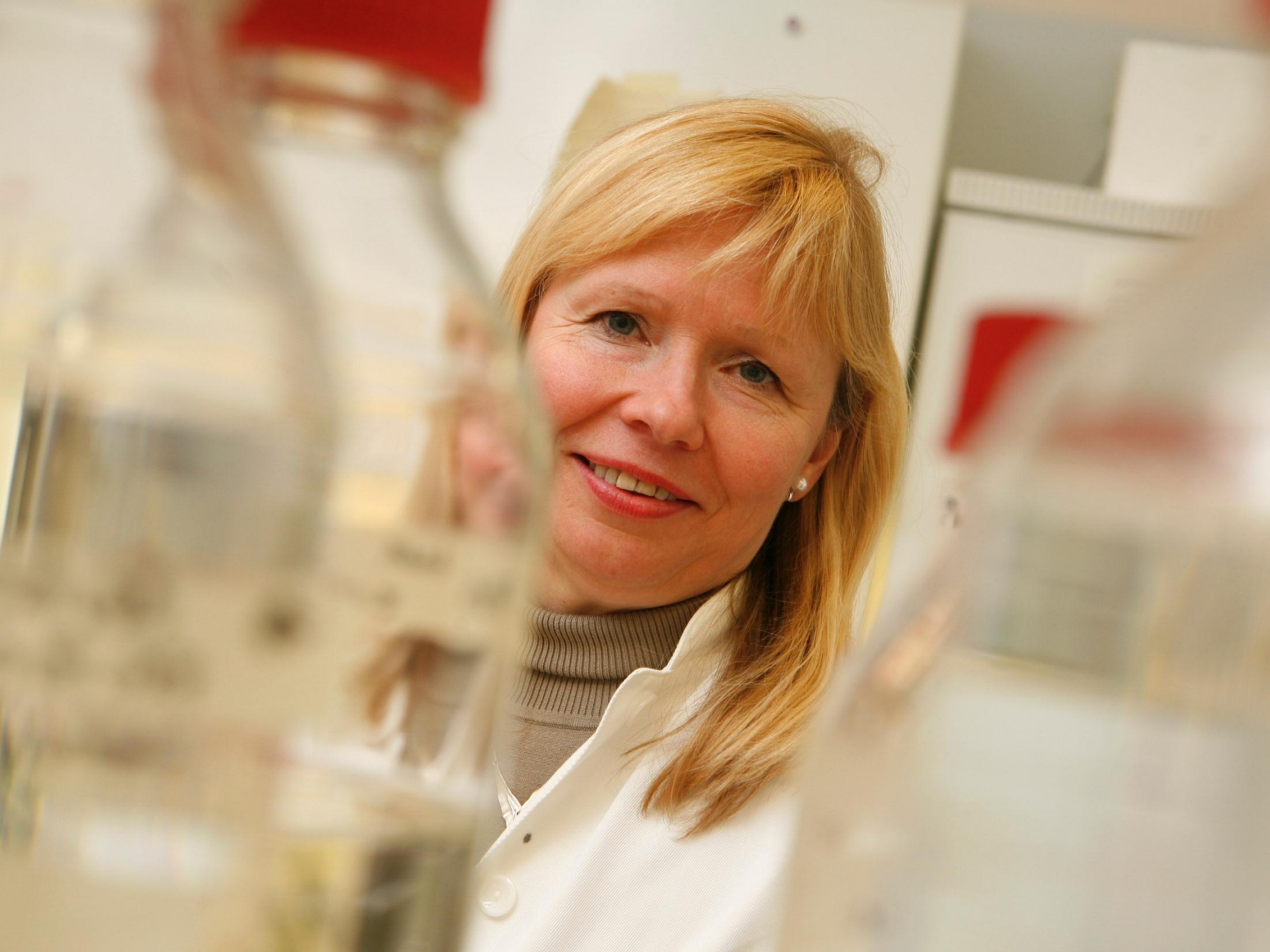


# NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

- Evolutionary Genetics and Physiology (2006–2011)
- Host Defence Research (2008–2013)
- Integrative Photosynthesis and Bioactive Compound Research at Systems Biology Level (2008–2013)
- Public Choice Research (2008–2013)
- Molecular Imaging in Cardiovascular and Metabolic Research (2008–2013)
- Translational Genome-Scale Biology (2006–2011)







# OVER 3 000 SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS ANNUALLY

77% of which in international publications



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# GRADUATE SCHOOLS

- 16 National Graduate Schools nominated and funded by the Ministry of Education
- Participates in numerous other graduate schools





WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED,  
HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION



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# DEGREES ANNUALLY

1,000-1,500 Master's degrees

1,000-1,500 Bachelor's degrees

140 Doctoral degrees



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# ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Research projects and programmes
- Global academic networks
- Student & staff exchanges
- Joint curriculum development





# Coimbra Group

- An association of long-established European multidisciplinary universities of high international standard, founded in 1985 in Coimbra
- 38 members including universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Lyon, Prague, Bologna, Uppsala, Barcelona
- University of Turku invited to join the Group in 1996



# Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN)

- Founded in 2000 in Turku by 17 universities in the Baltic Sea Region
- 39 member universities
- Supporting joint research projects and information exchange
- Encouraging student and staff mobility







1,500  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
from 85 countries



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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY

554 Finnish students left on exchange programmes\*,  
Germany, Spain, France, Sweden, Great Britain and Sweden as  
the most popular destinations

455 Foreign students arrived here as exchange students\*,  
the majority of them from Germany, France, Spain and Italy.

\* *More than three months in 2009*



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# INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDIES

17 International Master's Degree Programmes

Annually 1,500 applications from over 60 countries

Online application

Application from 1 December – 15 April  
(individual deadlines depending on the programme)



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# CITY OF TURKU

Finland's oldest city

Finland's capital until 1812,  
important link between the East and the  
West since Medieval times



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# CITY OF TURKU

## Today

a modern ambitious city  
with 170,000 inhabitants and  
with the largest cluster of  
bioscience and IT  
in the Nordic countries



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