INVENTING THE FUTURE FOR THE PAST 800 YEARS
Created in 2015 through the merger of Universités Montpellier 1 and 2, the University of Montpellier (UM) draws from the excellence and synergy of these two institutions. Consequently, it rekindles the multidisciplinary ambition of the first university established in Montpellier in 1289, a secular and international university. For eight centuries, renowned scholars and scientists, from Rabelais and Curie, to Renaudot, Chaptal and Grothendieck, have shaped this open university, closely tied to the life of the city and committed to the key challenges of its time.

Today, the University of Montpellier brings together an extensive community of knowledge, from sciences, technical arts, medicine and environmental sciences, to educational sciences, economics, law and political science.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELLIER FULLY EMBRACES ITS VOCATION AS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITY, PROMOTING A WORLD IN MOTION

- by providing training for tomorrow’s careers
- by addressing the scientific challenges of its times
- by committing to promoting knowledge
- by offering a campus network firmly established in the life of the city

THE OLDEST BOTANICAL GARDEN IN FRANCE (1593)
THE OLDEST MEDICAL SCHOOL STILL OPERATING IN EUROPE
4 PRESTIGIOUS MUSEUMS
CONSERVATORY OF ANATOMY
MATERIA MEDICA COLLECTION
ATGER MUSEUM
PHARMACY MUSEUM
OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC COLLECTIONS
BOTANICAL
2nd herbarium in France comprising 3.5 million samples
PALEONTOLOGY
1.5 million specimens
ZOOLOGY
40,000 specimens
MINERALOGY
3,000 rock samples
ETHNOLOGY
120 artefacts from Kanak, Papuan and Maori cultures
COLLECTIONS OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS FROM THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES
Astronomy, physics, chemistry...
RESEARCH GEARED TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF THE 21st CENTURY SOCIETY

Acknowledged in worldwide university rankings (Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities, QS ranking), University of Montpellier is internationally recognised for its expertise in many scientific fields such as health-biology, agro-environmental science, chemistry, information and communication technologies and science, and more.

It coordinates 5 Laboratories of Excellence and 7 Equipment of Excellence projects. University of Montpellier also coordinates the "Montpellier University of Excellence" project (MUSE) which receives the Initiative - Science - Innovation - Territories - Economy (I-SITE) certification. MUSE is the largest scientific project ever conceived on the Montpellier site, which is to address three major 21st century challenges, namely: to feed, protect, and heal. MUSE seeks to make Montpellier an international reference in health, environment science, and agriculture.

AN ENVIRONMENT CONducIVE TO WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH

UM provides its researchers with the required technological platforms and facilities for cutting-edge research (BioCampus, CEMINPA, CR2I...). For example, it is equipped with a University Space Centre (USC) and an integrated human movement studies facility, Euromov.

It works in partnership with the Montpellier CHRU (Regional University Hospital Centre), which ranks 6th in France, and with the Nîmes CHRU as well as with a myriad of research institutions represented in Montpellier: CNRS, INSERM, INRA, CIRAD, IRD, INRIA, IRISTEA, CNES, CEA, IFREMER...

PRIORITY GOES TO GENERATING VALUE

UM maintains strong links with state-of-the-art industries established in the region, especially in the biomedical and new technology sectors (Horiba, IBM, Sanofi...). Joint-research stakeholders have access to many of the UM’s laboratories. Montpellier enjoys an ecosystem conducive to technology transfer that comprises 5 competitiveness clusters, a high-tech park and a business incubator (Montpellier Agglomeration Business Innovation Centre, BIC), ranked in the world’s top 5. UM also partners with the regional agency in charge of value generating (SATT AxLR, a technology transfer acceleration company for innovative projects derived from academic research).

ADDRESSING

SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES

- 9 SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENTS
  - BIOLOGY – AGROSCIENCES
  - BIOLOGY – HEALTH
  - BIOLOGY – ECOLOGY – EVOLUTION
  - ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
  - EARTH AND WATER SCIENCE
  - CHEMISTRY
  - LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
  - ECONOMICS
  - EDUCATIONAL SCIENCE
- 78 RESEARCH UNITS
- 2,065 PROFESSORS-RESEARCHERS
- 1,762 PHD STUDENTS
- 1 I-SITE COORDINATED BY UM : MUSE
- 5 LABEX COORDINATED BY UM
  - EPIGENMED
  - ENTREPRENDRE NUMEV
  - CHEMISYST
  - CEMEB
- 1 VAN ALLEN FOUNDATION
  - DEDICATED TO SPACE RESEARCH
- 1 FOUNDATION UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELLIER
A WIDE RANGE OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES

A multidisciplinary university, University of Montpellier is made up of 17 schools organised into two main complementary fields of study. It offers students an opportunity to train in multiple areas in order to meet the needs of tomorrow’s demanding careers, combining robotics/engineering and health, economics and environment, law and information technologies, and more.

UM’s strategy revolves around inter-disciplinary and multi-skill training programmes.

A UNIVERSITY CLOSELY TIED TO ITS REGION

The University of Montpellier is a highly-valued stakeholder in the Region, with over 4,800 members of staff, 49,000 students and a budget close to 400 million euros. UM plays an essential role in the development of its region. In addition to its economic impact, UM is deeply committed to disseminating academic, scientific and cultural knowledge and to contributing to the international recognition of the city.
For a period of study abroad, thousands of students choose Montpellier as their destination. Yearly, the University welcomes more than 500 foreign students representing around 150 nationalities. Its global network covers all 5 continents via partnerships that were successfully created and developed encompassing 573 partner universities and higher education institutes in some 89 countries. These agreements encourage mobility at all levels: for students, professor-researchers and other members of staff. Just like Montpellier, which is an open, cosmopolitan city, UM contributes to intercultural exchanges and knowledge transfer.

AN INTERNATIONALLY ORIENTED UNIVERSITY

A MYRIAD OF INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

UM is a key player in numerous European exchange programmes, such as Erasmus and Erasmus Mundus. It is also a member of the Coimbra network, an umbrella body comprising around forty historical European universities. Further afield, UM belongs to the Latinus network, which brings together higher education institutions of the Latin world, the French-speaking University Agency (Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie) and ASAIHL (South-East Asian Institutions of Higher Learnings); UM also takes part in networks that provide extensive opportunities for international development.

EXPOSURE THROUGH RESEARCH

UM received the European award “HR Excellence in Research” in March 2015. The university’s quest for excellence in research is embedded in its strategy to contribute to the development of the European Research Area, and to increase the university’s exposure on an international level.
DEVELOPING
A CAMPUS NETWORK
AT THE HEART OF THE CITY

A MULTI-SITE UNIVERSITY
From the Northern and the Southern parts of Montpellier to its downtown area, UM’s various sites are located right at the heart of the Mediterranean city and advocate university life as part of the urban landscape. All the sites are located near tramway line 1 and form a real campus network. UM also contributes to an effective network in the region, with premises in Béziers, Carcassonne, Mende, Nîmes, Sète and Perpignan.

Ranked 2nd best French city to study, Montpellier has exceptional advantages: 300 days of sunshine per year, easy access to the sea (a 15 minute drive) and France’s largest pedestrian city centre.

OPTIMAL STUDYING AND WORKING CONDITIONS
A community outreach network has been set up to make university life as easy as possible. Departments for information and careers guidance, international relations, physical and sports activities as well as preventive medicine and health allow for proximity within the university community.

DYNAMIC, INDEPENDENT STUDENT LIFE
The UM provides its students with premises for recreation and socialising: the Maisons des étudiants (student centres) are run by students, for students, and provide space for exchanging and creating.

The university also organises cultural events (concerts, conferences, film screening, exhibitions) and promotes artistic production (recording studios, workshops and more).