FRANCE’S SECOND CLUSTER FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The Université de Lyon (UdL) is a world-class academic site of excellence. Awarded the IDEX label in 2017, it is located at the heart of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, in Lyon and Saint-Étienne.

Structured around 12 member institutions and several associated institutions, the Université de Lyon has three main objectives:

• To be a major, attractive and responsible university, with a reputation for excellence and innovation, and one which is enriched by strong international outreach;
• To provide outstanding training and research opportunities, in line with current social expectations and changes;
• To develop and promote the dynamics of the Lyon Saint-Étienne site, in conjunction with all regional stakeholders: citizens, organizations, companies and local authorities (the metropolises of Lyon and Saint-Étienne, the Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and other regional authorities).

12 MEMBER INSTITUTIONS
25 ASSOCIATED INSTITUTIONS

172 LABORATORIES
300 families OF ACTIVE PATENTS
€124.6M annual revenue in COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

140,000 STUDENTS including
20,000 FOREIGN STUDENTS
6,800 RESEARCHERS & teacher-researchers

3 MAIN RESEARCH FIELDS
Biohealth & Society, Science & Engineering, Humanities & Urbanity

17 DOCTORAL SCHOOLS
5,100 PHD STUDENTS
1,000 THESIS defended each year

8 ACADEMIC COLLEGES

80 IUF* AWARDS 2011-2019
97 CNRS MEDALS 2001-2019
74 ERC** GRANTS 2009-2019
22 AWARDS from the ACADÉMIE DES SCIENCES 2011-2019

VICTOR GRIGNARD CHEMISTRY 1912
YVES CHAUVIN CHEMISTRY 2005
CÉDRIC VILLANI 2010

* IUF : Institut universitaire de France
**ERC : European Research Council
FOSTERING THE ACADEMIC POTENTIAL OF OUR COMMUNITY

The Université de Lyon identifies five priorities for expanding its research potential: strengthen the scientific excellence of our fields of research; enhance the high quality of our scientific results; extend the international visibility and attractiveness of our laboratories and institutes; assess the Université de Lyon’s leading role in the regional and national development schemes; implement research cooperations between our academic teams and the Lyon Saint-Étienne socioeconomic actors through specific entrepreneurship programs.

Creating a world-class university with IDEXLYON

IDEX is a call for projects launched by the French Government under the Investments for the Future program. It aims to identify around 10 French universities as world-class centers of excellence, and to improve the attractiveness of France and its scientific standing in the world.

Following a selection process by an international jury, the Université de Lyon was awarded the “Excellence Initiative” (IDEX) label in February 2017. The total funding allocated to the IDEXLYON project amounts to 800 million euros, which is an annual allowance of 25 million euros over an initial period of 10 years.

This project, driven by a powerful collective impetus, demonstrates the Université de Lyon’s strengths and aims to enhance the site’s dynamic of excellence: its research outreach, the attractiveness of its training programs, its academic potential and the quality of its governance.

The Université de Lyon is also home to major projects for academic excellence: 12 Laboratories of Excellence (LabEx), 2 Graduate Schools of Research and 2 Convergence Institutes for high-profile multidisciplinary scientific centers.

Comprehensive and innovative training

The Université de Lyon offers a huge variety of university diplomas, Master’s degrees, engineering degrees, etc. in all scientific fields. These training programs are built on academic excellence, innovative teaching and a commitment to professionalization to ensure that graduates successfully enter professional and social life. They are held in an attractive region with a pioneering entrepreneurial spirit.

A keystone to our education policy, the Université de Lyon offers 19 IDEXLYON-labelled Master’s programs that are jointly organized by several institutions, and grant accredited diplomas. With strong international focus, these Master’s programs are part of our 137 Master’s degrees.

Furthermore, the Université de Lyon issues PhDs, the site’s flagship diplomas of excellence, as well as provides iconic training programs in entrepreneurship and digital technology.

Aiming for an international scientific outreach

The Université de Lyon values academic partnerships that are part of an alliance to develop high-quality projects, such as the creation of international training courses, implementation of research teams and the organization of international, issue-specific symposia.

The Université de Lyon is part of 28 international laboratories and international mixed units with several institutions throughout the world, and offers 171 collaborative training courses and programs.
Developing entrepreneurial and innovative spirit

The Université de Lyon provides several programs that aim to help strengthen entrepreneurship and innovation in Lyon and Saint-Étienne:

- **The PEPITE Beelys**, (Student Center for Innovation, Transfer and Entrepreneurship) to support students in projects setting up or taking over companies;
- **The Innovation Factory**, to use the university’s talents in the creation of start-ups and local companies;
- **The SATT PULSALYS** (Technology Transfer Acceleration Company), to develop research findings at the Université de Lyon and to promote their transfer to socio-economic sectors;
- **Doctor’Entreprise**, a practical scheme, run by the Université de Lyon and the MEDEF Lyon-Rhône, that brings together companies, research laboratories and PhD students;
- **The Innovation Academy**, a “learning-by-doing” training program for PhD students to develop innovative projects.

These programs are led hand-in-hand and in close connection with local, regional and national entrepreneurial ecosystems. They are implemented by the provision of resources, innovative training programs and events.

Expanding abroad and welcoming talents

The International Alliance of the Université de Lyon is an integrated platform for research and training. It comprises around ten universities spread over 5 strategic geographical zones (Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, Europe) chosen for their strong links and a scientific drive shared with the institutions of the Université de Lyon.

For those coming to Lyon, the **Students Welcome Desk** and the **Espace Ulys** are are two dedicated initiatives, respectively for international students and researchers, that ensure foreign talents are well informed and accompanied throughout their stay.

Living well on our campuses

Quality of life is a major factor in the success of our students. The Université de Lyon, therefore, takes a number of measures to ensure that all students, on all campuses, have the same quality of life. This involves providing access to local services: housing, catering, healthcare, assistance for people with disabilities, sport, culture, documentation, etc.

Moreover, **Lyon Cité Campus** is a vast renovation program for the university which features amongst 12 projects selected as part of "Opération Campus". Launched in 2008, it aims to redesign and modernize the Université de Lyon’s real estate, specifically on LyonTech-la Doua and Charles Mérieux campuses, by focusing on energy and ecological transition.

Promoting interaction between research and civil society

Initiatives at the Université de Lyon help to disseminate, share and spark discussion about knowledge thanks to the **Pop’Sciences portal**, events such as the **Science Fair** and meetups between pupils and PhD students.

Through research programs, such as the **Science Shop**, the Université de Lyon offers living labs and consultations with the public. The implementation of the **RESETIS Platform** has led to further debate about science and society, scientific integrity and the social responsibility of researchers through training, monitoring and research activities.
MEMBER AND ASSOCIATED INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITÉ DE LYON

The Université de Lyon stands out for its alliance of public universities, grandes écoles (prestigious higher-education institutions with competitive entrance exams) and research institutions. Its academic and research programs are comprehensive and cover all scientific and artistic fields. Furthermore, the Université de Lyon gathers France’s leading schools for engineers, and is an exceptional cultural center: to choose the Université de Lyon is to choose excellence.
