



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Nearly one tenth of the roughly 28,000 students at Justus Liebig University (JLU) are from outside Germany: 2,500 international students from 121 countries are studying at the JLU. Roughly 33% of all the study modules at the JLU enable students to be taught in a foreign language, generally English.

COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

The JLU cooperation network is also a springboard for further growth: for example, a trilateral memorandum of understanding was signed in April 2016 with the Namibia University of Science and Technology and the North-West University Potchefstroom in South Africa.

the connection of local or regional responsibility and international networking," emphasises JLU President Joybrato Mukherjee. According to Mukherjee, the "driving forces" of internationalisation are the global competition between higher education institutions and higher education systems, new centres in the international research system, as well as demographic change and the resulting "search for talent". Other decisive factors for the university president are the responsibility of higher education institutions in the face of future challenges, such as climate change, the energy crisis and migration – and last, but not least the goal of preparing young people for globalised occupations.

International networking is not a luxury for a modern university, but a must. The JLU Giessen has long had a highly differentiated strategy in place; its International Strategy 2.0 followed in 2016. In it the JLU has committed itself not only to internationalisation across the entire university, but also to further raising its profile worldwide. International learning and research benefits not only students and teachers, but many others. For example, when a medical excellence cluster makes major progress in international heart and lung research or when the JLU investigates the warming of the oceans until the end of the century with Colombian partners as part of the Ocean 2100 project. Undoubtedly, the future belongs to the networked university. ■

