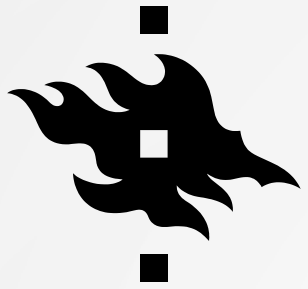




# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Collaborative Futures: Western Balkans peer learning visit



# PROGRAM

- 9:00 – 9:30 Overview of Innovation at the University of Helsinki  
Micah Gland, Leading Advisor, Innovation Ecosystems
- 9:30 – 10:00 Welcome to Terkko Health Hub  
Alexandra Dobrego, General Manager, Terkko Health Hub
- 10:00 – 11:00 Start-up Incubation & Entrepreneurship Education  
Ari Huczowski, Programme Manager & Deputy Team Leader, Helsinki Incubators
- 11:00 – 12:00 Technology Transfer & Research Commercialisation  
Maija Kontto, Director, Commercial & IP Agreements, Helsinki Innovation Services

# WITH THE POWER OF KNOWLEDGE – FOR THE WORLD

Ranking among  
the top 1% of the  
world's research  
universities

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Shanghai   | 94 (2025)  |
| Taiwan NTU | 104 (2025) |
| US News    | 113 (2024) |
| THE        | 105 (2025) |
| QS         | 116 (2025) |

Annual turnover

**840M€**

Research funding

**266M€**

Result of fundraising campaign  
with government's match  
funding (2010-2025)

**300M€**

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## OUR VALUES

TRUTH  
BILDUNG  
FREEDOM  
INCLUSIVITY

**32 600**

Degree students  
9% international

**9 100**

Employees

60% teaching and research staff  
of which 31% international staff

**6 500**

Degrees per year

**200 000**

Alumni around the world

**4**

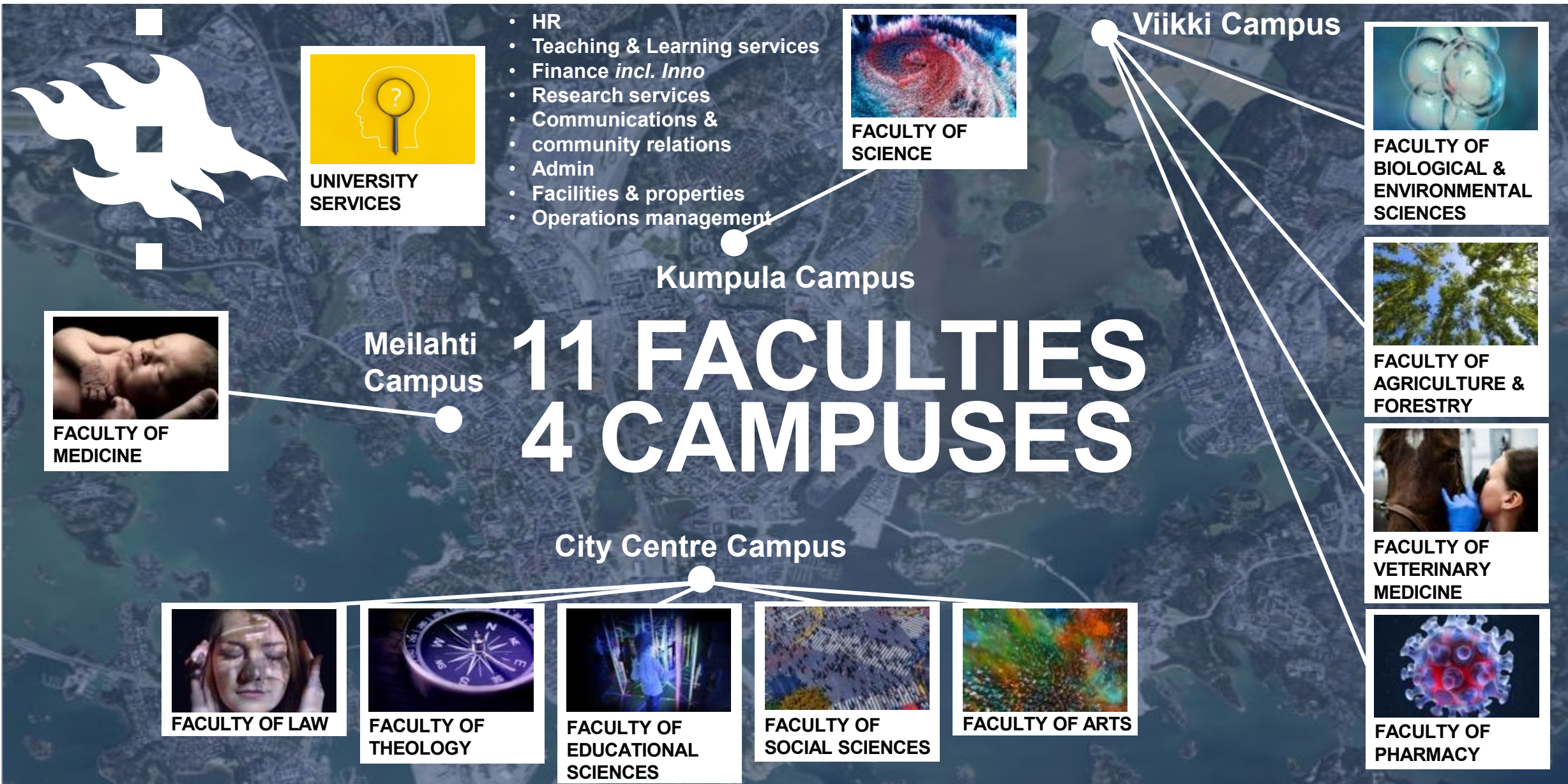
Campuses

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Faculties



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# DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

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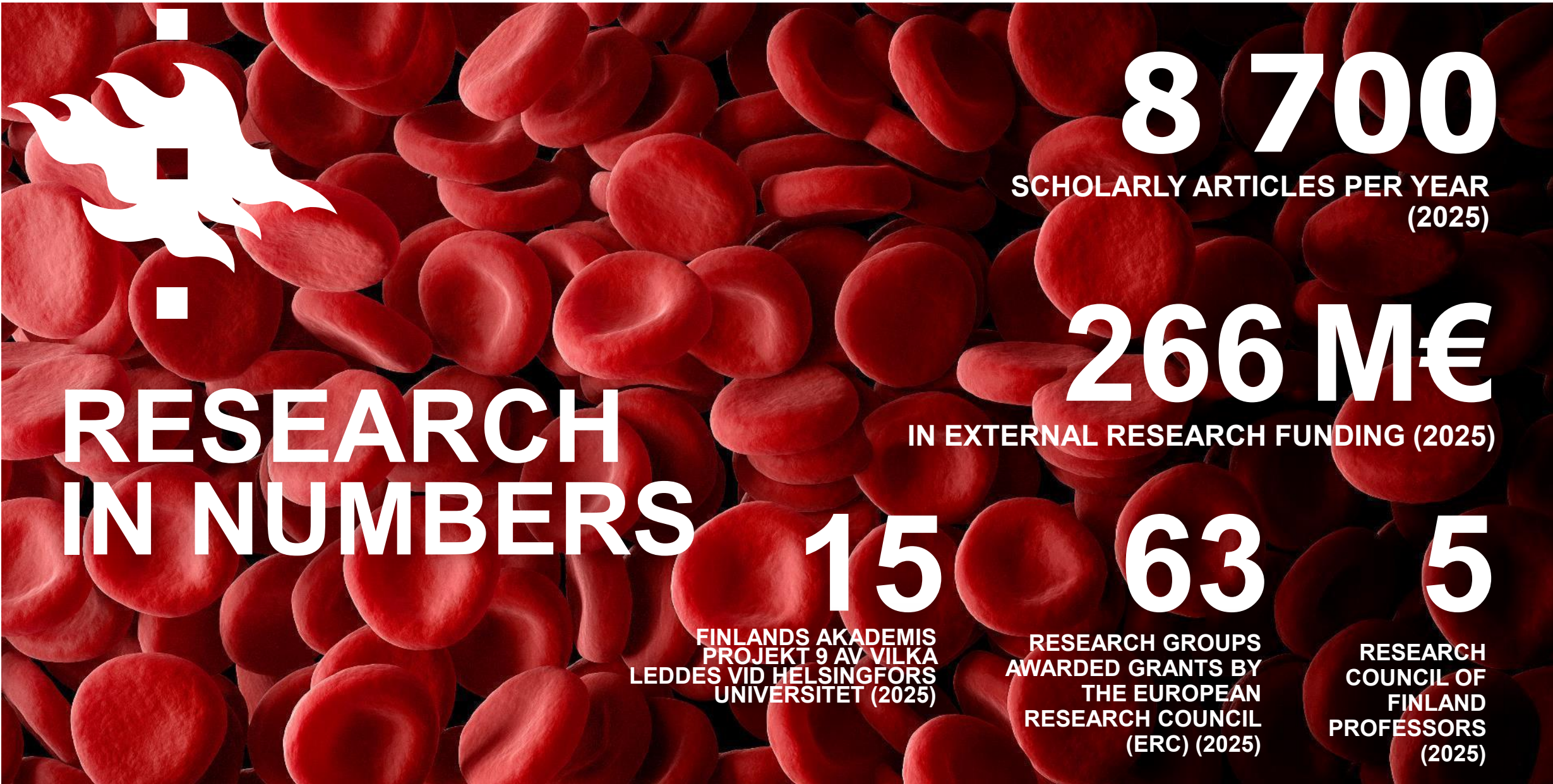
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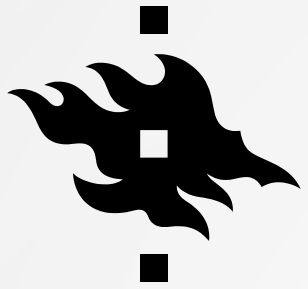
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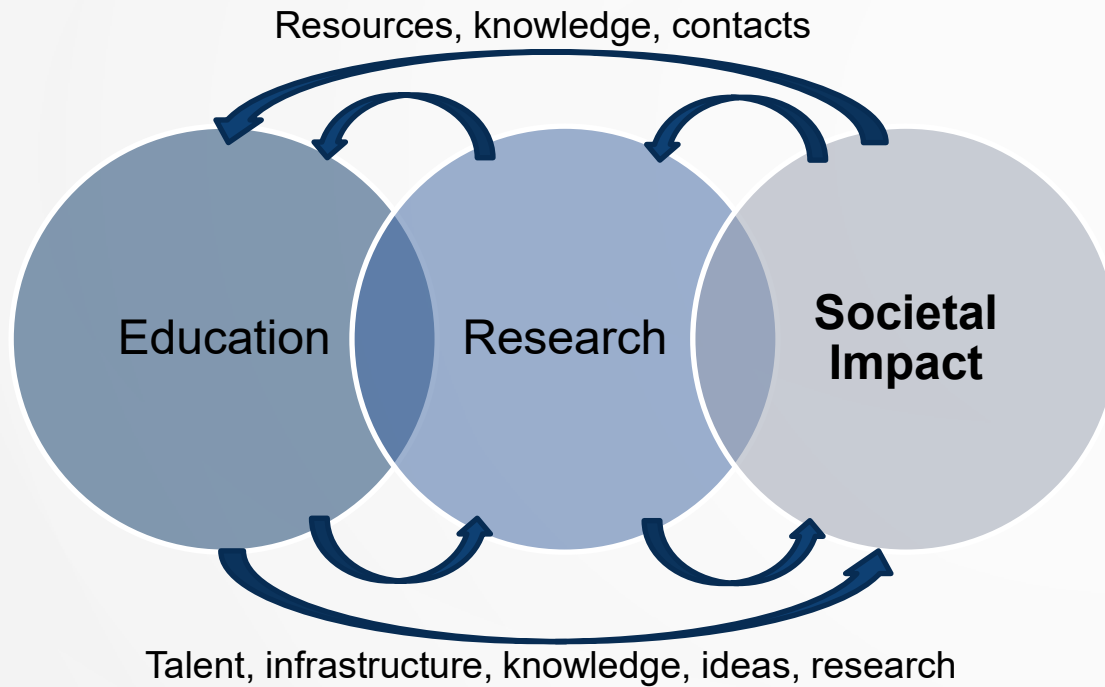




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# INNOVATION WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY CONTEXT



- Strongly supports the University of Helsinki's societal impact mission.
- Cannot not exist without a strong teaching and research base.
- Provides resources, knowledge, and contacts back into the university's teaching and research missions.

# INNOVATION ROADMAP 2035



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# VISION FOR INNOVATION ACTIVITIES

In 2035, the University of Helsinki is one of the Nordic leaders in research and knowledge-based innovation and entrepreneurship, strengthening the societal and economic impact of research for the good of Finland and the world.

# 7 GOALS FOR 2035

## 4 'must win goals' and 3 supporting ones

### 1 Culture and skills

We have a strong innovation culture and an active community of student and researcher innovators creating new solutions to local and global challenges.

### 2 Incubation and technology transfer

We are one of the leading Nordic universities in creating research and knowledge-based spinouts and startups.

### 3 EU and external funding

We attract significant amounts of external funding for innovation and new research.

### 4 Business engagement

We are one of the most desired academic innovation partners in Finland for the private sector.

### 5 Support and services

We support innovation and entrepreneurship with high-quality services and by building cooperation with the world's leading academic and industrial ecosystems.

### 6 Assets for spinout growth

We use our networks and wide range of assets to support the growth of university-born companies.

### 7 Innovation in the University's brand

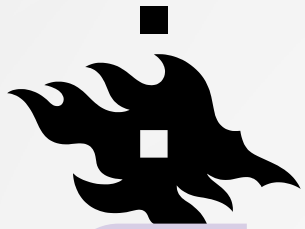
Innovations are a meaningful part of our main brand, and we are internationally recognised as a university that creates innovations.



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**INNOVATION**

# INNOVATION SUPPORT





# INNOVATION SUPPORT

## UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI INNOVATION STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT

### Service

- Strategy
- Thematic hubs and services
- Lighthouse innovation projects
- Collaboration with key ecosystems
- Promotion of UH interests

## UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI INNOVATION EDUCATION

### Service

- Culture, readiness, awareness
- Innovation and entrepreneurial skills and mindset
- Think Company as partner

## UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI INNOVATION PROJECT BUILDING

### Service

- Support project ideation
- Project development
- Consortia building
- Key instruments,
  - H. Europe (Pillar I & II),
  - Business Finland (non R2B),
  - EIT

## UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI INNOVATION CORPORATE COLLABORATION

### Service

- Support for collaboration between researchers and corporates
- Raising awareness and support for BF funding
- Fundraising for research

## UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI INNOVATION INCUBATION

### Service

- Support university-born, growth capable entrepreneurship
- Develop innovation and entrepreneurial skills and mindset

## UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI INNOVATION RESEARCH COMMERCIALISATION

### Service

- Invention discovery
- Commercial evaluation of research
- R2B funding
- Commercialization projects and venture building
- UH's IP management

## UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI INNOVATION VENTURE INVESTMENTS

### Service

- Support for spinouts and startups from establishing to stock market listing and beyond
- POC

### Innovation management team - (Cross-cutting responsibility)

- Anchored in Rector-level leadership
- Alignment of innovation services with the University's overall strategy
- Deciding on shared KPI's and goals
- Joint process development and clarification of roles, priorities, and interfaces between innovation services
- International benchmarking and adoption of best practices
- Reporting of KPI's and key results
- Coordinated communication of innovation services (internal and external)

# OUR INNOVATION ACTIVITIES UNITE RESEARCHERS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND COMPANIES IN MAKING AN IMPACT

Research has the power to change the world. We believe in innovations that empower sustainable growth. Our innovation ecosystems at campuses, incubation and entrepreneurship services, and the commercialisation of research put research into practice in increasingly impactful ways. Solutions for the world are built together.

- INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS AT CAMPUSES
- INCUBATOR AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERVICES
- COMMERCIALISATION OF RESEARCH
- BUSINESS COLLABORATION

>100

ANNUAL INVENTION DISCLOSURES

60

ACTIVE PATENT FAMILIES (2025)

>30

RESEARCH-BASED SPINOUTS (2025)

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MILLION EURO VALUE OF BUSINESS COLLABORATION (2025)

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HELSINKI INCUBATOR PROGRAMMES (2025)



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