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A word from the Rector

The University of Rzeszów is a community of almost 20 thousand students, doctoral students and employees. The effective management of such a variety of academic life, on a daily basis, lies in its efficient and distinct organizational structure.

We are the largest university in Podkarpacie, educating over 17,000 students in 60 academic disciplines. We are currently accredited to offer 18 doctoral and 6 post-doctoral degree studies. We continue to introduce changes aimed at improving the quality of academic life in all areas. An important element of this process is our unrelenting cooperation with our stakeholders from both the social and economic environment, including enterprises, industry, central and local governments and of course other academic centers. We have the infrastructural potential, that enables us not only to create new quality in the area of scientific development, but also in commercial areas. Our wealth of human resources, including an efficient organizational structure makes us a key player in the market for both our customers and service providers.

We are based in a thriving city - Rzeszów, which, like the University, offers a conducive environment to young people as it supports creative initiatives and grass root-based creation of our country's intellectual potential. We are mindful of the fact that the University serves as a platform for dialogue, exchange of ideas and creation of new solutions at theoretical and practical levels. Hence, our active participation in projects in the fields of basic and applied sciences. Our drive is making sure that the academic ethos inspired by timeless values do not constitute empty concepts, but serve as determinants of the role and position of the University of Rzeszów.

Information as at February 2021



About the University

The University of Rzeszów was legally constituted on 1 September 2001. It was created out of three independent academic entities, namely: University of Pedagogy in Rzeszów, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin – Rzeszów Campus as well as the Faculty of Economics, Rzeszów of the Hugo Kołłątaj Academy of Agriculture in Kraków.

University of Rzeszów – factfile

- largest tertiary institution in Podkarpacie province
- 57 fields of study
- 18 accreditations for the award of doctoral degrees
- 6 accreditations for the award of post-doctoral degrees
- 17 000 students
- 4758 graduates
- 160 foreign students under the Erasmus+ program
- 285 partners as part of the Erasmus+ program
- 177 scientific research partners
- 9 honorary professors
- 17 doctorate honors
- 5 halls of residence
- 127 science clubs
- 1297 academic teaching Staff, including: 96 professors and 296 post-doctorate degree holders

Information as at February 2021



EDUCATION

The University of Rzeszów began to function under a new legislative status 1 October 2019, adapting itself to the requirements of the new law on higher education. The main aim of the changes introduced is to enhance the quality of scientific activities, which should translate into the improved efficiency of the individual as a whole, as well as the continuous improvement of the quality of education.



The changes are due to the necessity to develop the university's research infrastructure. We are, currently, in the process of implementing four significant projects at various stages of advancement:

- A Multi-purpose Medical Simulation Centre – a facility equipped with highly technologically advanced patient simulators. The simulation rooms will be equipped with necessary medical equipment and audio-video system for recording simulation sessions that will enhance students' acquisition of highly specialized skills.
- The University's Podkarpackie Athletics Centre – a modern sports and research centre, which on the one hand is a fully-fledged sports arena, but on the other a modern research laboratory.
- Interdisciplinary Centre for Preclinical and Clinical Research, that aims to conduct biomedical research, beginning from molecular and biophysical research to include in vitro and in vivo tests. Available modern research infrastructure will enable the establishment and development of cooperation with companies/ institutions from the biomedical, biotechnological and pharmaceutical industries.
- The University Teaching Hospital.

The aforementioned investments, together with existing centers and laboratories and the new organizational structure of the University as well as the required modifications, in response to the new model of parameterization of scientific entities in Poland are aimed at enhancing not only the rating of the University, but also in the minds of our current and future students, scientific partners, including the wider socio-economic environment.

The University of Rzeszów is turning over a new leaf!



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





The Senate of the University of Rzeszów on 4 April 2019 accented to the new statute of the University. The adoption of the document was dictated by the need to adjust the University structures to the requirements of the new law on higher education, a Constitution for Science, as well as the desire to create an effective quality oriented mechanism. The changes cover areas of administration as well as its elementary constituents.

The University of Rzeszów had, prior to 1 October 2019 been organized into 12 faculties, headed by respective Deans. Under the new arrangement, however, the University's organization will be as follows:

The overall functioning of the University is managed by the Rector, who appoints 4 Vice-Rectors responsible for the newly established colleges, namely the College of Humanities, the College of Medical Sciences, the College of Natural Sciences and the College of Social Sciences. The colleges are divided into 21 single-disciplinary institutes headed by Directors.

The Vice-Rector for Student Affairs is responsible for all student and educational matters. Related matters in this specific area are coordinated by the Deans of various colleges.

The substantive supervision over research activities at the university is undertaken by the Rector.

Several significant changes have emerged in the University's organizational structure. First is the establishment of the Council/Board of the University, which is a body similar in nature to the supervisory board in enterprises. Next, making the treasurer to be independent, and not a deputy of the Chancellor as was the case in the previous dispensation. A completely new arrangement is the creation of the office of the Director of the Rector's Office, whose functions include supervision over central administrative units of the University, except for those directly subordinated to the Treasurer or Chancellor.

The idea lying behind the structural changes regarding administration is to create a transparent and efficient model of management and information flow. Hence a collegiate office in-charge of non-scientific and non-didactic aspects of their daily functioning has been created at the college level. The clear demarcation of competencies for various sub-structures is therefore aimed at enhancing the proper functioning of the university's entire internal organization.

Rzeszów

– A BUSINESS FRIENDLY CITY

The investment offer by the city of Rzeszów continues to draw the attention of both Polish and foreign corporate bodies. The fact that Rzeszów is a location worth investing in has been confirmed in several business ratings and analysis. Rzeszów has, since 2014, maintained the leadership position in subsequent editions of business favourable cities in the category of cities with a population of between 150,000 and 299,000.

One of Rzeszów's greatest assets is the dynamically developing international airport, located 10 kilometers from the city center. The Rzeszów-Jasionka airport offers direct passenger connections to key European metropolis. It is one of only two airports in Poland with phytosanitary control facilities, besides offering CARGO type services.

Rzeszów is one of the fastest developing urban agglomerations in Poland. Besides the highly developed aviation and IT industries, Rzeszów has witnessed a consistent growth in the sector that provide modern services for businesses such as IT outsourcing, research and development processes, finance and accounting services, including Call Center/Customer Service.

A key factor that testifies to the innovativeness of a given region is the prevalence of enterprises engaging in technologically advanced R&D activities. Such activities, mostly undertaken by Hi-Tech companies like Pratt & Whitney Rzeszów, ML-System, MTU Aero Engines Polska, Borg Warner Poland, Asseco Poland, G2A, Fibrain, D.A. Glass and Nestle (NQAC), amongst others, do significantly enhance the ranking of the city in Poland as well as in Europe.

Rzeszów is a center known for its immense innovation potentials and a properly adapted social environment that meets the requirements of a modern and entrepreneurial society interested in work-life balance.





UNIVERSITY OF Rzeszów - SERVING THE CITY NEEDS



..... **Rzeszów: Social Diagnosis**

This is a panel-based sociological study undertaken by the staff of the Institute of Sociology of the University in cooperation with Rzeszów Municipal Council. The aim of the study is to conduct cyclical; measurements of the quality of life of Rzeszów residents in varied aspects like communication, air and water purity, security as well as crucial investments.

..... **EXPLORATIONS – a scientific picnic**

It is a cyclical open-air show, aimed at cultivating science and technology, including informal forms of education. Attractive scientific displays and interactive expositions are on display in various sites within the city and at the University during the picnic. Intriguing cognitive workshops directed at children, youth, adults, organized groups, including families are also on display.

..... **ART & SCIENCE Gallery**

The project is a model and innovative way of acquainting the public with issues related to biology and medicine through ‘creative visualization’. Contemporary techniques in biological imaging have constituted a key advancement in science in recent years. Electron microscopic-based images carry not only scientifically restricted information but also creates new aesthetics hitherto unattainable or rather invisible.

..... **National Meeting of Globetrotters, Tramps and Tourists**

OSOTT, established in 1985, is the oldest travel event in Poland, that serves as an international scientific symposium where slides and photographic posters from across the globe are on display. Various difficulties in the areas of travel medicine, travel geography, as well as alpine and water rescue are also discussed at the symposium. OSOTT based that actively takes place cyclically in November. Its organizers have been the University of Rzeszów, Rzeszów Municipal Council and travelbit.pl, a travel portal. OSOTT has for many years served as the main source of information for Polish tour companies. Participants of such meetings are, indeed, trail blazers, discovering new destinations for Polish tourism. Such an occasion with its international reach serves as an opportunity to promote our city nationally and internationally.

UNIVERSITY OPEN
TO R&D INNOVATIONS



..... **Podkarpackie Center for Innovation**

It functions as a regional office for technological transfers, whose activities center around three platforms, namely evaluation of R&D projects, structuring of commissioned studies as well as ProtoLab.

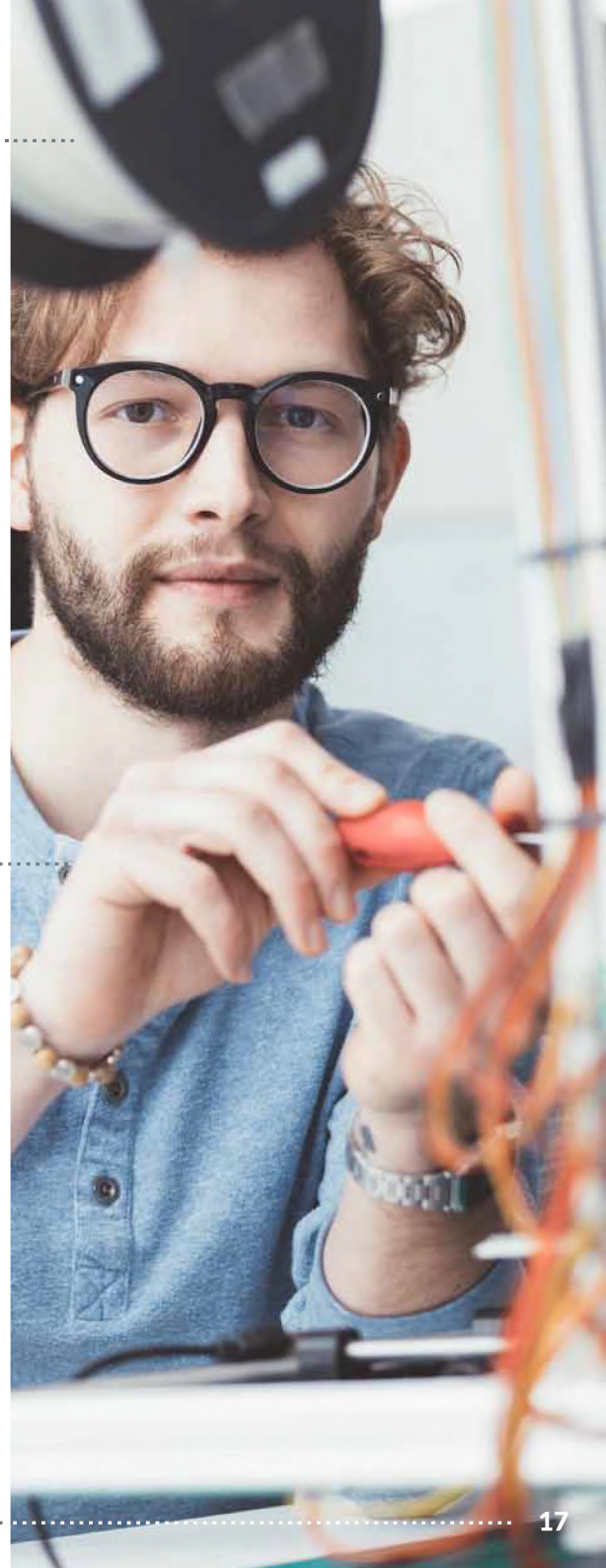
The key activities of the first of the three include the choice and incubation of promising research projects at their early stages of development with the aim of commercializing them.

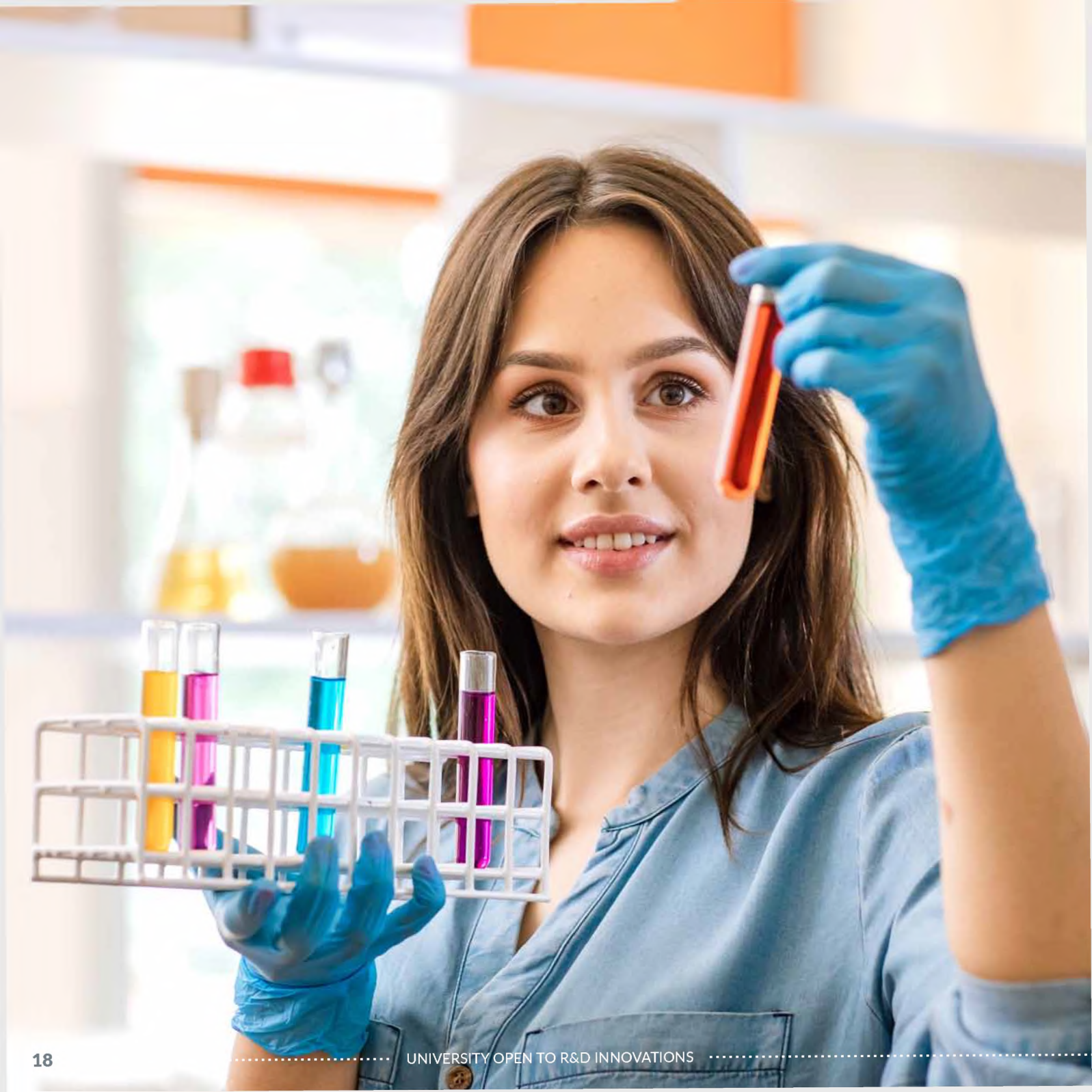
The structuring of commissioned studies entails pairing supplies and demands for study projects. The PCI team undertakes an uninterrupted monitoring of research interests of companies and ensures the availability of apparatuses for such services, especially considering their needs in areas of access to research services being implemented in accredited laboratories.

The goal of the ProtoLab platform, on the other hand, is to afford both students and researchers opportunities to learn and grow, having access to basic equipment and tools to enhance possibilities of organizing meetings for the design of prototypes.

..... **Cooperation with Podkarpackie Cluster for Renewable Energy**

The leading project for PKEO [PCRE], whose animators and initiators are mainly made up of persons from the University of Rzeszów, is to design conceptual Smart Eco 2020 housing solutions. The project aims to improve the quality of life of Podkarpackie inhabitants and to support the balanced transformation into low emission economy. The interdisciplinary science club “Ekoinnowacje” of the University undertakes interdisciplinary scientific research as part of the project. The final phase of the project will involve experts who should decide on the optimal shape of the Smart Eco 2020 housing to be followed with the design of an implementation project – www.IEO2020.pl.





Special purpose vehicle Invent UR

A special purpose vehicle Invent UR has been set up at the University of Rzeszów. Its main goal is to create a portfolio of spin-off (start-up) companies in the SME sector to enable our researchers to submit applications in PCI, NCBI, PARI competitions besides enabling them to commercialize their scientific ideas. The aim of the special purpose vehicle is, in its early stage, to focus on establishing two or three flagship companies in biomedical and ICT fields (the Colleges of Medical Sciences and Natural Sciences) that would comprehensively cover the aforementioned activity areas.



Modern Science and Research Infrastructure

- Microelectronics and Nanotechnology Research and Didactics Center
- Environmental Research and Innovation Center
- Center for Technological Innovations
- Center for Innovation and Transfer of Technical and Natural Knowledge
- Center for Innovation and Implementations in Food Industry
- Center for Biomass and Wastes Processing into Energy
- Medical Simulations Center
- Center for Technological and Basic Research Transfers
- Interdisciplinary Center for Computer-based Modelling
- Aeropolis Plant Biotechnology Laboratory
- Natural and Medical Center for Innovative Research



Erasmus+

The University of Rzeszów is engaged in formal bilateral cooperation with about 180 foreign academic institutions as well as 330 universities within the Erasmus+ program from Europe, USA, China and the Ukraine. The areas of cooperation involve student, Ph.D students and/or scientists exchange as well as cooperation in organizing international scientific conferences, publication of articles and lectures.

Erasmus+ at the University of Rzeszów in 2016/2017 – a fact file

- Incoming personnel from partner universities - ranked 11th from amongst 199 participating Polish universities;
- Outbound staff of the University – ranked 21st amongst 235 Polish universities;
- Incoming students from partner universities – 33rd from amongst 205 Polish universities;
- Outbound students of the University – 46st from amongst 215 Polish universities.



OVERSEA EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS



BENEFITS OF STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY



..... **Students' supports**

Students can apply for support in the following areas:

- Social/ maintenance scholarship at levels higher than the limits;
- Scholarship for disabled persons;
- The Rector's Scholarship;
- Other financial support/ grants;
- Scholarship of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

About 6,000 students benefit from similar support annually.

..... **Disabled Persons Friendly University**

The University has a functioning office for the disabled that provides care for persons with disability, especially in areas concerning:

- Provision of specialist consultations: speech therapy, psychological and legal;
- Provision of assistance with translating the sign language as well as personal assistants;
- Enabling access to physical rehabilitation and conducting of psychoeducational workshops;
- Organization of training and integrational camps, including aqua camps at the Baltic Sea or Lake Solina; horse/equine camps in Gladyszow and Wierzawice; cycling and language camps at the Baltic Sea.
- Organization of extramural classes and trainings;
- Organization of trainings for both students and employees of the University willing to become volunteers for the needs of the disabled;
- Seeks opportunities for the disabled to make use of specialized rehabilitation and educational facilities;
- Organization of free transport to and from the University for the disabled.



... Creating Career Prospects

The Career Office is an active entity supporting both students and graduates in their choice of professional development pathways, including assisting them in landing employment suitable/ commensurate to their qualifications and aspirations. The office staff does not only provide professional assistance that enables graduates a better start in the job market but also affords them practical knowledge on how to manage their careers. The Career Office also offers professional and comprehensive occupational consulting.

... Career Path

The Career Office in its attempt to ensure a right start in the job market for students and graduates offers:

- A database containing offers of long-term and short-term employment, internships, mid-year and vacation apprenticeships in various companies, including Deloitte, Asseco, PKO Bank Polski, PGE Obrót S.A. as well as in state and local government institutions, including Podkarpacki Urząd Wojewódzki, Urząd Marszałkowski, Prokuratura Okręgowa /District Prosecutor's Office/ in Rzeszów, Sąd Rejonowy/ District Court/ in Rzeszów.
- Organization of special events, e.g. "Employers Day", where companies are opportuned to present their personnel policies, thus enabling students understand possibilities of starting a career in chosen occupational areas.

The Campuses

Students' Halls of Residence

The university offers accommodation in five dormitories for both undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students for whom commuting daily to school would constitute an inconvenience. The students can be offered rooms (2, 3 or married couples) in students' campuses located in various parts of the city. Residents have Internet access and cable TV. Each dormitory provides a quiet study area, billiard room, a gym as well as a table tennis room. The dormitories also offer hotel accommodation for non-students.

University Entrepreneurship Incubator

Interested persons can take their first adventure in exploring business opportunities while being students. The university's entrepreneurship incubator (UEI/AIP) assists in growing one's business activity by offering expert support. With 60 enterprises as project partners there is ample opportunity to turn one's dream into a real business success.



BEING CREATIVE

● Student Council/Union

This is the largest students' organization existing at the University. It's a forum where over 100 students from various departments can develop their organizational predispositions, creativity and interpersonal skills. The student body involves itself in organizing scientific and cultural projects, including sports and recreational events. They are the main organizers of the Podkarpacki KultURalia Festivities. They offer significant contributions to decisions taken in respect of education at the University.

● University Legal Consulting

It is an organ functioning within the Institute of Legal Studies, assisting poor persons resolve their legal problems. The students involve themselves in preparing legal opinions, specimen lawsuits and other procedural correspondences. They run a project "Street Law – prawo na co dzien", which involves teaching the practice of legal processes in an interactive way. The project is aimed at pupils of secondary school age.

● Science Clubs

They are forums for persons of similar interests in academics. Students use the forum to grow their academic passion, reinforce and test, in practical terms, the knowledge acquired in class by engaging in debates, sharing experiences, designing interesting science projects. Examples of existing clubs are Business Leaders, Explorers, Ferment and Mechatron.

● Spinacz – University Coworking Center

It is a forum for students of the Institute of Economics and Finance, where interested persons can find employment, be mentored in designing and developing start-ups and receive support from academic teachers in conducting research. Students can, through participation of external entities, benefit from additional support like commercialization, financing, and developing their chosen fields of research.

● Polish Literary Week

This is an annual event for students of Polish philology, journalism and social communication. The cyclical event covers academic dictation, reciting competition, oxford debates, conferring with writers, the students' theatre S.T.O.S. premiere, film shows, evenings with students' poetry, lectures by guests of honour, scientific conferences, journalistic debates, as well as workshops for students and persons interested.







BEING ACTIVE WITH PASSION

University Academic Sports Association Club

Students of the University have the opportunity to participate in sports activities organized by the Center for Physical Education and Recreation as well as the University Academic Sports Association Club, including in sections like volleyball, handball, football, futsal, basketball, climbing, swimming, athletics, rugby, as well as in recreational sections as sailing, skiing, snowboarding, canoeing, mountain biking, bodybuilding, floorball, chess and sports bridge.

University Institute of Fine Arts Gallery

The gallery in memory of prof. Włodzimierz Kotkowski was established by the resolution of the Board of the Art Faculty January 21, 2016. It is located in the building of the Institute of Fine Arts. Its purpose is to organize exhibitions, meetings and author speeches, projections, presentations and all activities related to the promotion of contemporary fine arts by Polish and foreign authors, and above all the university's students and employees.

The Institute of Music Choir

The Choir took part in concert tours, covering a series of performances of the "Lord of the Rings" accompanied with live music. The well-known singer/performer Justyna Steczkowska also participated in the project.

The Song and Dance Ensemble "Resovia Saltans"

It brings together academic youth and graduates of various fields of study who are interested in developing their dance, vocal and instrumental-musical skills. Many of them gain additional education in the field of broadly understood dance culture while participating in classes. "Resovia Saltans" represents the University of Rzeszów, performing at many prestigious festivals, competitions and artistic reviews in the country and abroad.



● **University Theatrical Performance Proposals**

Original artistic theater, which combines acting, plastic theater and unconventional puppet theater, original scenery, unconventional adaptations of literature and own expression of stage language. The theater already has four performances.

● **Students' Theatre S.T.O.S. Club**

The Students' Theater S.T.O.S. operates at the Institute of Polish Studies and Journalism. It assembles students willing to express themselves using the theater as a medium. Students of various faculties as well as Erasmus+ program are active participants. All interested students can, as members of the club, improve their ability to actively participate in cultural life and also prepare their own theater performances based on literary works.

INFORMATION CENTER

• **The University's News Magazine**

It publishes current news concerning life in the University (activities of the authority and senate, reports from conferences and meetings, information about scientific advances and students' achievements), familiarize people with the academic environment, while propagating the university's traditions. It has, however, remained an open-sourced magazine to which employees, including academic staff and students can contribute and by so doing offers opportunity for the emergence of new talents.

• **Students' Journalism Club Magazine** **NOWY AKAPIT / NEW CHAPTER/**

An online news magazine by members of the Students' Journalism Club of the University. It's passionate and lovely editing is guided by the concept: We publish that, which is important for us and for you. About what we observe and how we react to this reality. They, besides their journalistic writing activity, also engage in organizing conferences and journalistic debates.

• **University Radio: Feniks.fm**

Persons willing to develop their skills in journalism have the opportunity to nurture their passion at radio Feniks.fm. The program is transmitted via the internet and can be accessed online. A strength of the radio is its unconventional author programs. The list of the radio's guest includes Pawel Kukiz, Jaroslaw Gowin, Professor Jan Miodek, Happysad, Pidzama Porno, Sokol and Slawomir to mention but a few.

• **Unconventional University TV**

Despite being a part of the Students' Journalism Club, it can as a new organization boast of very interesting projects. One can, on their channel Bez CenzURY TV, find interviews with personalities as well as materials prepared by beginner editors.









● **Podkarpacki KultURalia Festival**

It has become the largest artistic and cultural event organized by our students. They enjoy the support of educational and cultural institutions, corporate bodies and the municipal authorities. The rich program of the festival includes projects like the University race competition, Student Talent show, Cooking with a nutritionist / dietician, Night of films and a colourful parade. The festival culminates with open air concerts that take place in the Rzeszów Municipal Stadium.

● **Student's Club Pod Palmą**

It's a clubhouse for student's cultural events, concerts as well as events organized for charity needs. The Club organizes cyclical events such as students Thursdays and Palm dancing evenings. The Club is an attractive place for artists as it supports all forms of artistic expressions and initiatives.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING



- **The Young University**

The university for the young, founded in 2013, offers classes in science and arts to children aged 7–15. Classes are provided unfailingly on a preselected Saturday each month. Lectures and workshops are provided by employees of each College successively in such a way to arouse their interests, encouraging them to exploit the world around them thus impacting on our young participants that science is not necessarily boring.

- **University Secondary School, Stanisław Barańczak memorial**

Our Secondary School offers a twin-language teaching approach in three profiles, namely medicine, law and journalism as well as mathematics and physical sciences combined with IT. Our learners have opportunities to fine-tune their language competencies under the watchful eyes of a Polish language teacher and native language teachers of English from countries such as Canada, USA and Great Britain. Pupils are encouraged to be creative, developing tolerance to other persons and to engage in public life.

- **Technical University for the Young**

The aim of the Technical University is to popularize the physical sciences among children and teenagers as well as encourage intending students to choose technical fields of study as their education pathways. The classes are organized by the Education Support Fund of the “Dolina Lotnicza” Foundation in partnership with the University.



• The Doctoral School

The Doctoral School was set up in keeping the requirements of the new regulation of Higher Education in Poland. It offers educational programs in the fields of archeology, economics and finance, philosophy, history, linguistics, literary studies, biological sciences, natural sciences, medical sciences, political and administrative studies, health sciences, legal studies, sociological studies, pedagogy, agriculture and gardening, food technology and nutrition as well as in artistic disciplines like fine arts and arts' conservation.

The school enables the acquisition of in-depth knowledge in specific fields of science and academic disciplines or fields of arts and artistic disciplines, preparing them for independence in academic and artistic career, preparing a doctoral dissertation or artistic work, on the basis of which they can be awarded a doctoral degree and title.

• University of the Third Age

The aim of this is to update and educate persons aged over 55, stimulate their intellectual, social, psychological and physical activeness, to popularize prophylaxis of good health, to arouse their passion and interests as well as integrate aged persons. The program of the university for the elderly covers weekly open lectures and various theme-based seminars, e.g. literature, economics, law, health and arts.





● The University Library

This is the largest library in south-eastern Poland with over 790,000 book titles and almost 15,000 periodicals. It boasts of a wide range of e-sources including 22,000 e-periodicals, and over 220,000 e-book titles. It is fitted with a modern book transfer TELE-LIFT system, own digital library and university repository. The University's Library cooperates with several other libraries both in Poland and abroad.

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