Three Universities, One Community, Endless Opportunities

"Three universities, one community, endless opportunities" has been the principle applied by Ruhr-Universität Bochum, TU Dortmund University and the University of Duisburg-Essen ever since they joined forces as University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr). Since 2007, the three major Ruhr universities have been boosting their performance by bundling competencies.

The facts and figures in this flyer illustrate the joint diversity and strength at UA Ruhr: more than 120,000 young people and approx. 14,000 researchers pursue degree courses, conduct research and work at the three universities, benefiting from a broad range of degree programs that covers all disciplines: from engineering and natural sciences, through humanities and social sciences, to medicine.

With a combination of all these factors, UA Ruhr has established the Ruhr region as one of the most powerful economic and industrial hubs in Germany. Five universities, 17 higher education institutions and numerous non-university research institutions are best proof of the former coal and steel region's successful transformation into the innovative and unique economic and industrial hub Ruhr.

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3 UNIVERSITIES, 4 CITIES:
- More than 500 degree courses
- Approx. 120,000 students
- Approx. 16,000 freshmen every year
- Approx. 14,000 researchers
- Approx. 18,000 international students
- More than 16,000 graduates every year
- More than 1,000 PhD graduates every year
- Approx. € 320 million third-party funds every year
- Total budget € 1.4 billion

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH COMPETENCIES...
- Thanks to UA Ruhr, the Ruhr area ranks fifth among Germany’s research regions (DFG Ranking 2018)
- At UA Ruhr, numerous researchers collaborate in more than 100 inter-university research projects
- 2 joint Flagship Programs specialized in excellent cutting-edge research: Materials Chain and RESOLV (Ruhr Explores Solvation)
- 1 joint competence field: Metropolitan Research
- 14 Collaborative Research Centres with Speaker functions are active; 6 six of them jointly
- Research Academy Ruhr assists 10,000 early career researchers on their career paths

... AND EDUCATIONAL COMPETENCIES
THE NEWLY CREATED EDUCATIONAL SPACE RUHR UNDER THE TITLE RUHRCAMPUS HAS PAVED THE WAY FOR A HIGHLY DIVERSE RANGE OF DEGREE PROGRAMS:
- Cross-registered students have the opportunity to attend degree courses at all 3 universities
- Close collaboration among the university libraries
- Special services for kids and schoolchildren
- And many years of experience promoting diversity
- 62 international degree programs
- Complementary and joint Master’s degree courses: Medical Physics, Biodiversity and Empirical Multilingualism Research

JOINT INSTITUTIONS
- International liaison offices in New York, Moscow and São Paulo
- Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities in Essen (KWI)
- Alliance on Research in East Asia Ruhr (AREA Ruhr)

UA Ruhr professorships strengthen sustainable disciplines: Laser Spectroscopy (Prof. M. Havenith), Bioinformatics (Prof. S. Rahmann) and Virtual Machining (Prof. P. Wiederkehr)
- Coordination of collaborative research by a joint Research Council staffed by senior academics
- Close collaboration with the Mercator Foundation (MERCUR)