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Our key figures: 2,350 students, 535 teachers & researchers, 11 teaching departments, 23 research laboratories, 12 junior labs, ~1600 international scientific publications and ~60 000 citations/year, 2 Fields medals, 8 members of the French Academy of Science.

Our rankings: Times Higher Education > World’s best small universities (9th) and World’s most international universities (77th). ARWU Shanghai Subject rankings > Mathematics (3rd - France, 27th - world), Earth sciences (8th - France, 51st - world)

Strategic alliance with 5 internationally recognized institutions: the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), the University of Ottawa and the Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), the University of Shanghai Subject rankings > Mathematics (3rd), Physics & Chemistry Master - Politecnico di Milano (PoliMI), Computer Science Master - Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), French-German intercultural studies Master - Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg 2

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- 30 international scholarships

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- Biosciences
- Physics & Chemistry
- Information architecture
- International dual degrees
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