Munich is a major seat of science and learning in Germany and one of Europe’s foremost centers for education and research, technology and the media.

As a focal point of scholarship and culture, the University occupies a pivotal position in an unusually dense network of research institutions, universities, foundations and business firms in Munich. Home to several institutes of higher education, to renowned research associations such as the Max Planck Society, Fraunhofer Society and Helmholtz Center, as well as world-famous libraries, museums and archives, Munich constitutes an extraordinarily rich environment for research and learning. But this is not all the city has to offer: Its proximity to the Alps, its urban flair and the wide range of amenities and leisure activities it offers attract people from all over the world.

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The Downtown Campus
LMU buildings can be found at many points in and around the city. The historic Main Building, an urban landmark since 1840, now houses mainly the humanities, economics and social science departments. Probably the best known of the lecture halls are the Great Aula where the Bavarian State Parliament was reconvened in 1946, and the Audimax, which seats 800. The White Rose Memorial in the Atrium recalls the inspiring example of resistance to the Nazi regime given by the eponymous students’ group founded by Hans and Sophie Scholl. Other buildings in Schwabing and Maxvorstadt, between the English Garden, Schellingstrasse and Königsplatz, accommodate departments representing various faculties, including linguistics and literary studies and physics (see the map overleaf).

Libraries, museums and archives: Infrastructure for cutting-edge research
The University’s library is sited next to the Main Building. Its collection comprises 5 million volumes that are stored in the Central Repository and 14 other depots. The Bavarian State Library, with 10.5 million titles in its catalog, possesses an outstanding collection of rare books and other documents (including maps, picture archives and sketchbooks) as well as one of the largest collections of manuscripts in the world. Many of Munich’s famous museums, including the Old and the New Pinakothek, the Brandhorst Museum, the Glyptothek and the Museum of Egyptian Art, as well as archives such as the Central State Archive of Bavaria, are within easy reach of the Main Building, which of course facilitates cooperation.

The Downtown Medical Campus
LMU’s Downtown Medical Campus lies between Sendlinger Tor and Goetheplatz in the city center. Its specialized hospitals, medical research institutes and other facilities affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine form an ensemble that dominates the area. According to current plans, the new Gateway Hospital to be built on the site by 2020 will be organized into interdisciplinary care units, providing patients with state-of-the-art treatment.

The HighTechCampus in Großhadern/Martinsried
The HighTechCampus is a showcase for LMU’s highly integrated and internationally renowned research in medicine and the natural sciences. In Munich’s southwest, a complex of research institutions has arisen, which is unique in Europe. Here LMU researchers work close to, and in close cooperation with, colleagues in the Max Planck Institutes for Biochemistry and Neurobiology and the Helmholtz Center.

Concentrated know-how in the natural sciences and biosciences
LMU’s Faculties of Medicine, Chemistry and Pharmacy (with the Gene Center), and Biology are sited at the HighTechCampus, as are the Biomedical Center and the Center for Molecular Biosystems Research (BioSysM), together with two research clusters and a Graduate School set up with funding from the Excellence Initiative. This dense concentration of know-how in the natural and biomedical sciences is designed to facilitate the translation of new findings in basic research into practical therapies and other applications.

State-of-the-art medical care and research
In addition to the Downtown Medical Campus, the Munich University hospitals system comprises the Medical Center in Großhadern. Thus the HighTechCampus not only stands for cutting-edge research, but also for state-of-the-art, all-round medical care.

The ultramodern operating theaters in the Center for Surgery (OPZ) are equipped with modern lasers and imaging systems, and can be used by specialists in all areas of medicine. The facilities also include an interdisciplinary emergency unit, a unit for outpatient surgery and a 70-bed intensive care unit. A further research center (CSD) house the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) and the Institute for Stroke and Dementia Research (ISD). Over the longer term, other clinical departments now located downtown will be transferred to the HighTechCampus, thus allowing for richer interactions between a broader range of disciplines.