UNIVERSITY RESEARCH REVIEW

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A structured assessment of output, citation impact and the research communities behind the record.

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132,975	3,824,157	7,148
Indexed articles · all time	Peer-reviewed citations · all time	Indexed articles in 2025

THREE OBSERVATIONS

01 2.1% more indexed records

The count for 2025 is 7,148, compared with 7,000 in 2021. Recent-year coverage is unverified; this is not proof of a corresponding change in actual research activity.

02 26.2% in 2021–2025

The latest five complete publication years contribute 34,852 indexed articles. This describes output volume, not research quality.

03 59.9% from the top 10%

Among 29,220 articles published in 2016–2020, the most-cited tenth accounts for this share of recorded citations. A few papers can move the average substantially.

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Current profile and updated data

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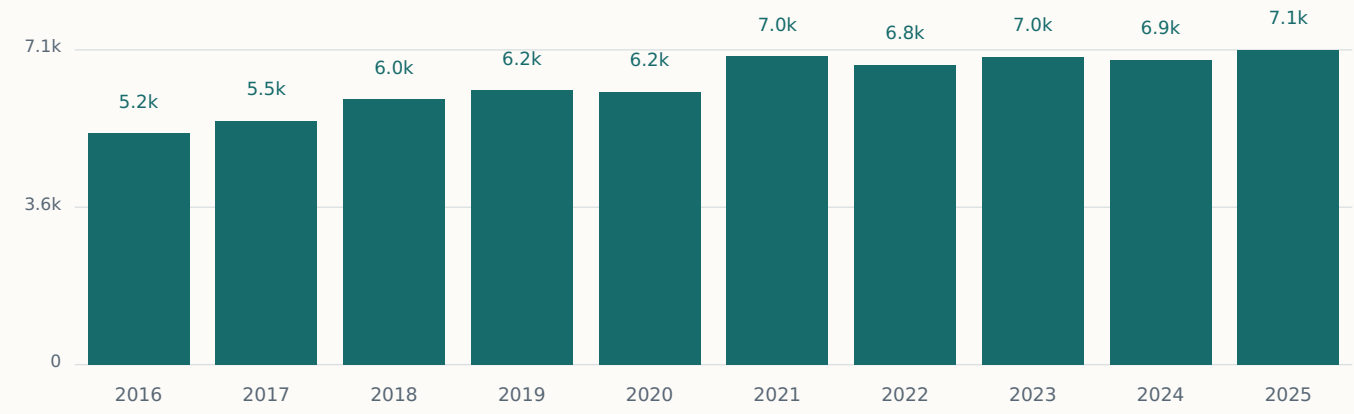
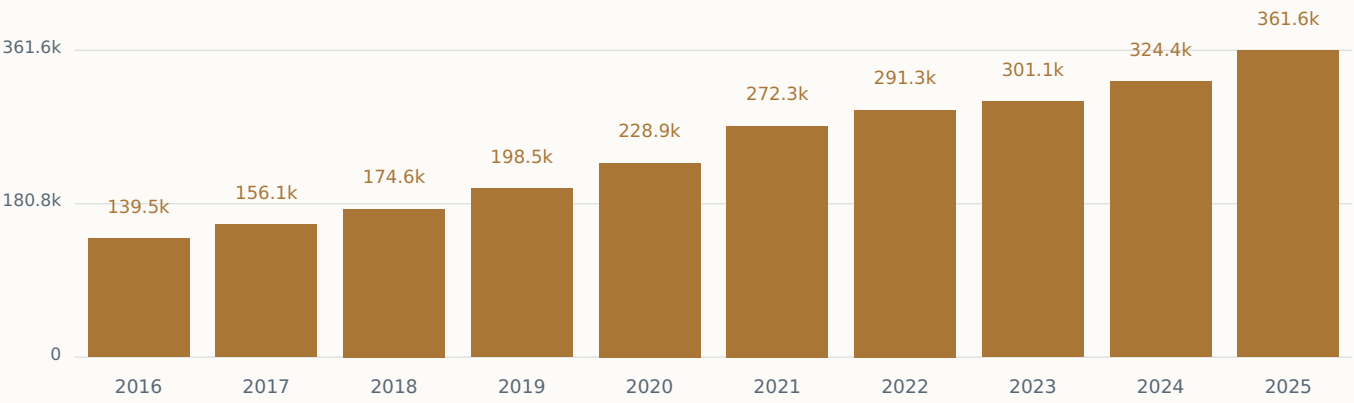
How has the research record changed?

Read publication output and citations received on separate scales. Both panels use complete calendar years; citations can refer to work published much earlier.

ANNUAL INDEXED ARTICLES



CITATIONS RECEIVED IN EACH YEAR



2016–2020: 29,220 articles / 2021–2025: 34,852 articles

Source: strict entity article list and annual citation series. 368 articles have no publication year and are absent from annual comparisons. Source build date does not establish complete coverage.

READING THE CHANGE

Recent indexing delays and changes in database coverage can move these counts. A lower indexed total is not sufficient evidence of declining research activity. Publication volume and citation attention answer different questions.

How broadly is citation attention distributed?

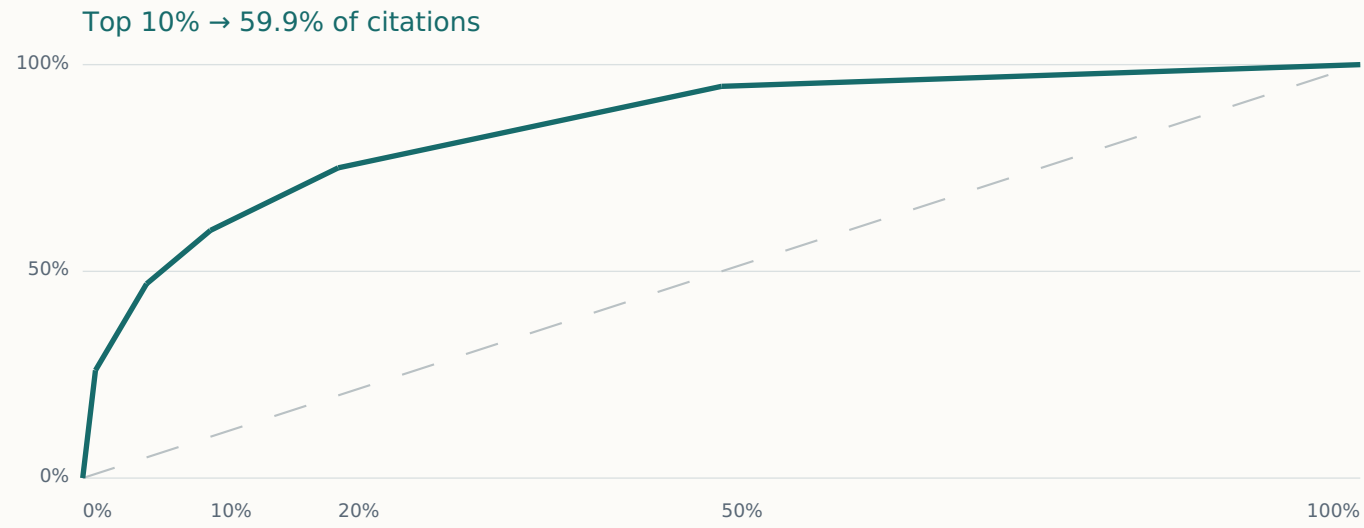
A fixed 2016–2020 publication cohort gives articles more time to accumulate citations. Counts are measured at the 2026-11-10 snapshot; this is not a field-normalised comparison.

12.0
Median citations per article
The midpoint of the cohort

34.8
Mean citations per article
Sensitive to highly cited papers

14.1%
No recorded citations
At the snapshot date

CUMULATIVE SHARE OF CITATIONS



Share of articles, starting with the most cited

COHORT CITATION BANDS

0 cites	1–9 cites	10–49 cites	50–199 cites	200+ cites
14.1%	31.1%	39.1%	13.4%	2.3%

INTERPRETATION

The cohort contains 29,220 articles and 1,018,276 citations. The dashed diagonal represents equal citation counts per article. Concentration alone does not establish weak or strong research.

Which parts of the institution shape its output?

School-level affiliations provide a practical view of research strengths. The units below are the largest by linked article count in 2021–2025, not a standardised subject taxonomy.

SCHOOL / AFFILIATION UNIT	ARTICLES	OF INSTITUTION	2021 → 2025
Faculty of Medicine	5,473	15.7%	
Institute of Physical Chemistry	549	1.6%	
Department of Neurology	517	1.5%	
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	467	1.3%	
Institute of Organic Chemistry	449	1.3%	
Institute of Inorganic Chemistry	444	1.3%	
Department of Psychiatry	430	1.2%	
Institute of Pathology	402	1.2%	

Coverage: 35.3% of recent articles link to at least one school

Source: school and institution article-list intersections. 203 units have recent output; up to eight are shown. Counts overlap. Sparklines use individual zero-based scales. Recent-year coverage is unverified.

READING THE RESEARCH MIX

One paper can be linked to several units. Unassigned records and uneven affiliation detail limit comparisons. School counts describe the available research mix; they do not establish field quality.

Which authors stand out in the institution record?

Authors assigned to this institution in exaly's published primary-affiliation field, ranked by citations to institution-linked papers. This is an algorithmic assignment, not verified current employment.

UP TO SIX EXAMPLES FROM THE INDEXED RECORD

01 Carsten Bolm

560 Linked articles

43,115 Linked citations

02 Martin Erdmann

759 Linked articles

37,026 Linked citations

03 Achim Stahl

441 Linked articles

36,413 Linked citations

04 Matthias Wuttig

433 Linked articles

35,990 Linked citations

05 B Wittmer

468 Linked articles

35,426 Linked citations

06 Dieter Enders

377 Linked articles

32,987 Linked citations

These are examples of influential linked work, not a current staff directory, a productivity assessment per employee, or a fractional allocation of credit.

Source: strict institution article list and author maps, restricted to the published primary-institution assignment. Each coauthor receives full paper credit. Names link to current profiles.

BEFORE USING THIS FOR PEOPLE DECISIONS

Historical affiliations, author disambiguation and large collaborations affect these figures. Coauthored work can credit several people in full. Validate underlying records and context before drawing conclusions about individuals.

What can this assessment support?

A documented perspective on the indexed research record. Each indicator has a defined denominator and time window. Indicators are reported separately, without a composite score.

MEASURE	BASIS / INTERPRETATION
Scale	All-time indexed publications and citations from the entity's strict article list and counters.
Recent performance	Publication years 2021–2025. Compared with 2016–2020 where stated. Later publication years are excluded from these comparisons.
Citation distribution	29,220 articles published in 2016–2020; citations through this snapshot. Not field-normalised. Top shares round up to whole articles.
Research strengths	School-linked articles intersected with the institution record. Schools overlap and affiliation coverage is incomplete.
People examples	Exaly primary-affiliation assignment plus citations to institution-linked papers. Not verified employment or career totals.
Data limits	368 articles have no publication year. Author identities, affiliations and citation links are algorithmic records.

QUESTIONS FOR A FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

01 Does growth remain after accounting for changes in database coverage?

02 Do field mix, article age and indexing delays explain the citation pattern?

03 Are influential affiliations and author identities correctly resolved?

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