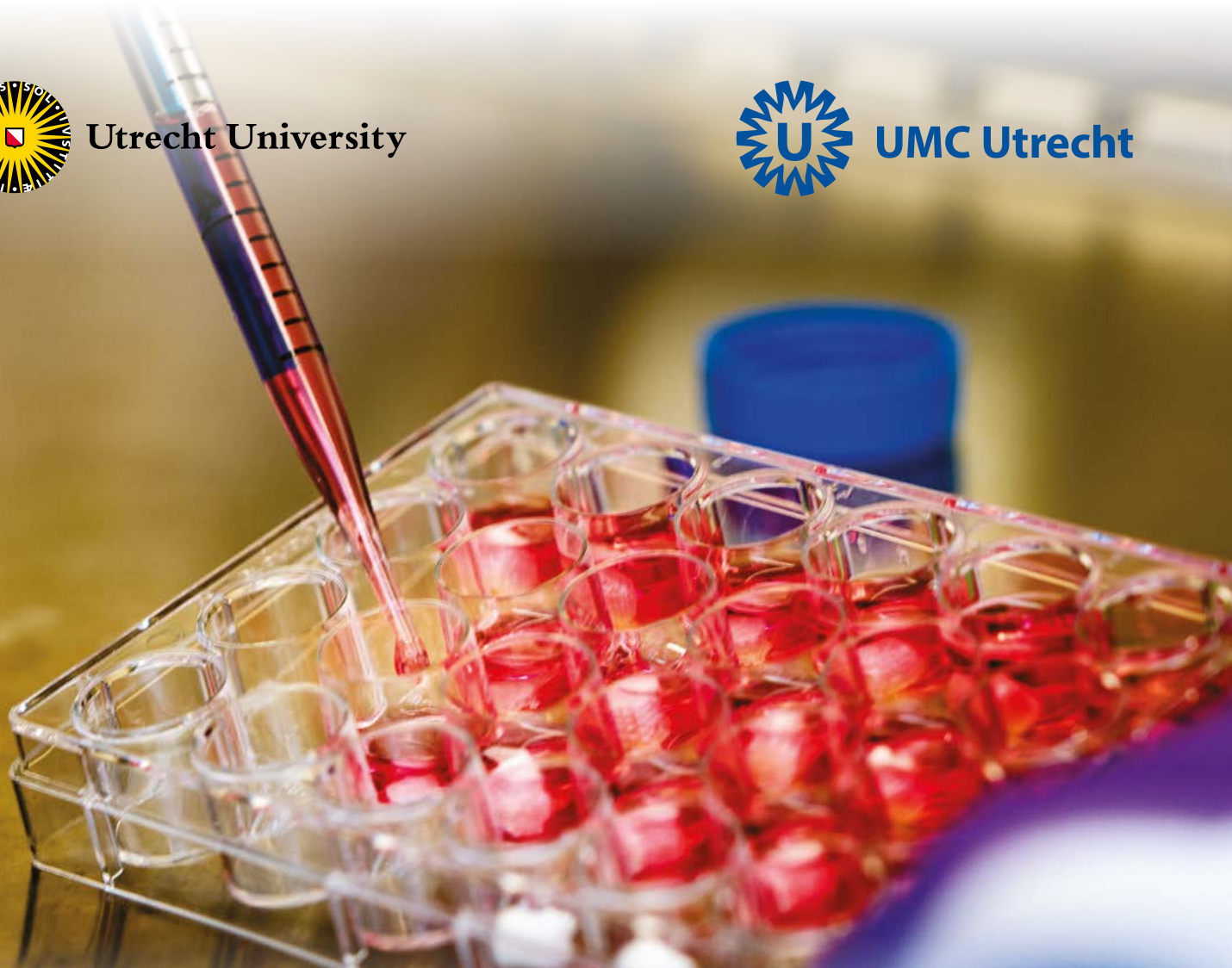




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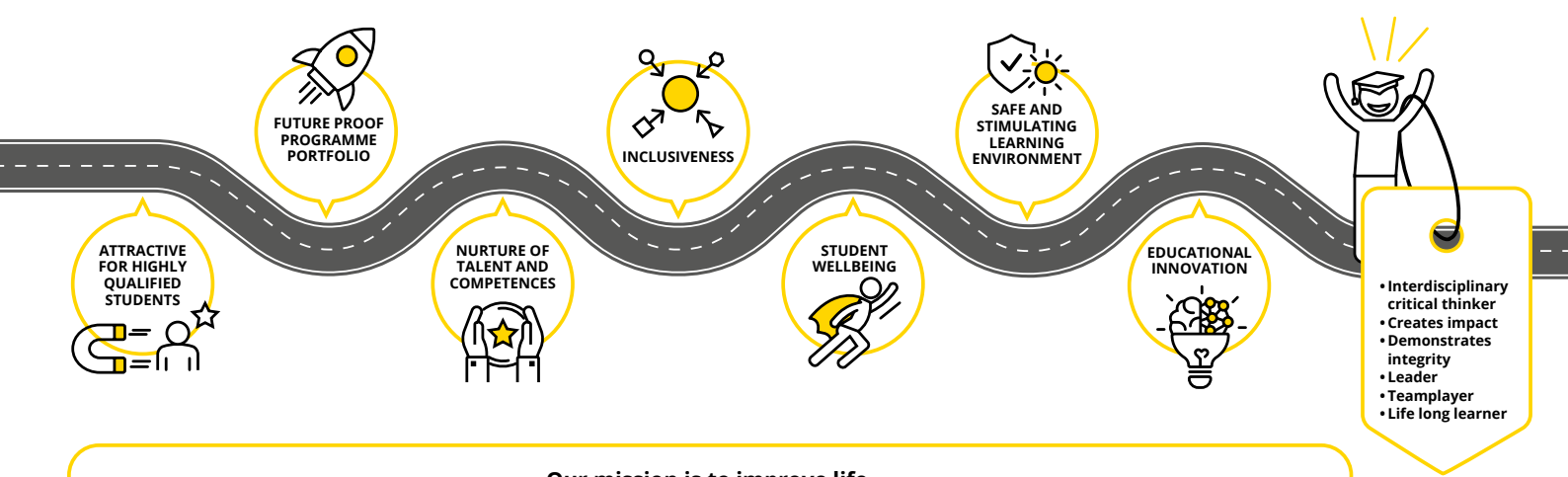


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# Annual review 2019-2020

## Graduate School of Life Sciences



**Our mission is to improve life, by providing an inspiring and innovative academic environment that enables our graduates to thrive in the dynamics of life sciences and society.**



**17 MSc programmes**

**14 PhD programmes**

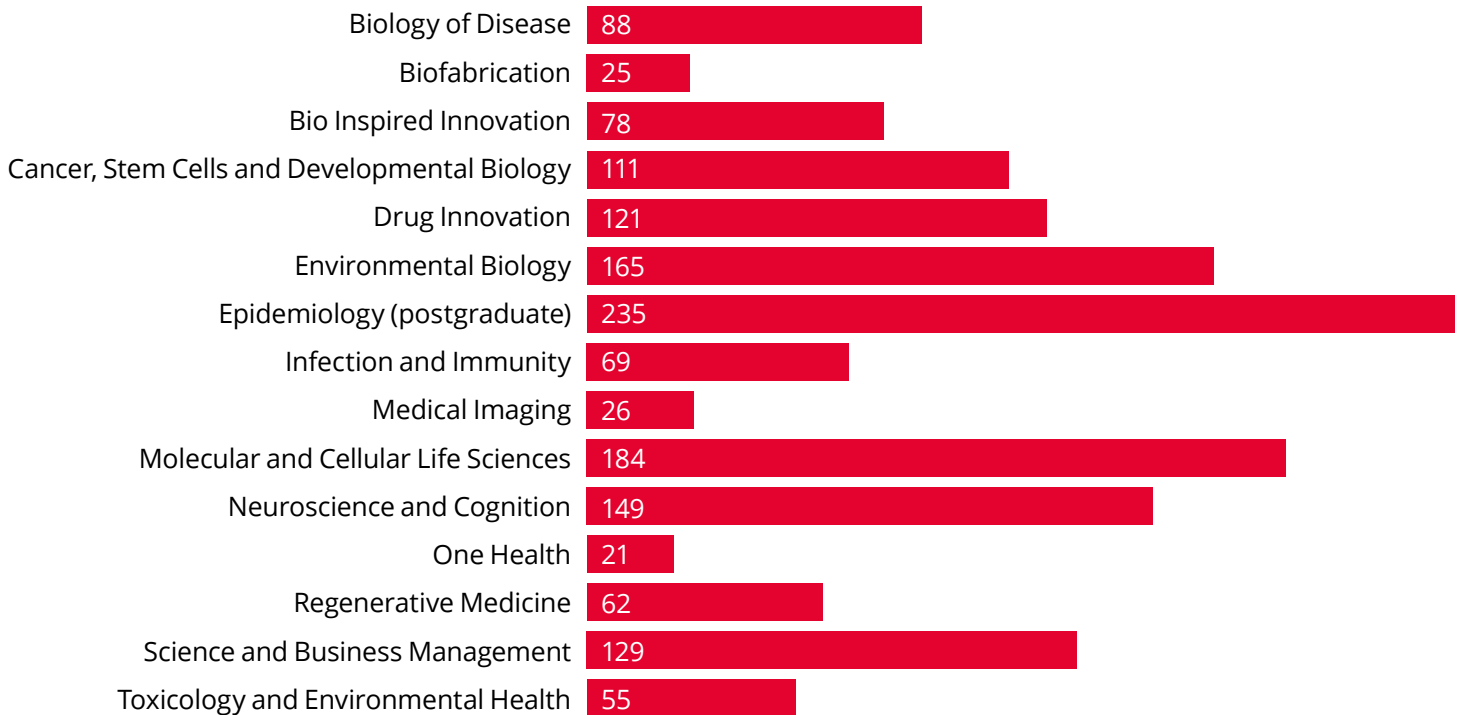


**1,518 Active MSc students**

**1,836 Active PhD candidates**

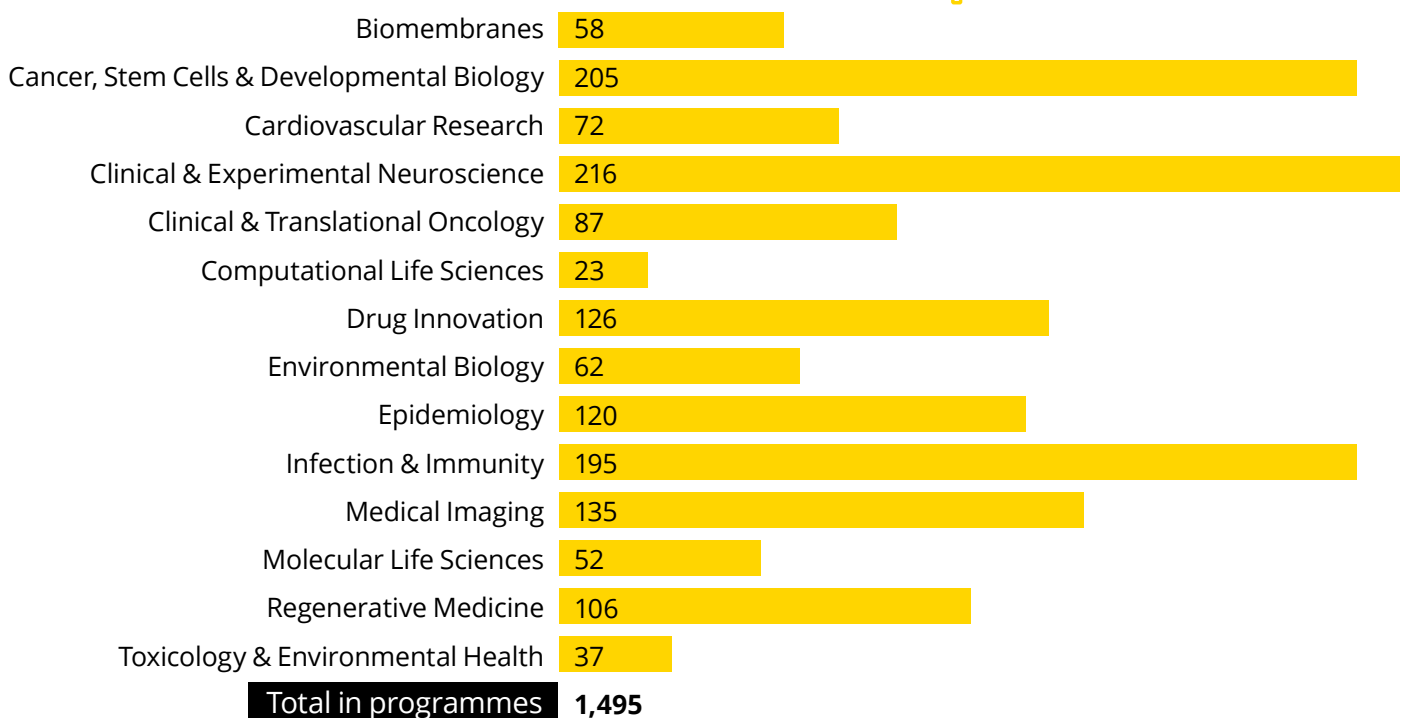
## Master's programmes

Number of active students



## PhD programmes<sup>1</sup>

Number of active PhDs



<sup>1</sup> The PhD numbers refer to the numbers reported for 2019.





## Master in numbers

**1,591** APPLICATIONS, **555** STARTERS, 


**25%** INTERNATIONALS 

**190** PROGRAMME COURSES

**20** GSLS ELECTIVE COURSES 

**6** PROFILES

UP TO **96** EC INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH 

**432** (**34** CUM LAUDE) MSC DIPLOMAS 



## Highlights Master

**Healthy interest of students** in Life Sciences programmes; higher numbers of visitors to open days and increased numbers of applications, also internationally.

The **new Master's programme Bioinformatics and Biocomplexity** started with 30 students.

The **online guide for teachers and supervisors** in Master education was officially launched.

**New societal focused courses** started or are under design: Engaging scientists with the public and the Thematic interdisciplinary challenge.

New courses started **in alliance with TU/e and WUR** under GSLS quality control: Bio-tech-med interdisciplinary training and Food for health and safety.

**Project Redesigning Life Sciences** as a response to the Corona induced restrictions; the aim was to redesign courses and the curriculum to prevent Corona-driven study delay in the academic year 2020-2021 and beyond, while at the same time upholding the quality of education and ensuring that the end terms of the Master's degree will be achieved.

The foundations for two new profiles of 33 EC each were drawn up: **Life sciences and society** and **Translational life sciences**.

GSLS participated in two new **UU wide USO projects**: Escape room responsible conduct of research and Developing an inclusive curriculum and learning environment.

## PhD in numbers



**65** GSLS training certificates



**106** PhD Course Centre courses



**306** PhD thesis defenses



**1,205** Course participants



Faculty of Medicine: 218



Faculty of Science: 53



Faculty of Veterinary Medicine: 35



**95%** of the participants recommended our courses



## Highlights PhD

The **new Quality Assurance Plan doctoral education** of the GSLS was approved by the Life Sciences deans.

Due to Covid-19 virtually all PhD courses were **transformed to online editions** within a month.

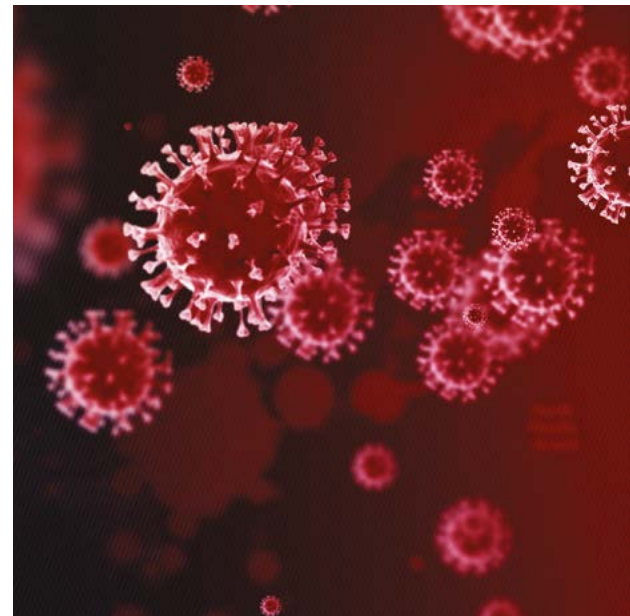
The biweekly PhD Update reached a record of **> 1,600 subscriptions**.

The GSLS welcomed the **updated Doctoral Degree Regulations** of Utrecht University.

The PhD Course Centre offered a **new course 'My Animal research'** to further improve the quality of animal research.

The PhD Council published the results of its **2019 PhD Survey** including questions about safe learning environment.

The GSLS offered four new courses organised by the newly-appointed UU PhD psychologist: **Resilience, Transparent communication, Selfmanagement and Balance**.



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