

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Twenty-two universities condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine**

**Twenty-two universities from eight countries issued a statement today condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine and called for institutions of higher learning to mobilise in support of victims and others in need.**

"The presidents of the U7+ Alliance member universities stand in solidarity with Ukraine, the Ukrainian people, and Ukrainian universities, and with all those who are affected by the heinous violence currently perpetrated by the Russian government," the statement read.

The signing institutions are part of the [U7+ Alliance](#), an international coalition of university presidents aimed at advancing the role of universities as global actors.

The leaders of those universities also said in the statement that they reaffirm their commitment to the safety and well-being of Russian students, faculty and staff on campuses, while commending the bravery of those inside Russia who chose to speak out against the invasion.

The institutions that have signed include: Australian National University, McGill University, Université d'Ottawa, University of British Columbia, University of Toronto, Aix-Marseille Université, Université Côte d'Azur, Université Grenoble Alpes, Université Paris Saclay, Freie Universität Berlin, University of Mannheim, Hitotsubashi University, Keio University, Osaka University, The University of Tokyo, University of Cape Town, University of Cambridge, Georgetown University, Northwestern University, Sciences Po, Université de Montréal and Université de Bordeaux.

The full statement is available [here](#).

Find out more about the measures in place at Université Paris-Saclay for its students and staff affected by the situation in Ukraine [here](#).

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### **ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY**

*Université Paris-Saclay brings together ten constituent faculties and institutes, four Grandes Écoles, the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques, two associate institutions and shared laboratories with six national research organisations.*

*With 48,000 students, 8,100 lecturers and 8,500 administrative and technical staff members, Université Paris-Saclay offers a comprehensive and varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level programmes and engineering degrees, renowned for their quality thanks to the reputation and commitment of the University's academic staff.*

*Located in the south of Paris on vast sites that stretch across Paris, Orsay, Évry and Versailles, Université Paris-Saclay benefits from a strategic geographical and socio-economic position that is strengthened by its international visibility. A leading university, Université Paris-Saclay is recognised for its excellent Mathematics and Physics programmes but also for Biological and Medical Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, and its extensive Humanities*

and Social Sciences courses. Close to Paris, Université Paris-Saclay is nestled in a protected natural area, at the heart of a dynamic economic hub.



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**ABOUT THE U7+ ALLIANCE**

The [U7+ Alliance](#) is the first international coalition of university presidents aimed at structuring and advancing the role of universities as global actors across the multilateral agenda. Alliance members meet annually to establish a common agenda and identify key areas for coordinated action. Together, U7+ university presidents take stock of their universities’ unique civic and social responsibilities and pledge concrete action on behalf of their institutions to address the world’s most pressing challenges at local, regional and global levels.