Teaching & Training

Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

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The Rudolf Virchow Center is not only dedicated to excellent research but also actively involved in numerous educational programs for both undergraduate and graduate students. The Center has developed, and is hosting, the undergraduate BSc/MSc program in Biomedicine and the Virchow Graduate Program, with the latter being part of the Graduate School of Life Sciences (GSLS) of the University of Würzburg.

By combining both research and training, the Rudolf Virchow Center has adopted the Humboldt tradition, where both are inseparable. The Center’s training programs are fully integrated into University-wide programs and have notably been the seed for restructuring other undergraduate and graduate programs at the University of Würzburg. The Center thus provides a stimulating and nurturing environment for researchers and students alike.

The Rudolf Virchow Center strives to achieve excellence as much in its undergraduate and graduate training programs as in its research program. Both training programs specifically target future researchers who will work at the interface between life sciences and medicine. The undergraduate program in Biomedicine was initiated in 2001, and six classes have already graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. Four classes have also successfully completed the Master’s course. The positions held by class alumni are testament to the excellent training they received, preparing them for successful careers.

The development of the Virchow Graduate Program reflects the Center’s dedication to graduate training. Together with several other DFG-funded graduate programs, the Virchow Graduate Program has become the nucleus of large-scale reform in graduate training at the University of Würzburg. This reform culminated in the founding of the Graduate School for Life Sciences, which was awarded funding by the national “Exzellenzinitiative” in 2006.