

# AT A GLANCE

2020



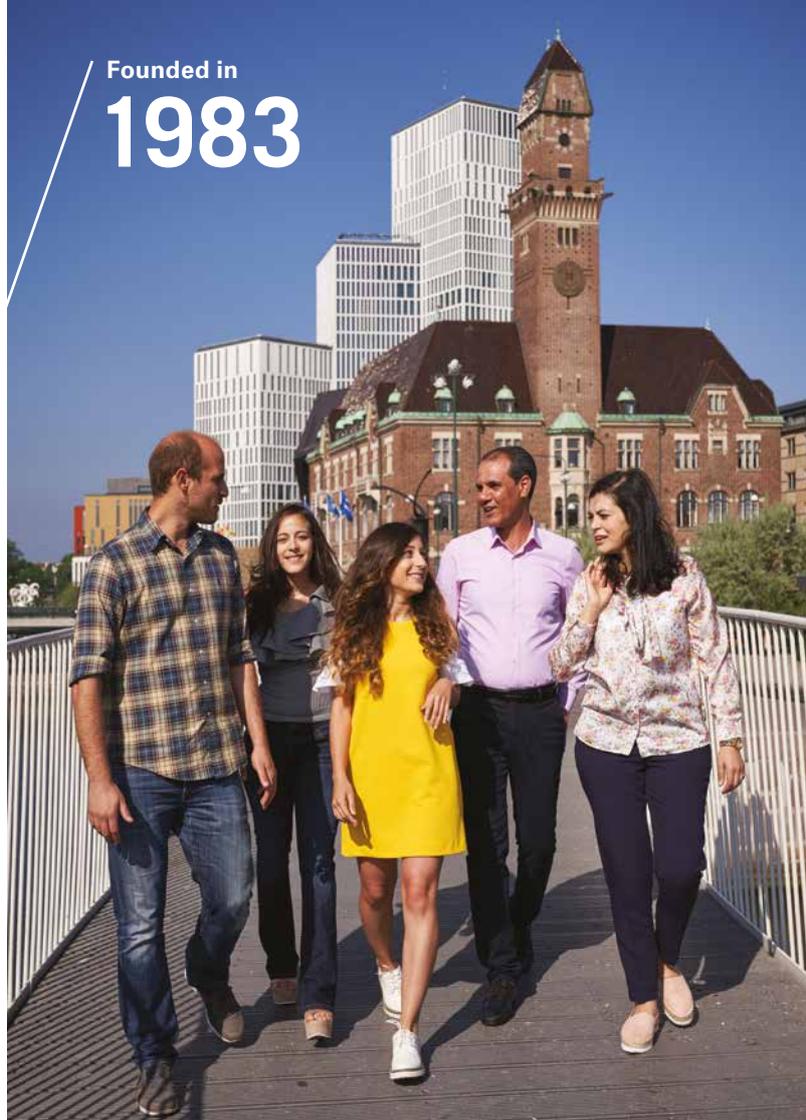
## ABOUT WMU

As a global centre of excellence established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, the World Maritime University plays a significant role in maritime and ocean education, research, capacity-building and economic development while promoting the role of women in the maritime and ocean sectors.

The United Nations General Assembly, through its Resolutions on Oceans and Law of the Sea, continues to recognize the importance of WMU as a centre of excellence for maritime education and research, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of maritime transportation, policy, administration, management, safety, security and environmental protection, as well as its role in the international exchange and transfer of knowledge.

The impact of WMU has been immense since its inauguration in 1983. With an international presence and a global reach, WMU continues to build maritime and ocean capacity and expertise taking into account the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) 2030.

Founded in  
**1983**



# 1991

Mr. Kitack Lim  
graduated  
from WMU



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## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Mr. Kitack Lim / WMU Chancellor / Secretary-General  
International Maritime Organization

“The importance and impact of shipping on every facet of our daily lives may often go unnoticed, but it is undoubtedly significant. WMU and its graduates build bridges within every aspect of the maritime and ocean sectors as well as between the various administrations and the industry. All of WMU’s work, a nexus of maritime and ocean knowledge and expertise, is eventually placed at the service of IMO Member States. WMU and its graduates significantly enrich the maritime community, addressing challenging issues such as combating climate change and achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals to improve our lives, benefiting our countries, our regions and our planet.”

# 2015

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry took office as first female President of WMU as well as first from a developing country.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry  
WMU President

**“Over the past 37 years, WMU has educated over 5,100 individuals from 170 countries to be the stewards of the sea and to chart the course for a better world. WMU is recognized by both the United Nations and the IMO as a centre of excellence in maritime and ocean education, research and capacity building. The University demonstrates its impact and contribution to global peace and development by providing quality education to our graduates. WMU’s mandate includes empowering both maritime and ocean leaders particularly from developing countries. With our postgraduate education, research and capacity-building mandate, we connect and inspire people across different maritime and ocean sectors. In every effort we make, impact effectiveness and good governance are paramount.”**

## WMU MISSION

The mission of the World Maritime University (WMU) is to be the world centre of excellence in Postgraduate Maritime and Oceans Education, Professional Training and Research, while building global capacity and promoting sustainable development.



## A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

In 1983, the IMO established WMU for the purpose of providing high-level education and training opportunities as well as facilities for technical and other personnel responsible for the maritime affairs in developing countries. Today, in accordance with the WMU Charter, the fundamental objective of the University is to be the lead international postgraduate education and research institution and a centre of excellence, providing the international maritime community, and in particular developing countries, with a centre for advanced maritime and ocean education, research, scholarship and capacity-building. It is to be an effective means for the sharing and transfer of knowledge from developed to developing countries, with a view to promoting the achievement of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning, in particular, maritime safety and security, efficiency of international shipping, the prevention and control of marine pollution, including air pollution from ships, and other marine and related ocean issues.

Today, WMU continues to serve IMO and its mission offering stakeholders unrivalled access to a global network of experts, knowledge and capacity-building while supporting governments, organizations and the industry worldwide, including with knowledge and expertise to support the implementation of the UN SDGs. As part of the United Nations system, WMU is the embodiment of the principle that education is the engine of economic growth, promoting social justice and inclusive societies.



# OUR LEGACY

**Excellence in international postgraduate maritime education, research and capacity-building**

**A truly world class institution with an international presence and a global reach**

**A vital role in pursuing the aims of the IMO**

**A cadre of maritime leaders of tomorrow – 5,156 Graduates from 170 countries**

WMU alumni assume positions of prominence around the world such as prime minister, ministers and senior maritime officials, directors of shipping companies and ports, and as heads of maritime academies and naval organizations. They hold prominent positions within UN organizations including Secretary-General of the IMO, and many represent their home countries at IMO and in international forums and organizations. The University, as a global centre of excellence recognized by IMO and the United Nations General Assembly, plays a significant role in maritime and ocean education, research, capacity-building and economic development while promoting the roles of women in the maritime sector. WMU delivers postgraduate maritime education and confers Master's and Doctoral degrees in maritime and ocean specializations at its headquarters in Sweden and Master's degrees in two specializations in China. This is complemented by its distance learning and professional development programmes. WMU is a research institution as well as a convenor of international conferences in the maritime and ocean fields and undertakes capacity-building missions delivering technical cooperation assistance on behalf of IMO.



## OUR UNIQUE ASPECTS

- WMU Operates within the framework of the IMO
- Educates the maritime leaders of tomorrow
- Delivers applied maritime and ocean-related research and capacity building for sustainable development
- Forges strong partnerships as a hub among maritime and ocean stakeholders, including governments, maritime industry, international organizations and civil society

## UN SDGS

WMU is continually focused on supporting IMO member States and maritime and ocean industry stakeholders in the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Recognizing that all of the Sustainable Development Goals are interrelated and indivisible, WMU is committed, in particular, to the goals that are of direct relevance to the maritime and ocean agendas: **4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17**



## MSc PROGRAMMES

Our MSc programmes are designed to educate future maritime and ocean leaders and strengthen the capacity of national administrations in developing and developed countries as well as the maritime industry. Building on IMO's global reach, WMU serves the maritime and ocean industries and their value chains by offering the following nine specializations:

### **Malmö, Sweden (WMU Headquarters)**

**Maritime Safety &  
Environmental Administration**

**Maritime Law & Policy**

**Maritime Education & Training**

**Port Management**

**Shipping Management & Logistics**

**Maritime Energy Management**

**Ocean Sustainability,  
Governance & Management**

### **Dalian, China**

**Maritime Safety &  
Environmental Management**

### **Shanghai, China**

**International Transport & Logistics**



## FIELD STUDY PROGRAMME

MSc students in Maritime Affairs in Malmö, Sweden benefit from a unique field study programme hosted by organizations, including, maritime administrations, port authorities, shipping companies, and a range of other governmental and non-governmental organizations, around the world. Field studies link the students' academic and technical knowledge to practical experience providing them with valuable insights on professional practices around the world – knowledge that is unique to WMU's students.

# 15 COUNTRIES

Visited on Field Studies in 2019



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Sea Rescue Society

## PhD PROGRAMME

WMU's PhD programme offers students the opportunity to carry out research across the maritime and ocean fields with an emphasis on issues related to the International Maritime Organization's mission regarding maritime safety, security and marine environmental protection. WMU's PhD programme offers unrivalled access to international maritime and ocean experts both inside and outside academia, and to organizations working at the forefront of research and development.

## MPhil

A ground-breaking degree programme leading to the degree of Master of Philosophy in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy in cooperation with the IMO International Maritime Law Institute in Malta.

# 36

**Enrolled PhD  
candidates in 2019**



## DISTANCE LEARNING

WMU collaborates with internationally renowned partners to deliver a variety of online Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) programmes as well as an LLM in International Maritime Law.

### **Degree Programmes**

LLM, International Maritime Law

### **Postgraduate Diplomas**

International Maritime Law

Marine Insurance

Executive Maritime Management

Maritime Energy

### **Professional Development**

MARI-WEL (Seafarers' Welfare Training Programme)

## EXECUTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

WMU offers customized Executive and Professional Development Courses (EPDCs) around the world providing maritime professionals with innovative training and knowledge.



## RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCIES

Research is part of WMU's mission and one of the University's top priorities. WMU's portfolio of research covers the entire spectrum of maritime and ocean issues. WMU's research partners include the IMO and other UN agencies, the European Union, the maritime industry and ocean partners as well as other maritime and oceans organizations worldwide. WMU's publication record, reputation, and international impact has expanded over the years. The WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs (JOMA) is a well-recognized, leading maritime journal. In 2019, four JOMA issues were published as well as one book in the WMU Book Series. WMU also published in January 2019 a major report entitled "Transport 2040: Automation, Technology, Employment – The Future of Work".

# 30

Research Projects and  
Consultancies in 2019



# WMU-SASAKAWA GLOBAL OCEAN INSTITUTE

The WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute was inaugurated in May 2018. As an independent focal point for the ocean-science-policy-law-industry interface where policy makers, the scientific community, regulators, industry actors, academics, and representatives of civil society meet to discuss how best to manage and use ocean spaces and their resources for the sustainable development of present and future generations. The Institute undertakes challenge-led, interdisciplinary, evidence-based research as well as educational and capacity-building training with a particular focus on the implementation of Goal 14 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The work of the Institute is supported by The Nippon Foundation of Japan, Sweden, Germany, Canada, the European Commission and the City of Malmö.

## 2018

Ocean Institute  
Inaugurated



## OUR STUDENTS

With an average age of 35, WMU students are mid-career professionals from across the broad spectrum of maritime occupations. Each year, across all programmes, around 90 countries are represented and women make up about a third of the annual intake.

## OUR FACULTY

WMU has an internationally recognized faculty and staff reflecting an impressive geographical balance. There are also more than 150 Visiting Professors and Guest Lecturers from around the world who contribute their expertise to enrich the education of WMU students.

# 1,107

**Women have graduated to date. Each year, roughly 30% of the students in Malmö are female. We continue to pursue efforts to increase the number of women enrolled in our programmes.**



## LIBRARY

The WMU Library's print collection consists of more than 20,000 books, journals, and reports and documents from IMO and other UN agencies. It has a particularly strong collection in Maritime Law and Law of the Sea. Additionally, the library makes over 400 thousand titles available to faculty and students through its online collection of ebooks, e-journals and statistical databases. WMU dissertations, research reports and conference presentations are hosted on Maritime Commons, the library's digital publications platform, which in the four years since its launch has achieved more than 820 thousand downloads by researchers in 210 countries and territories. The library provides an inviting space to read and study, as well as state-of-the-art scanning equipment, loanable laptops, and classroom instruction in modern library research techniques.

# 400,000

**Titles in WMU Library  
online collection**



## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

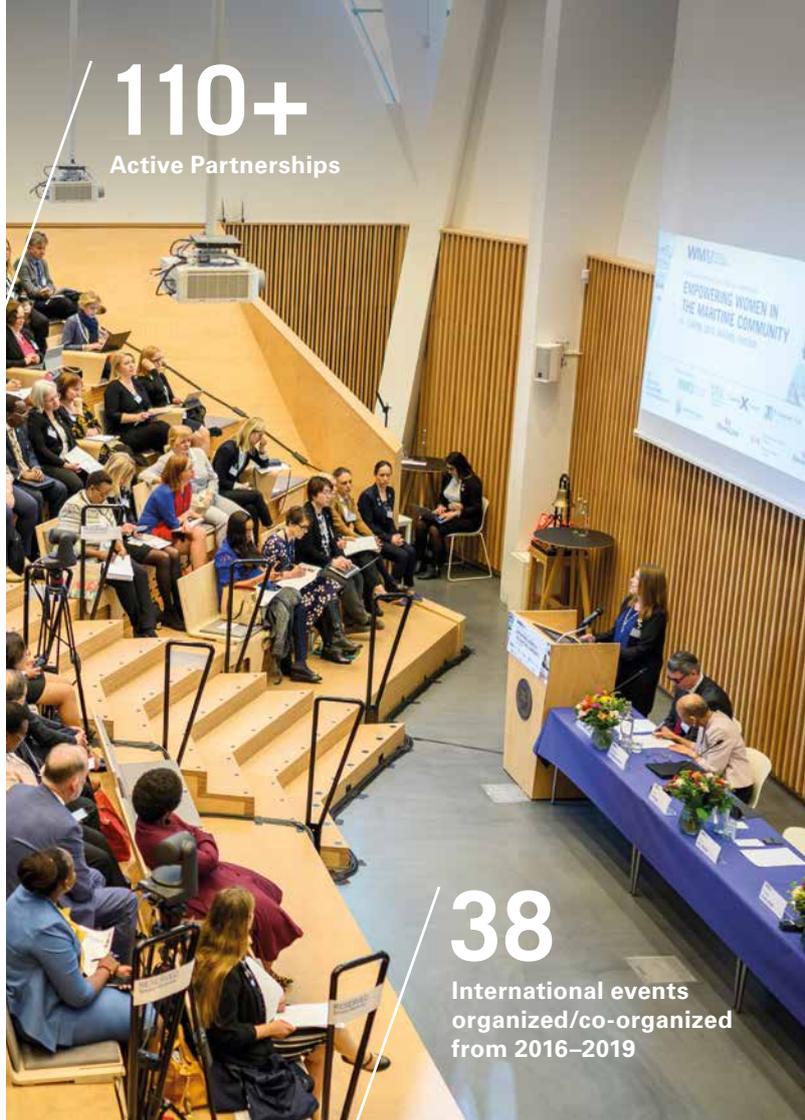
WMU collaborates intensively with key stakeholders from governments, shipping industry, international organizations, academia, non-governmental organizations and civil society.

## CONFERENCES

WMU organizes and hosts a range of successful international maritime conferences, often co-hosted with international organizations, including IMO, UNEP, and the EU. With keynote speakers and participants from government, industry, and academia from around the globe, these events underscore the University's commitment to high-level discussions on important issues of the day but also its engagement to promote effective partnerships in the maritime and ocean community in support of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. In 2019, WMU released the Conference Report for the WMU Third International Women's Conference on Empowering Women in the Maritime Community that was held in April of the same year. The conference brought maritime and ocean stakeholders together at WMU to discuss the common challenge of gender equality and to address the gender gap in the maritime, oceans, ports, fishing and related industries. The major conference in 2020 will be WMU 2020: Building Global Maritime and Ocean Capacity for Sustainable Development. WMU will also host the IMLA 2020 Conference from 1-5 September.

110+

Active Partnerships



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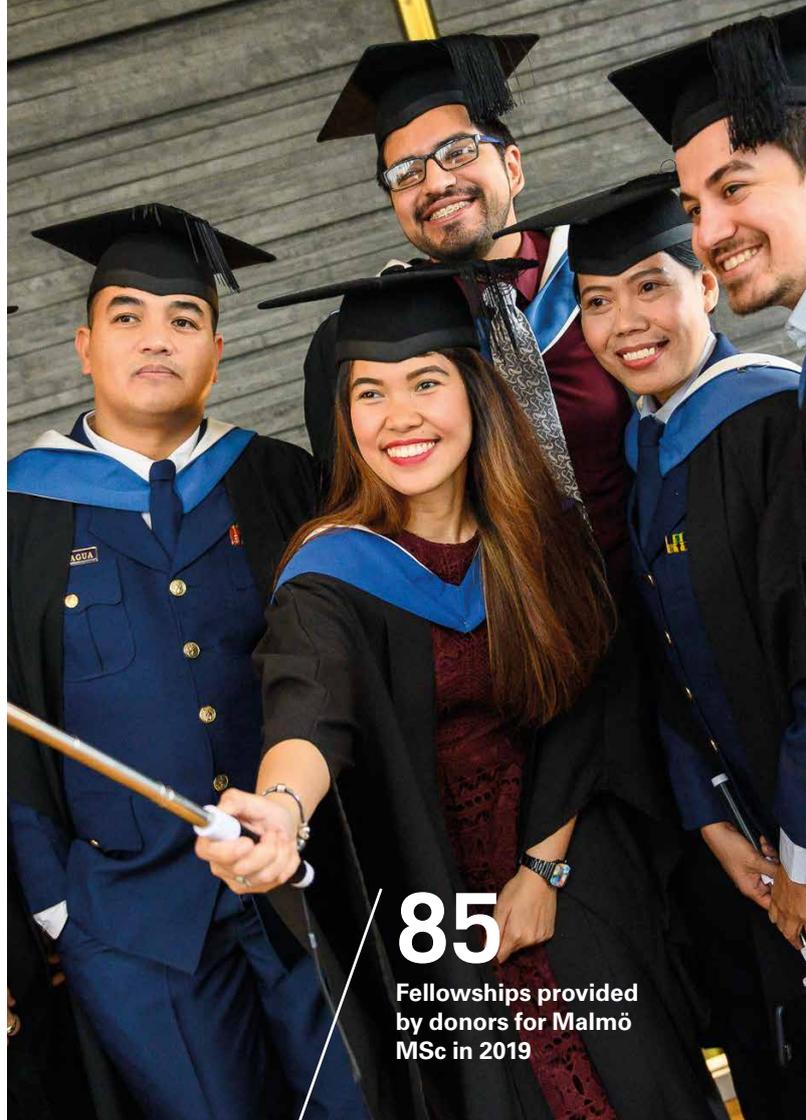
International events  
organized/co-organized  
from 2016–2019

## FELLOWSHIPS

The following donors provided Malmö MSc fellowships in 2019

**The Nippon Foundation of Japan (28)**  
**Government of Norway (12)**  
**International Maritime Organization (10)**  
**ITF Seafarers' Trust (5)**  
**Government of Germany (4)**  
**Government of the Republic of Korea (4)**  
**The TK Foundation (4)**  
**BCSEA (3)**  
**Orients Fond (3)**  
**Australian Maritime Safety Authority (2)**  
**SAFEMED IV (2)**  
**Stena Rederi AB (2)**  
**Gard AS (1)**  
**Government of the United Kingdom (1)**  
**International Chamber of Shipping (1)**  
**MPA Academy Singapore (1)**  
**Norwegian Seafarers' Union (1)**  
**World Nuclear Transport Institute (1)**

Additionally, many governments, organizations and companies provide funding for their own employees. Approximately 6% of the MSc students in Malmö are self-funded.



**85**

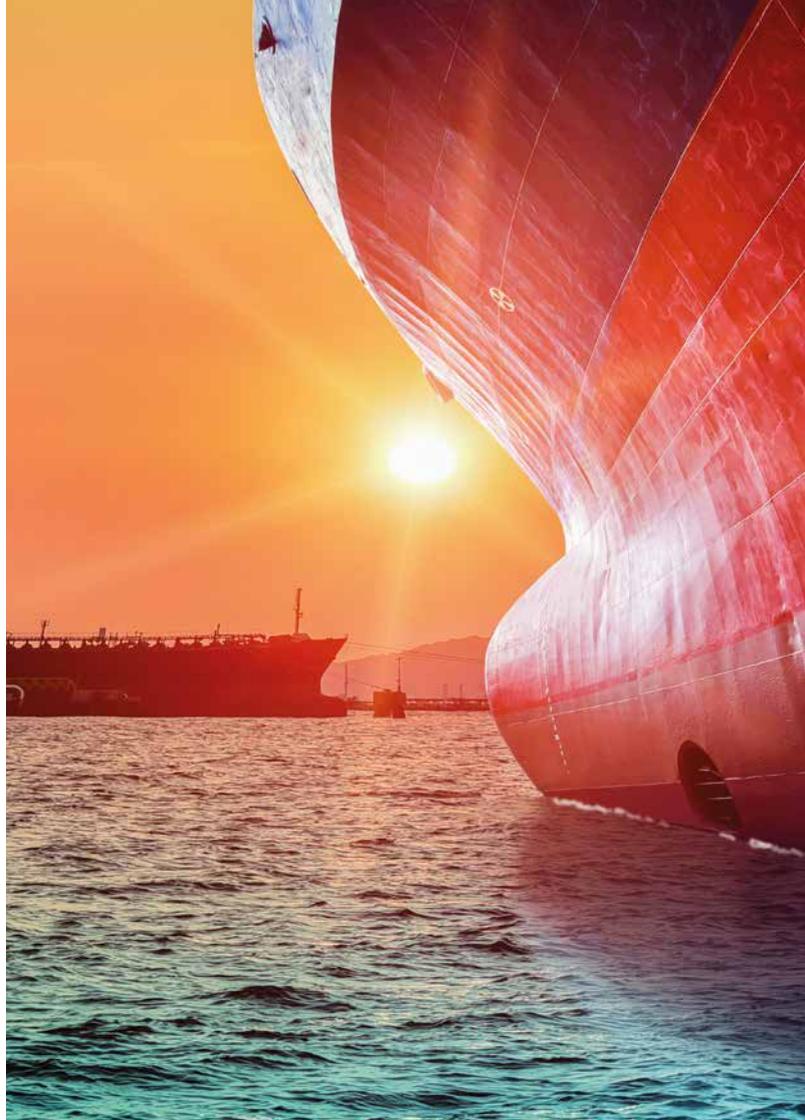
**Fellowships provided  
by donors for Malmö  
MSc in 2019**

## FINANCES

WMU relies on voluntary contributions from IMO and UN member States and other funding partners. As the host of WMU's headquarters, the Government of Sweden and the City of Malmö continue to provide considerable support to the University. In addition, many partners provide in-kind contributions that support the financing of the University's activities. The 2019 financial outcome reported total revenue of USD 16.2 million and demonstrated continued growth of the University. WMU greatly appreciates the commitment and invaluable support of all donors who contribute to the University's operational budget, research projects, capacity building activities, student fellowships, Visiting Professors, field study opportunities and the Endowment Fund.

# 16.2 MILLION

USD appropriated for the General Fund  
budget of 2019

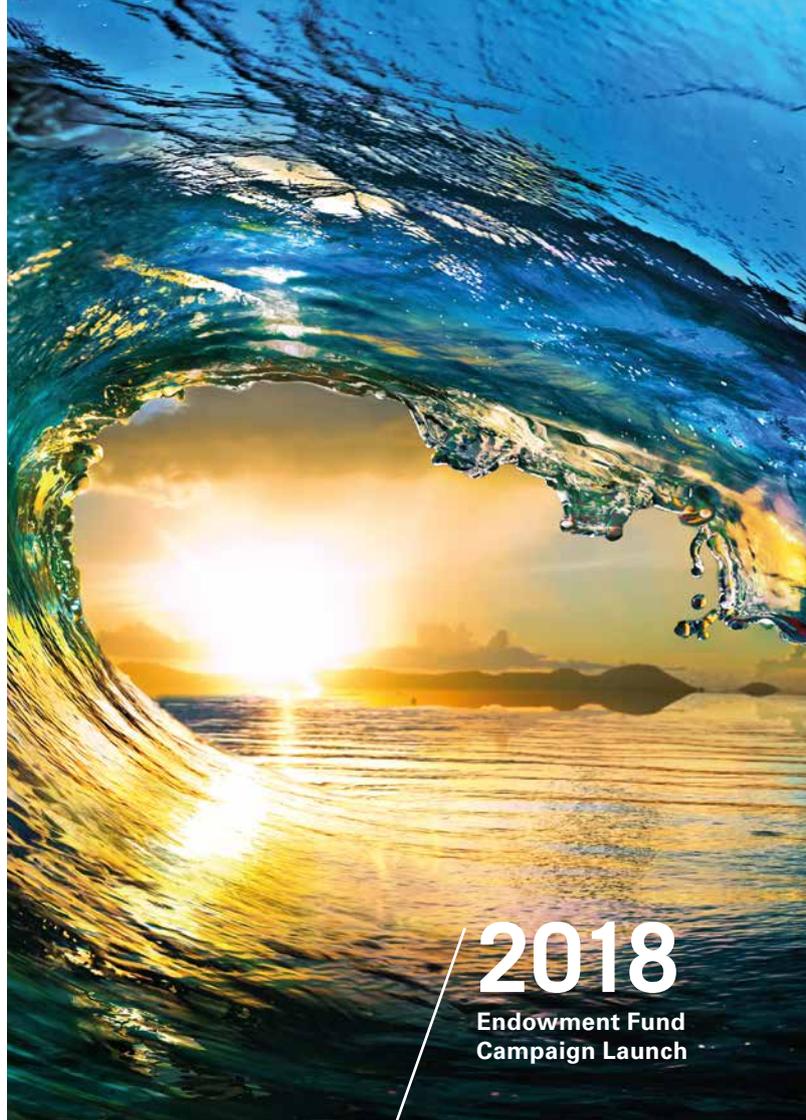


## STEWARDS OF THE SEA

WMU would not be the academic institution it is today without the support of our donors who make it possible for WMU to advance its global maritime and ocean education, capacity-building and research mission. Since its founding, WMU has received generous support from the Government of Sweden, the City of Malmö, and a wide array of donors.

WMU's work is long-term in nature. The Endowment Fund Campaign, Stewards of the Sea, actively seeks support for the University's efforts that will provide the financial freedom to keep focus on the important work at hand. Ways to invest include the Future Fund, the Annual Fund, and multi-year commitments. WMU collaborates and partners with donors and investors to achieve maximum impact and return for each grant and donation.

Contributions to the Stewards of the Sea campaign will help to ensure long-term financial sustainability of WMU, supporting our mission and securing our legacy of providing education, training, research, scholarship and capacity building in maritime and ocean-related matters for government officials and industry stakeholders across the globe, particularly those in developing countries.



**2018**  
Endowment Fund  
Campaign Launch

## ALUMNI

With 5,156 alumni from 170 countries, WMU has a remarkable presence and a reliable network of maritime leaders in the global maritime sector.

# 5,156

## WMU ALUMNI



## COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST WMU GRADUATES

China	1,176	Turkey	50
Nigeria	217	Cameroon	48
India	212	Saudi Arabia	48
Philippines	188	United Kingdom	47
Indonesia	174	of Great Britain & Northern Ireland	
Viet Nam	132	Liberia	46
Ghana	112	Sweden	46
Bangladesh	103	Colombia	42
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	95	Algeria	41
Republic of Korea	93	Japan	41
Kenya	92	Panama	39
United Republic of Tanzania	82	Singapore	39
Thailand	81	Chile	35
South Africa	68	Ethiopia	35
Sri Lanka	68	Trinidad and Tobago	35
Egypt	66	Germany	34
Greece	60	Jamaica	34
Myanmar	60	Mozambique	34
Malaysia	55	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	32
Pakistan	50	Senegal	31

Sierra Leone	31	Morocco	17
Malawi	30	Uganda	17
Mexico	30	Ukraine	17
Peru	29	Sudan	16
Argentina	27	Guinea	15
Tunisia	27	Maldives	15
United States of America	27	Angola	14
Ecuador	25	Hong Kong, China	14
Cambodia	24	Iraq	14
Somalia	24	Italy	14
Gambia	23	Spain	14
Cabo Verde	22	Fiji	13
Lithuania	22	Guyana	13
Madagascar	22	Yemen	13
Russian Federation	22	Bahrain	12
Brazil	21	Dominican Republic	12
Côte d'Ivoire	21	Haiti	12
Jordan	21	Lebanon	12
Benin	20	Mauritania	12
Namibia	20	Congo	11
Cyprus	19	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	11
Honduras	17		

**5,156**  
Graduates as of 2019

# MALMÖ

Malmö is Sweden's third largest city, situated in the southernmost province of Skåne. It is a cosmopolitan city with over 170 different nationalities represented among its residents. The centre of the city, with its pedestrianised streets, provides a welcoming environment with a wide range of shops, theatres, and dining options, as well as an outstanding symphony orchestra, art galleries and museums.

Malmö has strong historic bonds with the maritime industry. It was an important medieval sea-port and had a thriving ship-building industry for many years. It is a city with a knowledge-based economy that places a premium on learning, education and research.

The majority of WMU students live together in the Henrik Smith Residence, which has excellent student accommodation and facilities provided by WMU. Living together, as well as sharing maritime knowledge, further fosters cultural understanding and cooperation in the true spirit of the United Nations.



**170+**

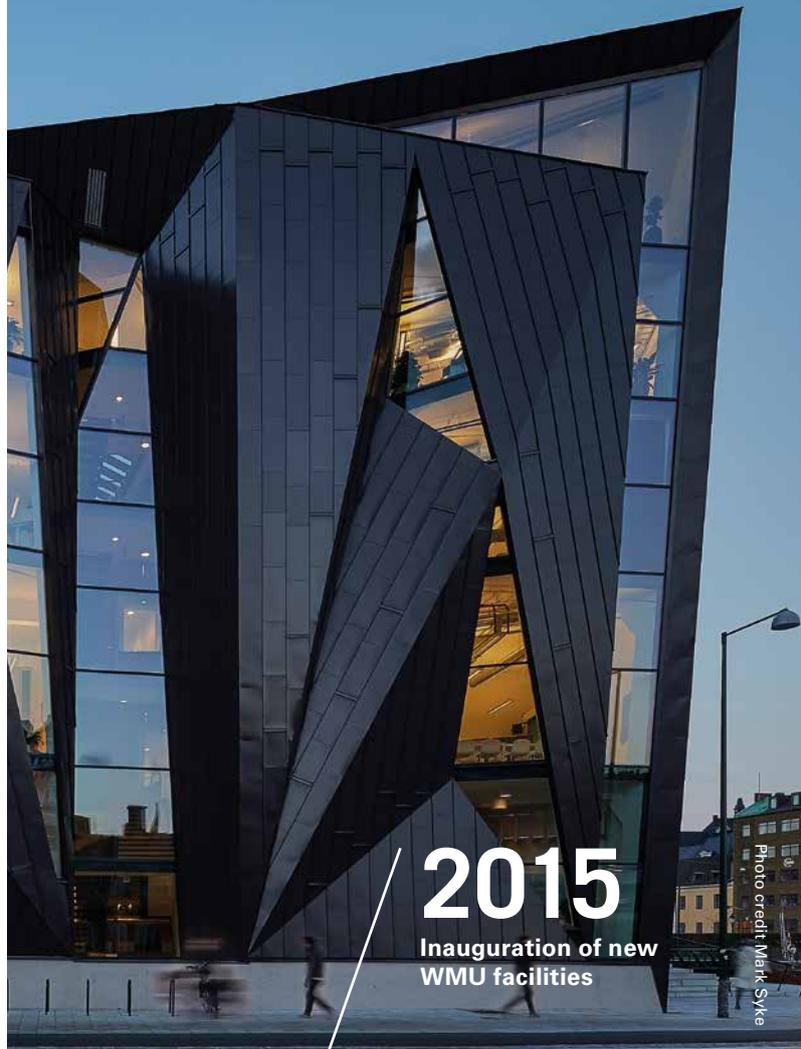
**Countries  
represented  
in Malmö**

## WMU BUILDING

The City of Malmö has always generously provided the facilities for WMU. When the University outgrew its original location, the City launched a three-stage international competition for an extension to Tornhuset, the Old Harbour Master's Building, that was to become the new home of WMU in 2015. The winning proposal was designed by the Danish firm of Kim Utzon Architects in collaboration with Terroir Architects of Australia.

Completed in 1910, the historic Tornhuset was designed in the Swedish National Romantic style by the renowned Swedish architect Harald Boklund. The bold, new addition serves as an "urban hinge" between the historic fabric of the city and the new development of the docklands.

Following the inauguration of the new facilities on 19 May 2015, the building received the City Building Prize (Stadsbyggnadspriset), the highest architecture prize awarded by the City of Malmö. It was successively awarded the 2015 Region Skåne Architecture Prize based on the building design as well as how it transforms the surroundings and returns the historic Old Harbour Master's building to a maritime use. In 2016, the building was shortlisted for a World Architecture Festival Award in the category of Higher Education and Research.



**2015**  
Inauguration of new  
WMU facilities

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