

# AT A GLANCE

2021



## 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 (WMU) 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



Photo courtesy of IMO

## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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

“As a WMU alumnus, I can attest that a WMU education has a profound impact on the lives of its graduates. The expertise of WMU alumni benefits us all, as they work to foster sustainable development in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Whether advising or representing their country, or negotiating with international partners, the WMU alumni rely on the education and training they received at the World Maritime University. It will be our concerted efforts that will ensure our beautiful oceans are passed on to future generations and that the shipping industry succeeds in serving a sustainable future.”

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry**  
WMU President

**“As the world grapples with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the capacity-building mission of WMU is more important than ever. Our graduates hail from 170 countries and territories, and are the maritime and ocean leaders who will play a key role in rebuilding a post-pandemic, sustainable maritime industry. WMU is recognized by the United Nations General Assembly and the International Maritime Organization as a global centre of excellence. We are a unique institution, connecting and inspiring people through our postgraduate education, research and capacity-building mandate as we support the global maritime and oceans community in achieving the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.”**

A portrait of Dr. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, an African woman with short grey hair, wearing glasses, a white blazer over a blue top, and a pearl necklace. She is smiling and has her arms crossed. A small circular pin is visible on her left lapel. The background is a blurred interior setting.

# 2015

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



## MISSION

The mission of the World Maritime University 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.

## VISION

To inspire leadership and innovation for a sustainable maritime and oceans future.



## 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 and ocean 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 – 5,392 Graduates  
from 170 countries and territories**

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 annually



Photo courtesy of Swedish  
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.

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**Enrolled PhD  
candidates in 2020**





## 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 research portfolio 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 2020, four JOMA issues were published as well as one book in the WMU Book Series. WMU also published in November 2020 a major report entitled "A Culture of Adjustment," confirming systematic regulatory failures affecting seafarers.

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Research Projects and  
Consultancies in 2020





# WMU-SASAKAWA GLOBAL OCEAN INSTITUTE

The WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute is an independent focal point working at the interdisciplinary interface of several cognitive fields pertaining to science, policy, ocean governance and law. Faculty, staff and students at the Institute undertake challenge-led and 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.

For this purpose, the work programme of the Institute is focused on a broad range of initiatives including: Land-to-Ocean Leadership; the empowerment of women scientists for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development; marine debris, sargassum and marine spatial planning in the Eastern Caribbean, as well as robotics and automation in an ocean industry context. These initiatives are supported by The Nippon Foundation of Japan, Sweden, Germany, Canada, the European Commission and the City of Malmö.

A large sea turtle, likely a hawksbill, is swimming towards the upper right of the frame. It has a yellowish-brown carapace with dark spots and a patterned head. The background is a vibrant blue ocean with a diverse coral reef visible at the bottom. Numerous small, dark fish are scattered throughout the water column.

# 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 80 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.

# 1,181

**Women have graduated to date.  
Since 2016, more than 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 1.4 million downloads by researchers in 234 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 conferences planned for 2020, the WMU 2020: Building Global Maritime and Ocean Capacity for Sustainable Development conference and the IMLA 2020 Conference were postponed due to the pandemic. New dates will be considered when the pandemic has been contained.

# 105+

Active Partnerships

# 41

International events  
organized/co-organized  
from 2016–2020





## FELLOWSHIPS

The following donors provided Malmö MSc fellowships in 2020

The Nippon Foundation of Japan (30)  
Government of Norway (10)  
International Maritime Organization (10)  
Government of the Republic of Korea (6)  
ITF Seafarers' Trust (5)  
Government of Germany (4)  
The TK Foundation (4)  
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (3)  
Orients Fond (3)  
Government of the Netherlands (2)  
Stena Rederi AB (2)  
Gard AS (1)  
International Chamber of Shipping (1)  
MPA Academy Singapore (1)  
Norwegian Seafarers' Union (1)

Additionally, many governments, organizations and companies provide funding for their own employees. Approximately 5% of the MSc students in Malmö are self-funded.



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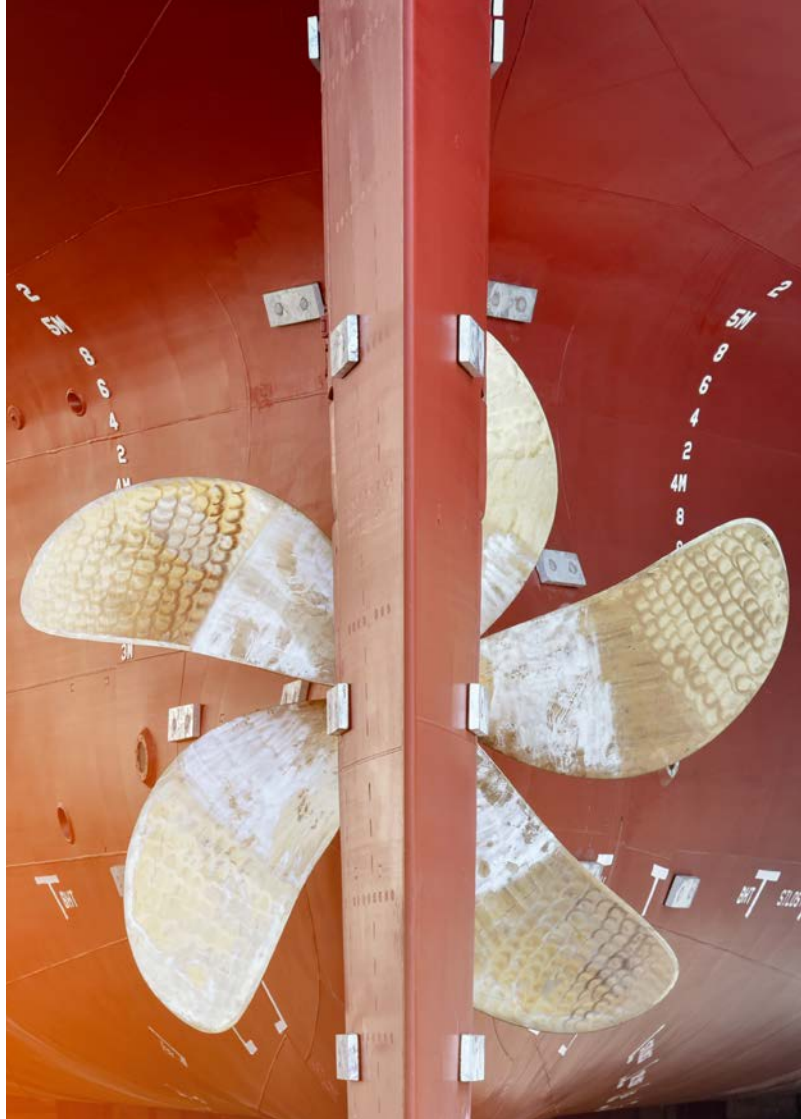
Fellowships  
provided by  
donors for Malmö  
MSc in 2020

## 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 2020 financial outcome reported total revenue of USD 14.9 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.

# 14.9 MILLION

**USD appropriated for the General Fund  
budget of 2020**



## 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 5,392 alumni from 170 countries and territories, WMU has a remarkable presence and a reliable network of maritime leaders in the global maritime sector.

# 5,392

## WMU ALUMNI



## COUNTRIES WITH THE MOST WMU GRADUATES

China	1,233	Turkey	52
Nigeria	232	United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland	52
India	224	Liberia	51
Philippines	195	Pakistan	50
Indonesia	179	Sweden	46
Viet Nam	136	Japan	44
Ghana	117	Colombia	42
Bangladesh	105	Singapore	42
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	98	Algeria	41
Republic of Korea	98	Panama	40
Kenya	95	Ethiopia	38
United Republic of Tanzania	84	Trinidad and Tobago	38
Thailand	82	Chile	36
South Africa	75	Germany	36
Sri Lanka	70	Jamaica	34
Egypt	67	Mozambique	34
Greece	64	Senegal	33
Myanmar	60	Sierra Leone	32
Malaysia	58	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	32
Saudi Arabia	55	Malawi	30
Cameroon	53		

Mexico	30	Morocco	17
Peru	30	Spain	17
United States of America	30	Maldives	17
Tunisia	29	Sudan	16
Argentina	27	Angola	15
Russian Federation	27	Guinea	15
Cambodia	26	Iraq	15
Ecuador	26	Hong Kong, China	14
Gambia	24	Fiji	14
Somalia	24	Guyana	14
Madagascar	23	Italy	14
Cabo Verde	22	Yemen	14
Côte d'Ivoire	22	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13
Jordan	22	Georgia	13
Lithuania	22	Bahrain	12
Brazil	21	Dominican Republic	12
Benin	20	Haiti	12
Cyprus	20	Lebanon	12
Namibia	20	Mauritania	12
Uganda	18	Congo	11
Ukraine	18	Portugal	11
Honduras	17		

# 5,392

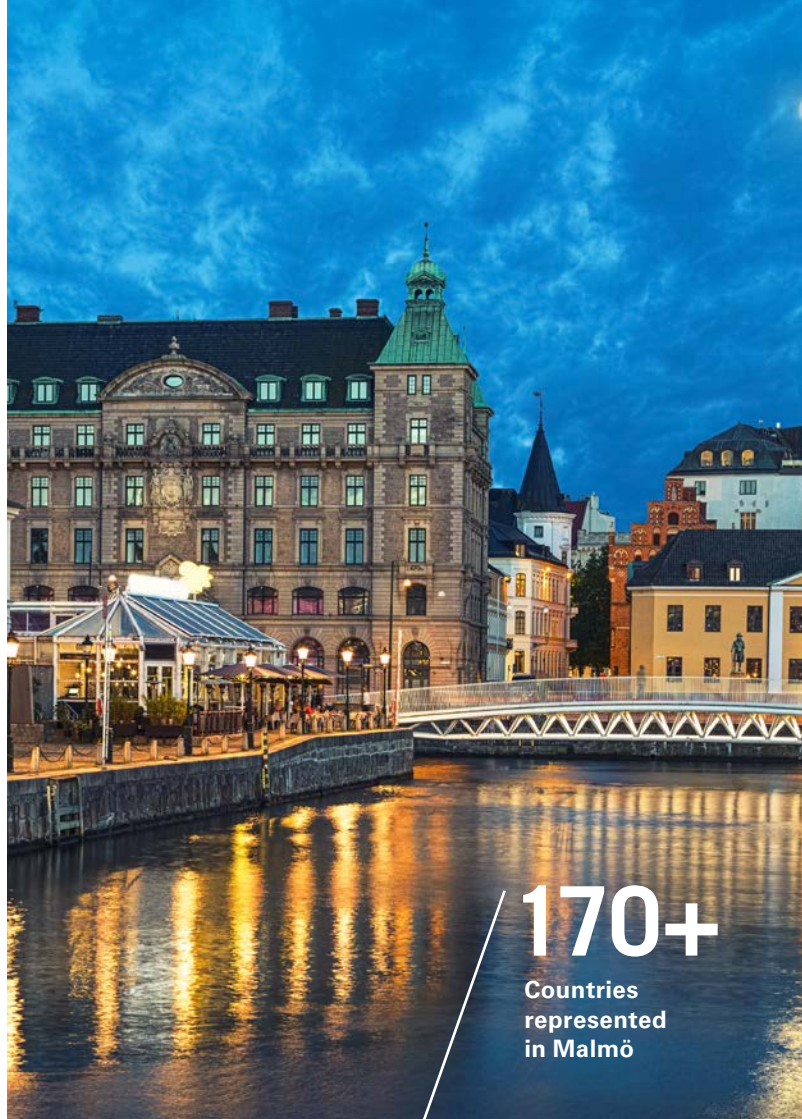
Graduates as of 2020

# 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

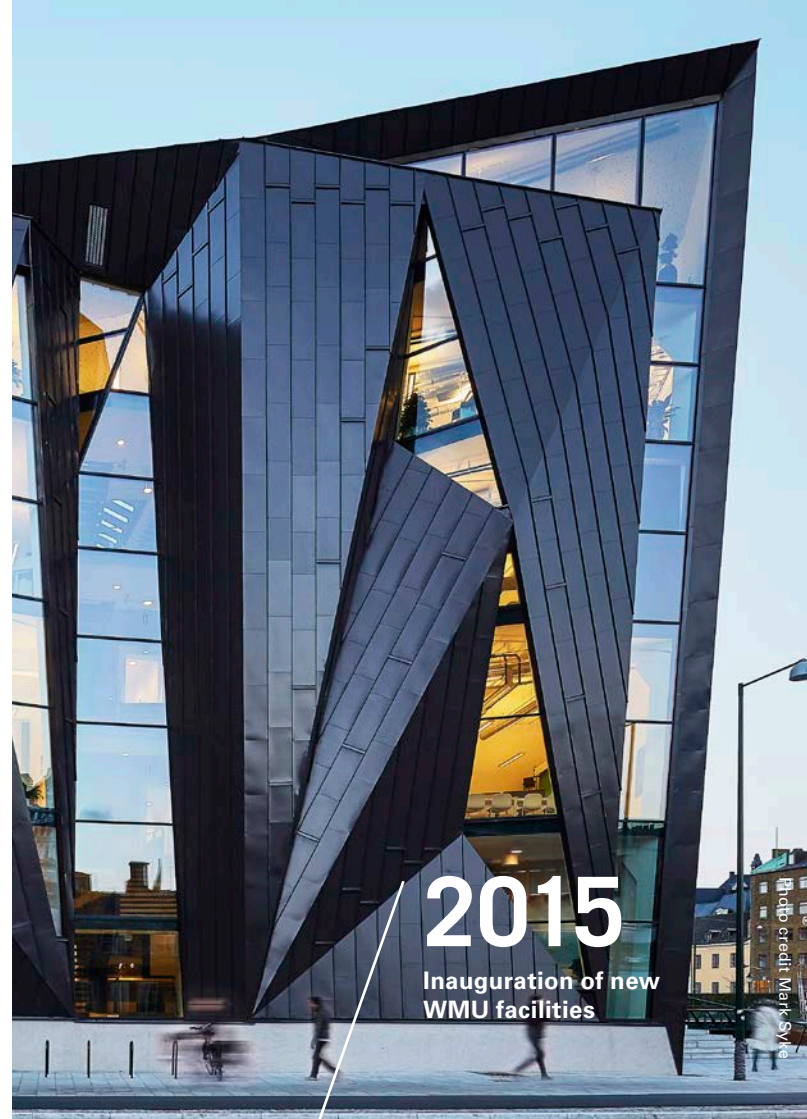


## WMU BUILDING

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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