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# Academic Olympic Studies and Research Centres in the world

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Since the 1980s, a growing number of universities and National Olympic Committees (NOCs) have responded to the academic interest in Olympic-related topics by creating dedicated university-based Olympic Studies and Research Centres (OSCs). These centres aim to promote teaching, research, publications and conferences about the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games.

In 2020, the IOC established the “[Guidelines for the Academic Olympic Studies and Research Centres](#)”, which aim to provide a clear framework for university-based OSCs, ensuring full alignment with the Olympic Charter, while respecting their independence in terms of academic activities.

Following the roll-out of these new guidelines and a subsequent individual review procedure, the IOC Olympic Studies Centre is pleased to publish this updated list of compliant academic OSCs. In doing so, we wish to highlight the important role of the academic OSCs in creating and fostering interest and knowledge about the Olympic Movement among the university community, and to facilitate exchanges and collaboration between researchers, professors and students who share a common interest in Olympic studies.

The list will be updated regularly as the process for certain OSCs remains ongoing and other universities create OSCs in the future.

Should you be interested in creating an academic Olympic Studies and Research Centre, we invite you to contact the IOC Olympic Studies Centre at [studies.centre@olympic.org](mailto:studies.centre@olympic.org).

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## ARGENTINA

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- Centro de Estudios Olímpicos UNL – COA**  
Universidad Nacional del Litoral  
Facultad de Bioquímica y Ciencias Biológicas  
Founding year: 2016

Main contacts: [Silvia DALOTTO DE MARCÓ](#) (COA) and [Javier E. VILLARREAL DOLDÁN](#) (UNL)

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## BELGIUM

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- Olympic Chair Henri de Baillet Latour and Jacques Rogge in Management of Sport Organizations**  
Université catholique de Louvain  
Faculté des sciences de la motricité  
Founding year: 2008

Main contacts: [Géraldine ZEIMERS](#) and [Thierry ZINTZ](#)

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## BRAZIL

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- 3. Centre for Olympic Studies (ARETE)**  
Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo  
Centre of Physical Education and Sport  
Founding year: 2006

Main contact: [Otávio GUIMARÃES TAVARES DA SILVA](#)  
[National research database](#)
- 4. Olympic Studies Research Group**  
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul  
School of Health and Life Sciences  
Founding year: 2002

Main contact: [Nelson SCHNEIDER TODT](#)  
[National research database](#)
- 5. Olympic Research Group**  
Rio de Janeiro State University  
Programa Pos-Graduacao em Ciencias do Exercicio e Esporte  
Founding year: 2014 (originally created in 1992 at the University Gama Filho)

Main contact: [Lamartine DACOSTA](#)  
[Website 1](#) and [Website 2](#)

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## CANADA

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- 6. International Centre for Olympic Studies (ICOS)**  
The University of Western Ontario  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Founding year: 1989

Main contact: [Angela J. SCHNEIDER](#)  
[Website](#)

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## CHILI

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- 7. Grupo de Estudios Olímpicos y Sociales del Deporte**  
Universidad de Concepción Chile  
Facultad de Educación  
Departamento de Educación Física  
Founding year: 1999

Main contact: [Miguel CORNEJO AMÉSTICA](#)  
[Facebook page](#)

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## CHINA

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**8. Advanced Institute of Olympic Studies**

Beijing Sport University  
Founding year: 1994

Main contacts: [REN Hai](#), [WANG Fang](#), [SUN Zhanning](#), [WU Jun](#) and [ZHAO Xi](#)

**9. Beijing Institute for International Olympic Studies**

Capital University of Physical Education and Sports  
Founding year: 2019

Main contacts: [HE Ming](#)

**10. Humanistic Olympic Studies Center**

Renmin University of China  
PE Department  
Founding year: 2000

Main contact: [SHUWANG Li](#)  
[Website](#)

**11. Olympic Studies Centre**

Nantong University  
School of Sports Science  
Founding year: 2014

Main contact: [LIU Tao](#)

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## COLOMBIA

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**12. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos Areandina Pereira**

Fundación Universitaria del Area Andina Seccional Pereira  
Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud y el Deporte  
Founding year: 2018

Main contact: [Daniel Alfonso MONTENEGRO SARMIENTO](#)

**13. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**

Universidad de Pamplona  
Facultad de Educación  
Departamento Educación Física, Recreación y Deportes  
Founding year: 2020

Main contacts: [Cristhian Alberto BAUTISTA RICO](#) and [Oscar Yesid RIVERA GAMBOA](#)

**14. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**

Corporación Universitaria del Caribe CECAR  
Facultad de Humanidades y Educación  
Founding year: 2019

Main contact: [Alfredo Enrique PATERNINA OVIEDO](#)

- 15. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**  
Escuela Nacional del Deporte  
Facultad de Ciencias de la Educación y del Deporte  
Founding year: 2018  
  
Main contact: [Esnel GONZALES HERNANDEZ](#)
- 16. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**  
Universidad de Antioquia  
Instituto Universitario de Educación Física y Deporte  
Founding year: 2018  
  
Main contact: [Juan Francisco GUTIÉRREZ BETANCUR](#)
- 17. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**  
Universidad de Cundinamarca  
Facultad de Ciencias del Deporte y la Educación Física  
Founding year: 2019  
  
Main contact : [Pedro Nel QUINTERO TURRIAGO](#)
- 18. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**  
Universidad de San Buenaventura  
Founding year: 2019  
  
Main contact: [Edwin TORRES HERRERA](#)
- 19. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**  
Universidad Libre – Sede Bogotá  
Facultad Ciencias de la Educación  
Founding year: 2019  
  
Main contact: [Marleny AGUIRRE CHICA](#)
- 20. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos - CEO-UTOLIMA**  
Universidad del Tolima  
Facultad de Ciencias de la Educación  
Founding year: 2019  
  
Main contact: [Luis Felipe CONTECHA CARRILLO](#)

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## FRANCE

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- 21. Centre d'études et de recherches olympiques universitaires (CEROU)**  
Université de Franche-Comté – UPFR Sports  
Founding year: 2019  
  
Main contact: [Eric MONNIN](#)

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## GERMANY

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- 22. Olympic Studies Centre**  
German Sport University Cologne  
Institute of Sport History  
Founding year: 2005

Main contact: [Stephan WASSONG](#)  
[Website](#)

- 23. Willibald Gebhardt Research Institute e.V.**  
Hosted as an “Affiliated Research Institute” by the Rectorate of the Westphalian Wilhelm’s-University of Münster (WWU)  
Partner of the Institute of Sport and Exercise Sciences at WWU  
Founding year: 1992

Main contact: Heinz ASCHEBROCK  
[Website](#)

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## ISRAEL

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- 24. The Centre for Olympic Studies**  
The Academic College at Wingate  
Founding year: 2014

Main contact: [Iddo NEVO](#) and [Yarden HAR LEV](#)  
[Website](#)

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## JAPAN

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- 25. Centre for Olympic Research and Education (CORE)**  
University of Tsukuba  
Founding year: 2010

Main contact: [Hisashi SANADA](#)  
[Website](#)

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## MEXICO

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- 26. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**  
Centro de Estudios Superiores de las Culturas  
Facultad de Cultura Física y Deporte  
Founding year: 2008

Main contact: [Jaime PÉREZ ARCOS](#)

27. **Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**  
Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua  
Founding year: 2019  
  
Main contacts: [Damaris Gabriela AGUIRRE ALDAZ](#) and [Néstor Eduardo RIVERA MAGALLANES](#)
28. **Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**  
Universidad Meridiano A.C.  
Founding year: 2020  
  
Main contact: [José Manuel CASILLAS MEJÍA](#)
29. **Centro Lince de Estudios Olímpicos (CLEO)**  
Universidad Autónoma de Occidente  
Founding year: 2013  
  
Main contact: [Hussein MUÑOZ HELÚ](#)
30. **Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**  
Universidad Panamericana Campus Aguascalientes  
Founding year: 2012  
  
Main contact: [Luis Enrique REJAS SANGÜESA](#)
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## NEW ZEALAND

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31. **New Zealand Centre for Olympic Studies - Pending**  
University of Canterbury
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## NORWAY

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32. **Lillehammer Olympic and Paralympic Studies Centre (LOSC)**  
Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences  
Faculty of Business and Social Sciences  
Founding year: 2018  
  
Main contact: [Trine LÖVOLD SYVERSEN](#)  
[Website](#)
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## REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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33. **Korean Institute for Olympic Studies (KIOS)**  
Korea National Sport University  
Founding year: 2019  
  
Main contact: [Ooksang CHO](#)  
[Website](#)
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- 34. Olympic Studies Center - Pending**  
Kangwon National University
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## RUSSIA

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- 35. Russian International Olympic University**  
Founding year: 2009

Main contact: [Nikolay PESHIN](#)  
[Website](#)

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## SOUTH AFRICA

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- 36. Olympic Studies Centre Johannesburg**  
University of Johannesburg  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Founding year: 2014

Main contacts: [Cora BURNETT](#) and [Kobus ROUX](#)  
[Website](#)

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## SPAIN

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- 37. Càtedra d'Esport i Educació Física – Centre d'Estudis Olímpics UdG**  
Universitat de Girona  
Facultat d'Educació i Psicologia  
Founding year: 2014

Main contact: [Víctor LÓPEZ-ROS](#)  
[Website](#)

- 38. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**  
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid  
Facultad de Formación de Profesorado y Educación  
Departamento de Educación Física, Deporte y Motricidad Humana  
Founding year: 2006

Main contact: [Maria Eugenia MARTÍNEZ GORROÑO](#)  
[Website](#)

- 39. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**  
Universidad de Extremadura  
Facultad de Ciencias del Deporte  
Founding year: 2002

Main contact: [Juan Pedro FUENTES GARCÍA](#)

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**40. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**

Universidad de Navarra  
Servicio de Deportes  
Founding year: 2011

Main contact: [José Antonio FERNÁNDEZ](#)

**41. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**

Universidad de Vigo  
Facultad de Ciencias de la Educación y del Deporte  
Founding year: 2006

Main contact: [Maria José MARTINEZ PATIÑO](#)

**42. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos (CEO-UCAM)**

Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia  
Facultad de Deporte  
Founding year: 2001

Main contact: [Antonio SÁNCHEZ PATO](#)

**43. The UAB Olympic and Sport Studies Centre (CEO-UAB)**

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona  
Founding year: 1989

Main contact: [Emilio FERNANDEZ PEÑA](#)  
[Website](#)

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**SWITZERLAND**

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**44. AISTS – International Academy of Sport Science and Technology - Pending**

University of Lausanne & EPFL campus

**45. Global Sport & Olympic Studies Center - Pending**

Université de Lausanne

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**UKRAINE**

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**46. Educational and Scientific Olympic Institute**

National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport  
Founding year: 1993

Main contact: [Maria BULATOVA](#)  
[Website](#)