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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 (OSRCs). 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 OSRCs, 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 OSRCs. In doing so, we wish to highlight their important role 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 OSRCs remains ongoing and other universities create OSRCs 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.

ARGENTINA

- 1. 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)

AUSTRALIA

- 2. Australian Centre for Olympic and Sport Studies (ACOSS)**
University of Technology Sydney
UTS Business School, Department of Management
Founding year: 2005

Main contact: [Daryl ADAIR](#)
[Website](#)

- 3. Olympic Research Network**
Victoria University
College of Sport and Exercise Science
Founding year: 2021

Main contacts: [Andrew STEWART](#) , [Matthew KLUGMAN](#) and [Richard BAKA](#)
[Website](#)

- 4. UQ Centre for Olympic and Paralympic Studies**
The University of Queensland
School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences
Founding year: 1996

Main contacts: [Ian JOBLING](#) and [Bjorn GALJAARDT](#)
[Website](#)

BELGIUM

- 5. Brussels Olympic Research and Education Centre**
Vrije University
Faculty of Sport Science & Physiotherapy
Founding year: 2022

Main contact: [Paul WYLLEMAN](#)

- 6. 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 contact: [Géraldine ZEIMERS](#)

BRAZIL

- 7. 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](#)

- 8. Olympic and Paralympic Studies Research Group**
Federal University of Sergipe
Founding year: 2017

Main contacts: [Marcelo de CASTRO HAIACHI](#) and [Aiton Fernando SANTANA DE OLIVEIRA](#)
[Website](#)

- 9. 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 contacts: [Lamartine DACOSTA](#) and [Ana Maria MIRAGAYA](#)
[Website](#)

- 10. 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](#)

CANADA

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

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

CHILI

- 12. 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](#)

CHINA

- 13. Advanced Institute of Olympic Studies**
Beijing Sport University
Founding year: 1994

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

- 14. Beijing Institute for International Olympic Studies**
Capital University of Physical Education and Sports
Founding year: 2019

Main contacts: [ZHANG Xia](#) and [LIANG Fang](#)

- 15. Humanistic Olympic Studies Center**
Renmin University of China
PE Department
Founding year: 2000

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

- 16. Institute for Olympic Art**
Tsinghua University
Academy of Art and Design
Founding year: 2021
- Main contacts: [MA Sai](#) and [SU Zhipeng](#)
- 17. Institute of Olympic Studies and Research**
Shanghai University of Sport
Founding year: 2021
- Main contacts: [CHEN Peijie](#), [FAN Hong](#) and [ZHENG Guohua](#)
- 18. Olympic Studies Centre**
Nantong University
School of Sports Science
Founding year: 2014
- Main contact: [LIU Tao](#)
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COLOMBIA

- 19. Centro de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**
Universidad de Ciencias Aplicadas y Ambientales U.D.C.A.
Facultad Ciencias de la Salud
Founding year: 2009
- Main contact: [Jeansy Alonson RODRÍGUEZ BUITRAGO](#)
- 20. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos Areandina Pereira**
Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud y el Deporte
Founding year: 2018
- Main contact: [Daniel Alfonso MONTENEGRO SARMIENTO](#)
- 21. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**
Universidad de Pamplona
Facultad de Educación
Departamento Educación Física, Recreación y Deportes
Founding year: 2020
- Main contacts: [Mario Alexi ISIDRO DELGADO](#) and [Oscar Yesid RIVERA GAMBOA](#)
- 22. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**
Corporación Universitaria del Caribe CECAR
Facultad de Humanidades y Educación
Founding year: 2019
- Main contact: [Luis Gabriel BUSTOS RAMÍREZ](#)

- 23. 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: [Jose Fernando ARROYO](#)
- 24. 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](#)
- 25. 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](#)
- 26. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**
Universidad de San Buenaventura
Founding year: 2019

Main contact: [Edwin TORRES HERRERA](#)
- 27. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**
Universidad Libre – Sede Bogotá
Facultad Ciencias de la Educación
Founding year: 2019

Main contact: [José Luis FORERO RODRÍGUEZ](#) and [Martín Emilio HENAO VÁSQUEZ](#)
- 28. 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

- 29. Centre d'études et de recherches olympiques universitaires (CEROU)**
Université de Franche-Comté
Founding year: 2019

Main contact: [Eric MONNIN](#)
[Website](#)

GERMANY

- 30. Olympic Studies Centre**
German Sport University Cologne
Institute of Sport History
Founding year: 2005
- Main contact: [Stephan WASSONG](#)
[Website](#)
- 31. 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](#)

GREAT BRITAIN

- 32. Observatory for Human Rights and Major Events**
University of Surrey
Founding year: 2021
- Main contact: [Mike DUIGNAN](#)
[Website](#)
- 33. University of Hull Centre for Sustainability & Olympic Legacy (HCSOL)**
Energy and Environment Institute
Founding year: 2022
- Main contact: [Agota MOCKUTE](#)

ISRAEL

- 34. The Centre for Olympic Studies**
The Academic College at Wingate
Founding year: 2014
- Main contacts: [Iddo NEVO](#) and [Yarden HAR LEV](#)
[Website](#)

JAPAN

- 35. Centre for Olympic Research and Education (CORE)**
University of Tsukuba
Founding year: 2010
- Main contacts: [Hisashi SANADA](#) and [Taro OBAYASHI](#)
[Website](#)

MEXICO

- 36. 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](#)
- 37. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos**
Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua
Founding year: 2019

Main contacts: [Damaris Gabriela AGUIRRE ALDAZ](#) and [Néstor Eduardo RIVERA MAGALLANES](#)
- 38. Centro Lince de Estudios Olímpicos (CLEO)**
Universidad Autónoma de Occidente
Founding year: 2013

Main contact: [Hussein MUÑOZ HELÚ](#)
- 39. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**
Universidad Anáhuac Querétaro
Founding year: 2022

Main contact: [Germán GARCÍA CABRERA](#)
- 40. Centro Universitario de Estudios e Investigación Olímpicos**
Universidad Panamericana Campus Aguascalientes
Founding year: 2012

Main contact: [Luis Enrique REJAS SANGÜESA](#)

NEW ZEALAND

- 41. New Zealand Centre for Olympic Studies - Pending**
University of Canterbury

NORWAY

- 42. 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](#)

POLAND

43. Polish Olympic Studies and Research Centre

University of Warsaw
Faculty of Management
Founding year: 2022

Main contact: [Grzegorz BOTWINA](#)

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

44. Korean Institute for Olympic Studies (KIOS)

Korea National Sport University
Founding year: 2019

Main contact: [Ik Young CHANG](#)
[Website](#)

45. Olympic Studies Center

Kangwon National University
Founding year: 2016

Main contact: [Seok Pyo HONG](#)
[Website](#)

RUSSIA

46. Russian International Olympic University

Founding year: 2009

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

SOUTH AFRICA

47. Olympic Studies Centre Johannesburg

University of Johannesburg
Faculty of Health Sciences
Founding year: 2014

Main contacts: [Cora BURNETT](#)
[Website](#)

SPAIN

48. 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](#)

49. 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](#)

50. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos

Universidad de Extremadura
Facultad de Ciencias del Deporte
Founding year: 2002

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

51. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos

Universidad de Navarra
Servicio de Deportes
Founding year: 2011

Main contact: [Javier TRIGO](#)

52. 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](#)

53. Centro de Estudios Olímpicos (CEO-UCAM)

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

Main contact: [Juan Alfonso GARCÍA ROCA](#)

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

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Founding year: 1989

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

SWITZERLAND

- 55. AISTS – International Academy of Sport Science and Technology**
Academic founders: University of Lausanne, EPFL, University of Geneva, EHL and IMD
Founding year: 2002

Main contact: [Claude STRICKER](#)
[Website](#)

UKRAINE

- 56. Educational and Scientific Olympic Institute**
National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport
Founding year: 1993

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