University of Zurich

Founded in 1833
The University of Zurich (UZH) is Switzerland’s largest university. With a current enrollment of over 25,500 students and over 100 subject areas on offer, it boasts the most comprehensive academic program in the country.

Studying at UZH
The University’s seven faculties offer a wide variety of Bachelor’s, Master’s, and PhD programs. Around 5,000 academic staff (including 675 professors) research and teach at the University’s 130 departments.

Research-Based Teaching
Research and teaching are the University’s core focus, with both being essential to the ongoing development of UZH as a place of education and scholarship.

Member of LERU
As a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), UZH is one of Europe’s most prestigious research institutions.

Excellence in Medicine
The proximity between medical research and the clinical services provided in the University’s four hospitals translates into first-rate medical care for the general population.
Twelve Nobel Prizes
The University’s international standing is reflected in the many distinctions awarded to its members over the years, including 12 Nobel Prizes.

Outreach
UZH’s academic excellence brings benefits to both the public and the private sectors, not only in the Canton of Zurich, but throughout the whole of Switzerland. UZH shares the findings of its cutting-edge research via its public museums, libraries, and lecture series.

Innovation
Through its spin-off ventures and partnerships, UZH encourages the transfer of knowledge into private enterprise, generating attractive employment opportunities in innovative fields.

Continuing Education
UZH’s continuing education programs are based on the latest research developments, thus guaranteeing highly efficient knowledge transfer between academia and industry.

Collaboration
The University of Zurich engages in close scholarly collaboration with ETH Zurich in a variety of disciplines.
Interdisciplinary Research Networks

**National Centers of Competence in Research**
The Centers of Competence in Research are high-quality long-term research projects that cultivate interdisciplinary approaches and innovation across different areas. The University of Zurich is the leading house for the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) Kidney.ch.

**University Research Priority Programs**
To maintain its standing at the vanguard of international research and scholarship, UZH has initiated the University Research Priority Programs (URPPs). These programs aim to strengthen and bring together selected academic fields within the University while promoting highly qualified young scholars. Current URPP at UZH are:

- Dynamics of Healthy Aging
- Evolution in Action: From Genomes to Ecosystems
- Financial Market Regulation
- Global Change and Biodiversity
- Social Networks
- Language and Space
- Translational Cancer Research
- Solar Light to Chemical Energy Conversion
Faculty Research Priority Programs
The seven faculties at the University of Zurich house a variety of research priority programs. These interdisciplinary and interfaculty programs build on UZH’s excellent research competencies, enhance collaborative opportunities, and foster the development of highly qualified junior researchers.

The Faculty of Medicine has also defined Clinical Research Priority Programs that are carried out in cooperation with the University’s hospitals.

→ www.uzh.ch/en/research/priorityprograms

UZH Digital Society Initiative (DSI)
Digitalization is fundamentally changing both the world of academia and society, bringing challenges to existing paradigms and calling for new skills, while inspiring novel approaches to teaching and research. It’s the task of all of the academic disciplines and of society as a whole to reflect critically on these challenges and to take a proactive approach to shaping the future. The UZH Digital Society Initiative (DSI) provides an academic platform to achieve these goals.

→ www.dsi.uzh.ch/en
UZH in Figures
Students and Teaching Staff in 2017

UZH in 2017

- 675 professors
  - 23% women
- 595 adjunct professors
  - 18% women
- 776 privat-dozens
  - 27% women
- 4,883 teaching staff
- 2,837 mandated instructors
  - 43% women
- 1,902 teaching staff from abroad
7 faculties

25,672 students

14,699 female students
2,870 female students from abroad

10,973 male students
2,152 male students from abroad
Students in 2017

Most Popular Study Programs in 2017

- Law
- Human Medicine
- Psychology
- Business Administration
- Biology
- Geography
- Finance
- History
- Political Science
- Media and Communication
- Science
Where Students Come From

- 4,231 from abroad
- 10,142 from the canton of Zurich
- 11,299 from other cantons

Growth in Student Numbers over the Last 40 Years

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UZH in Figures
Innovation in 2017

UZH Spin-Offs

Location of Company Headquarters

- 19% in Switzerland (outside Zurich)
- 72% in the Canton of Zurich
- 9% abroad

Number of Inventions

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Survival rate after five years is 95%.

Survival rate since founding is 90%.

Number of Spin-Off Ventures (Cumulative)
UZH in Figures
Research Funding in 2017

**ERC Grants Awarded**

65 UZH researchers were awarded between 2007 and 2017:

- **25** Advanced Grants
- **11** Consolidator Grants
- **26** Starting Grants
- **3** Proof of Concept

In 2017 alone, the European Research Council granted around **20 million euros** to researchers at UZH.
Alumni - A Lifelong Network

The community for graduates and employees of UZH has more than 17,000 members around 30 subject-specific member associations and chapters and around 15 international chapters.
UZH in Figures
Finances in 2017

Total Income
1.38 billion CHF

Revenue 2017
- 600 m (43%) canton of Zurich
- 298 m (22%) other basic funding and operational funds
- 301 m (22%) project funding
- 9 m (1%) financial yield
- 172 m (12%) services and other operating income

Expenditure 2017
- 859 m (63%) staff costs
- 512 m (37%) other operating expenses
- 3 m (0%) financial expenditure
Project Funding / Third-Party Funds (in CHF millions)

From federal organizations in Switzerland (e.g. Swiss National Science Foundation)

From abroad (EU and other international research programs)

From the private sector and private individuals

2017

301 m

2010

202 m

22% other basic funding and operational funds

22% project funding

12% services and other operating income
Governance of the University of Zurich
February 2018

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On the cover picture
UZH biologist Anne Müller in her laboratory

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