The University of Zurich
Excellence in Diversity

Switzerland’s Largest University
The University of Zurich (UZH) was founded in 1833. With 28,121 students studying in about 100 subjects across 150 departments and seven faculties, UZH is the largest university in Switzerland and boasts the country’s most comprehensive academic program.

Twelve Nobel Prizes
The University’s international standing is reflected in the many renowned academic distinctions conferred upon its members over the years, including 12 Nobel Laureates, among them Albert Einstein and Erwin Schrödinger.

Commitment to Health
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.

Sharing Knowledge
UZH welcomes anyone with a thirst for knowledge. The University’s museums, libraries and a variety of events and lectures are free and open to the public.
Research and Teaching

UZH offers degree programs in 50 disciplines at Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD level as well as a broad range of continuing education programs. The University conducts research in a wide array of fields and provides various research-based services. Inter- and transdisciplinary collaboration plays an important role in UZH’s research.

Sustainability

As a publicly funded institution rooted in society, UZH is committed to actively and systematically promoting sustainable development on every level. This commitment is reinforced by the University’s sustainability policy and its goal of achieving climate neutrality by 2030.

Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship

UZH supports the transfer of knowledge from research to industry and society, and its research clusters and priority programs encourage research and innovation in targeted areas.
UZH in Figures
Students by Faculty and Academic Level

28,121 students

Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics
Faculty of Medicine
Vetsuisse Faculty
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Faculty of Science
UZH in Figures
Growth in Student Numbers

$+2,579$ students (2016–2021)

25,542 students


11,648 men
16,473 women
Most studied subjects among new students, Fall Semester 2021

- Law: 670
- Psychology: 517
- Human Medicine: 338
- Business Administration: 279
- Finance: 262
- Informatics: 261

Most studied subjects by number of students

- Law: 3,920
- Human Medicine: 3,580
- Psychology: 2,554
- Business Administration: 1,130
- Finance: 1,111
- Informatics: 934
- Biology: 670
23,059 students from Switzerland
5,062 students from abroad (by country of origin)
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<th>Faculty</th>
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<td>620</td>
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6,078 degrees awarded in 2021

784 PhDs
2,134 Master’s degrees
2,553 Bachelor’s degrees

397 advanced federal diplomas,
205 teaching diplomas,
5 other

UZH in Figures
In the canton of Zurich, the number of UZH graduates corresponds to 7.9% of the working population aged 25 to 55 years, and 1.5% in Switzerland. A recent study showed that UZH graduates are an important source of highly qualified employees for the Swiss economy.
UZH in Figures
Employees
on 31 Dec 2021

9,896 employees
7,187 full-time-equivalent positions (FTEs)

5,822
Non-professorial academic staff, junior researchers, and senior researchers and teaching staff
3,799 FTEs

3,407
Administrative and technical staff
2,679 FTEs

735
Professorships
709 FTEs

The deviation in the total number of employees is due to people with multiple employment.
# UZH in Figures

## Appointments

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total professorial appointments at UZH</th>
<th>Women of which</th>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>28</td>
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The table includes all categories of professorships: full and associate professorships (incl. ad personam), assistant professorships (incl. with tenure track), externally funded assistant professorships. One factor contributing to the considerable increase in the number of women appointed was the promotion of eight PRIMA grant-holders to assistant professorships.
Research Priority Programs
UZH has established various University Research Priority Programs (URPPs) to maintain its standing at the vanguard of international research and scholarship. These programs aim to strengthen and bring together high-performing academic fields and to support promising junior scholars.

New National Center of Competence in Research
Based at UZH, the NCCR Evolving Language aims to explore the origins and future of language.

Centers of Competence
The University’s over 20 Centers of Competence bring together researchers from a variety of disciplines.

Medical Research
UZH supports cutting-edge research in biomedicine and encourages targeted translational research activities.

Technology Platforms
UZH researchers have access to state-of-the-art technology platforms.

UZH Innovation Hub
The University’s hub for innovation and entrepreneurship accelerates the development of new findings and ideas, encouraging the transfer of innovative research and teaching to industry and society.
147 spin-off companies (cumulative)
1999 – 2021

- Total (cumulative)
- Operational, independent
- Sold, active businesses
- Discontinued

101 spin-offs
UZH in Figures
International Networks

Strategic Partnerships

UZH is a top-level international research and education institution that actively networks with similar establishments. It has strategic partnerships with Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Charles University Prague, the University of Geneva, the University of Kyoto and the University of Queensland.
UZH is a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), a network of 23 research universities from 12 different European countries.

UZH is also a member of Universitas 21 (U21), a global network of 27 research universities from around the world. U21 aims to collaborate across borders and nurture international knowledge exchange.
UZH in Figures
Income Statement 2021

1.50 billion CHF total turnover

Income in 2021 (in CHF)
- 620 million (41%) canton of Zurich
- 320 million (21%) other basic financing and operational funds
- 345 million (23%) project funding
- 211 million (14%) services and other operational income
- 8 million (1%) financial yield

Expenditure in 2021 (in CHF)
- 972 million (64%) staff costs
- 536 million (36%) other operating expenses
- 2 million (0%) financial expenditure
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<td>Project contributions /</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Private sector and individuals</td>
<td>124 million</td>
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<td>191 million</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Development of income from project contributions (in CHF)
Leadership and Organizational Structure
February 2022

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