The University of Zurich

Founded in 1833, the University of Zurich (UZH) is Switzerland’s largest university, with a current enrollment of over 26,000 students. Made up of seven faculties covering more than 100 different subject areas, UZH is proud to offer the most comprehensive academic program in the country. Students can choose from a wide variety of Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD programs, while the University’s continuing education programs offer excellent learning opportunities across a broad spectrum of subjects.

As a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), UZH is one of Europe’s most prestigious research institutions. The University’s international standing is reflected in the many renowned academic distinctions conferred upon its members over the years, including twelve Nobel Prizes. Furthermore, the close association between medical research and the clinical services provided in the five university hospitals translates into first-rate medical care for the general population.

The academic excellence of the University of Zurich brings benefits to both the public and the private sectors, not only in the Canton of Zurich, but throughout the whole of Switzerland. Knowledge is shared in a variety of ways: In addition to granting the general public access to its museums, many of its libraries and the Botanical Garden, the University makes findings from cutting-edge research available to the public in accessible and engaging lecture series and panel discussions.

The University of Zurich actively promotes the transfer of research-based knowledge into private enterprise and generates attractive employment opportunities in innovative fields through its spin-off ventures and partner companies.
Spectacular Discovery. A complete human skull was found in Georgia: Estimated at 1.8 million years, the skull casts new light on the history of human evolution.

New Skin for Children. Researchers at the Department of Surgery at the University Children’s Hospital Zurich succeeded in growing human skin in a lab.

25th Anniversary of the Artificial Intelligence Lab. Roboy is the name of the newest family member at UZH’s Artificial Intelligence Lab. The general public could meet “him” at the Lab’s 25th anniversary celebration.

From Marrakech to Tokyo. The new Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies incorporates five related disciplines, forming a strong area of focus in Middle and Far Eastern studies.

Spurring the Pioneering Spirit. Systematically integrating research and teaching is one of UZH’s strategic goals, and the University offers a wide palette of opportunities to allow students access to cutting-edge research.

Finances. The financial stewardship of the University of Zurich was restructured, with a new finance platform beginning operations on 1 January 2013.

Site Development. UZH life science departments moved to their new quarters in the Bio-Technopark Schlieren in fall 2013, and two new labs were completed at Irchel Campus.
UZH in Numbers

Studies

New students¹
4 477
4 433 (2012)

Students by faculty

- Faculty of Theology: 3 483 (13 %)
- Faculty of Law: 3 623 (14 %)
- Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Information Technology: 3 544 (14 %)
- Faculty of Medicine: 2 865 (11 %)
- Vetsuisse Faculty: 671 (3 %)
- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: 3 483 (13 %)
- Faculty of Science: 11 238 (44 %)

Teaching staff
4 295
4 186 (2012)

Professors
584
552 (2012)

Students¹
25 71
25 732 (2012)

Enrollment since 1970

1 Excluding Master of Advances Studies (MAS) programs and students from other universities attending UZH in a mobility or exchange program (“incomings”).
2 Given in full-time equivalents (FTE) as of 31 December.
Degrees awarded

- Total: 5,570
- 2012: 5,213

PhD degrees

- Total: 771
- 2012: 702

Staff

Total full-time equivalents (FTE)

- 2008: 3,237
- 2009: 3,175 (2012)
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Administrative and technical staff

- 2008: 25,715

- Excluding apprentices and trainees.
**Finances**

### Income 2013 (in millions of CHF)

- **Basic funding and operational funds**: 165.4 (+7.9% (2012))
- **Project funding**: 876.4 (+2.0% (2012))
- **Services and other operational income**: 273.0 (−3.0% (2012))
- **Financial income**: 7.6 (+7.7% (2012))

**Total**

- **1,322.5**
  - 1,300.9 (2012)

### Costs per Faculty 2013 (in millions of CHF)

- **Faculty of Theology**: 11.0 (10.7 (2012))
- **Faculty of Law**: 40.9 (40.0 (2012))
- **Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Information Technology**: 67.2 (65.4 (2012))
- **Faculty of Medicine**: 51.8 (49.2 (2012))
- **Vetsuisse Faculty**: 147.0 (138.3 (2012))
- **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**: 250.1 (249.6 (2012))
- **Faculty of Science**: 147.0 (145.8 (2012))

**University funds after deduction of income from UZH services.**

Some data from the previous year have been adjusted for comparison.
Total income at the University of Zurich for the year under review amounted to 1 322.5 million Swiss francs, which represents an increase of 21.6 million francs (+1.7 percent) over the previous year. The growth can mainly be attributed to increased basic funding and to higher student fees in 2013 (beginning with the spring semester 2013). The funding from the Canton of Zurich rose by approximately 12.8 million francs, from 588.3 million to 601.1 million francs. The funding from the federal government and contributions from the other cantons resulted in an additional 4.9 million francs in funding.

The number of staff members increased by 108 positions to 5 860.9 full-time equivalents, a growth of approximately 2 percent. Roughly 90 percent of the growth is due to additional professorships (33 percent) and non-professorial academic positions (57 percent).

As a result of the increase, the costs for staff rose to 787.2 million francs (+22 million francs). Expenditures for the remaining operational costs and financial expenses rose to 545.2 million francs (+6.4 million francs). Additional costs were registered for services and buildings.
University Governance
Status: February 2014

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Faculty of Science
Campuses at the University of Zurich
AFL Affolternstrasse 56
AND Andreasstrasse 15
BIN Binzmühlestasse 14
GLT Gloriastrasse 12b
KOL Rämistrasse 71
KO2 Karl Schmid-Strasse 4
KUN Künstlergasse 15
PEL Pestalozzistrasse 10
PLF Plattenstrasse 15
RAI Rämistrasse 74
RAK Rämistrasse 73
SOC Rämistrasse 69
SOD Schönberggasse 9
WAA Wagistrasse 14
WAD Wagistrasse 12
WAF Wagistrasse 13a
ZUA Zürichbergstrasse 2
ZUB Zürichbergstrasse 4
ZUG Zürichbergstrasse 8
ZUI Zürichbergstrasse 11
Overview of Campuses at the University of Zurich