



**Universität
Zürich** UZH



The University of Zurich

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University of Zurich (UZH)

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faculties provide outstanding opportunities for research and teaching in more than 100 subject areas. As Switzerland's largest and most diverse university, UZH offers state-of-the-art infrastructure as well as access to top-tier university networks around the globe.

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Nobel Prize winners, including Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee, reflect UZH's international standing as a top research university. We are proud of the many renowned academic distinctions that are conferred upon our members year after year.

28,785

students at Bachelor's, Master's and PhD level benefit from the inspiring environment at UZH. Covering a wide range of subjects, we offer more than 200 study programs, including a number of unique transdisciplinary programs in fields such as digitalization and health.

1833

marks the founding year of UZH. At the time, it was the first university in Europe to be founded by a democratic state. In 1866, UZH became the second university in Europe after the Sorbonne in Paris to admit women.

165

spin-offs were founded at UZH between 1999 and 2025. UZH is committed to academic freedom and independent research – and to making our findings available and accessible to all. We provide researchers with access to the latest technologies and support the transfer of knowledge from our innovative research and education to industry and the wider society.

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popular university museums and collections showcase the latest findings, bringing science and research closer to the wider population through interactive, hands-on experiences. UZH also shares knowledge through its libraries, the Botanical Garden, numerous public lectures and events, including Switzerland's largest science festival. In addition, we offer a wide range of continuing education programs for people from all walks of life.

Setting the Bar High

As one of Europe's leading research universities, UZH sets international standards and attracts top talent by offering comprehensive support for excellence in research. Conducting high-quality research is only possible with cooperation, interaction and communication at all levels. UZH therefore maintains numerous interdisciplinary research programs and networks.

Research Priorities and Networks

UZH is currently funding five University Research Priority Programs (URPPs) to create and promote outstanding interdisciplinary networks and support promising early-career researchers in areas that benefit society:

- **Development and Learning**
Adaptive brain circuits in development and learning
- **Digital Religion(s)**
Communication, interaction and transformation in the digital society
- **Equality of Opportunity**
Economic and social causes of inequality
- **Human Reproduction**
Legal, medical and social requirements of parenthood
- **Rare Diseases**
Development of new therapies for treating rare diseases

UZH is also the home institution of the three National Centres of Competence in Research (NCCR) Evolving Language, Children & Cancer, and MuoniVerse (muon research). Our research is further boosted by a range of Centers of Competence, the TRANSFORM funding line, and numerous funding opportunities for PhD candidates, postdocs, and experienced researchers.

A Hub for Medical Excellence

UZH carries out first-rate medical research and teaching in close cooperation with the four university hospitals and ETH Zurich. These six institutions combine to form a unique knowledge and health hub where research, teaching and healthcare provision converge. One example of this cooperation is precision medicine in oncology. Four centers – the Tumor Profiler Center, the Comprehensive Cancer Center Zurich, the Operating Room X and The LOOP Zurich – are advancing research together in this field.



Discover

What Makes Us Stronger

New insights into stress and resilience, innovative treatments for cancer and rare diseases, effective ideas for combating poverty, calculated environmental risks and healthy longevity: find out how research at UZH finds answers to the challenges of our time and helps build a resilient society.



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On the Pulse

UZH offers students an excellent environment full of opportunities and a level of diversity that is unprecedented in Switzerland. We are also constantly advancing our teaching methods in line with the evolving needs of a society in flux – creatively, innovatively and on a wide variety of levels. The Future of Teaching at UZH initiative was launched to further bolster this approach.

Quality Standards in Teaching Development

UZH promotes innovative teaching ideas and fosters a lively teaching community. By introducing the UZH Curriculum, we established university-wide quality standards for developing attractive academic programs. According to these criteria, the future of teaching at UZH is research-based, goal-oriented, engaging, individualized, transdisciplinary and international.

An International Environment

The UZH community is diverse and international. Almost half of our professors, 45 percent of employees and one-fifth of students are from abroad. Most of our international students come from Germany, China and Italy.

Student Exchanges

UZH has agreements on student exchanges with over 250 partner universities around the world. We also offer various joint-degree and double-degree programs with selected partner universities and promote international short programs such as summer schools, winter schools and internships abroad. In 2025, 622 exchange students studied at UZH, while 580 UZH students went on a stay abroad.

Studying across Disciplines

Established in 2021, the School for Transdisciplinary Studies offers interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary courses in forward-looking topics such as sustainability, digitalization and innovation to students across all faculties.

Shaping Business and Society

Zurich is at the heart of one of Europe's most innovative regions thanks to its close-knit network of leading educational and research institutions as well as robust knowledge and technology transfer processes. The city ranks first in the Smart City Index issued by the World Competitiveness Center.

Innovative findings and developments from UZH serve to advance politics and society. With a strategic focus on life sciences, space and aviation, digitalization, artificial intelligence and healthy longevity, UZH innovations stimulate future-oriented industries such as biotech, medtech and ICT. University research, in turn, benefits from the many opportunities for cooperation in a dynamic environment.

UZH Innovation Hub

The UZH Innovation Hub plays a pivotal role in fostering innovation at the university. It actively supports junior researchers and UZH students from the initial idea phase to prototype development right through to testing and practical implementation. We provide hands-on assistance to researchers, helping them transform their scientific discoveries into marketable products and services. Our support encompasses customized coaching and entrepreneurial skill training at various levels, along with early-stage financial assistance programs. Additionally, we offer guidance to researchers eager to launch their own startups.

165 Spin-Offs

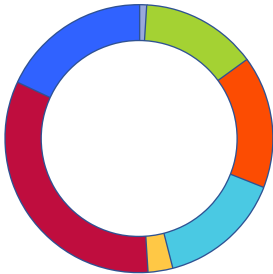
Spin-off companies are a key instrument when it comes to translating university research into business practice. A total of 165 UZH spin-offs have been founded since 1999. As a sign of our strong affiliation and support, we have been awarding our UZH Startup label to spin-offs and startups since 2017.

Students

28,785

Total Students

By Faculty

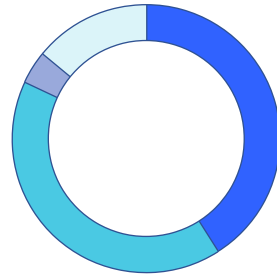


- 282 Faculty of Theology and the Study of Religion
- 3,977 Faculty of Law
- 4,651 Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics
- 4,284 Faculty of Medicine
- 782 Vetsuisse Faculty
- 9,611 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- 5,198 Faculty of Science

6,115

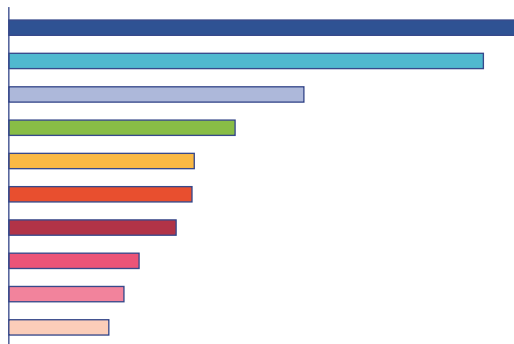
Total Degrees

By Study Level



- 2,559 Bachelor
- 2,511 Master
- 217 Teaching Diploma
- 828 PhD

Most Popular Subjects

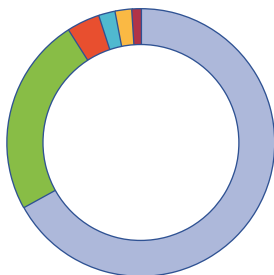


- 3,977 Law
- 3,695 Human Medicine
- 2,304 Psychology
- 1,772 Biology
- 1,450 Informatics
- 1,438 Business and Economics
- 1,313 Business Administration
- 1,021 Natural Sciences
- 906 History
- 788 Communication + Media Studies

Data from 2025

5,712

Total International Students
(degree-seeking)



- 3,853 Europe
- 1,386 Asia
- 255 North America
- 123 South America
- 79 Africa
- 16 Australia/Oceania

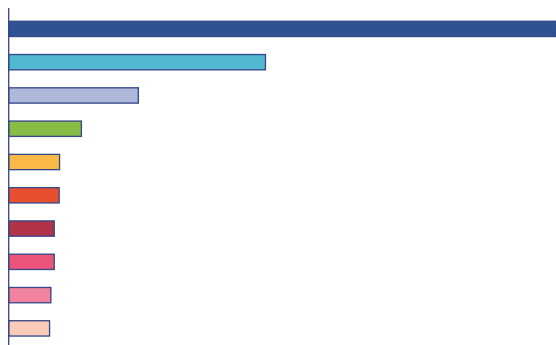
19.8%

Percentage of International Students

994

Students in Master of Advanced
Studies Programs

Most Common Countries of Origin



- 1,665 Germany
- 782 China
- 396 Italy
- 224 Austria
- 158 USA
- 154 Liechtenstein
- 141 Spain
- 140 Turkey
- 131 France
- 127 India

Data from 2025



Discover

What Connects us

Analyzing complex problems from different perspectives and finding solutions together: Discover how students and instructors in innovative study programs build bridges between a variety of disciplines.



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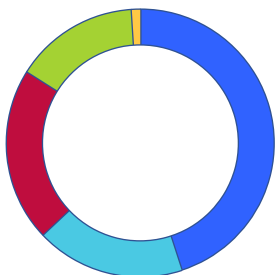


Finances

Revenue

1,732 m

(in CHF)

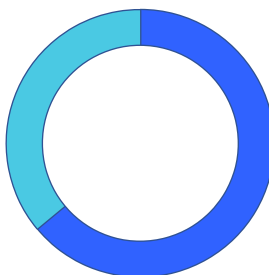


- 789 m Canton of Zurich
- 313 m Other Basic Financing and Operational Funds
- 360 m Third-Party Project Funding
- 253 m Services and Other Operational Income
- 17 m Financial Yield

Expenses

1,731 m

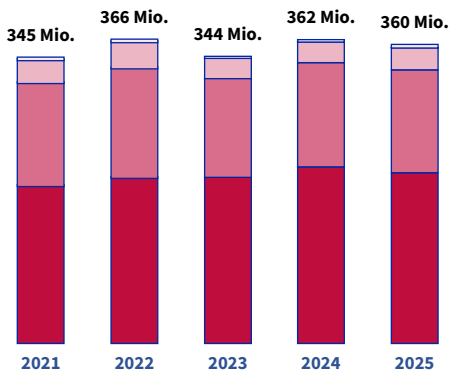
(in CHF)



- 1,100 m Staff Costs
- 629 m Other Operating Expenses
- 2 m Finance Expense

Third-Party Project Contributions

(in CHF)



- Federal Organizations in Switzerland
- Private Sector and Individuals
- EU and International Research Programs
- Other

Data from 2025

Connected Across the Globe

UZH works hand in hand with universities and partners around the world to conduct impactful research and innovation, offer top-quality education and tackle complex, global challenges.

International University Networks

UZH is an active member of various international organizations and networks in research, teaching, innovation and other important areas of higher education.

- The League of European Research Universities (LERU) is a strong advocate for upholding sound conditions for research – especially basic research – and teaching.
- Una Europa aims to transform and innovate higher education and to draw on collective strengths to create a university of the future.
- Universitas 21 is the leading global network of research-intensive universities with the aim to advance the internationalization of education and the exchange of experiences.

Strategic Partnerships with Universities

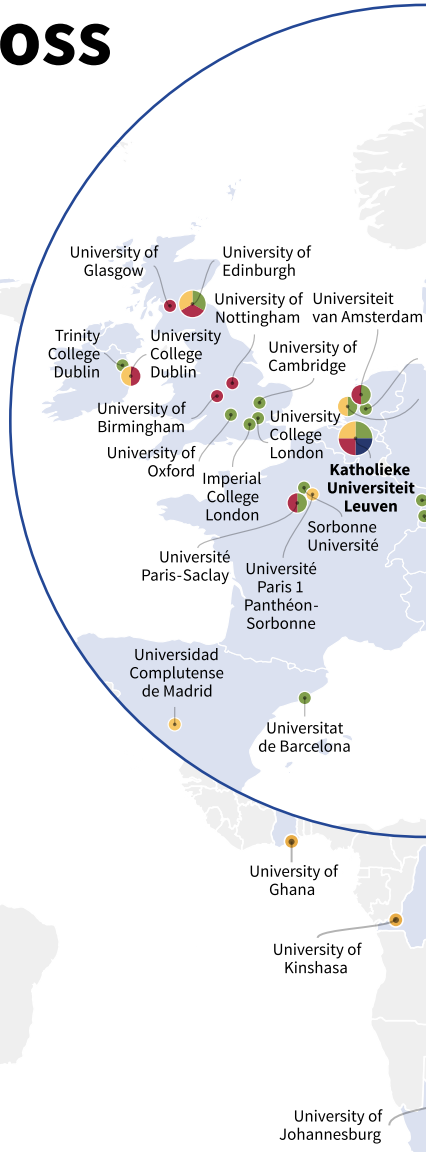
In addition to engaging in major international networks, UZH maintains strategic partnerships with select universities to address global challenges, create joint academic programs, foster dialogue with key stakeholders and learn from each other at an institutional level. In 2022, UZH introduced the UZH Global Funding Scheme, which helps researchers establish international connections within existing networks. Its aim is to maximize the benefits of collaborative synergies, bolster UZH's international network, and foster the global exchange of knowledge across international contexts.

Leading House Asia Pacific

As the Leading House Asia Pacific, UZH is mandated by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) to coordinate activities on behalf of the entire Swiss higher education sector for the 2025–2028 period. Through seed funding instruments and outreach activities, the program fosters partnerships with academic, policy, and innovation stakeholders across East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.

Cooperation Across the Globe

- **Universitas 21**
- **LERU**
- **Una Europa incl. African Partners**
- **Strategic Partner**
- **Berlin-Wien-Zürich**



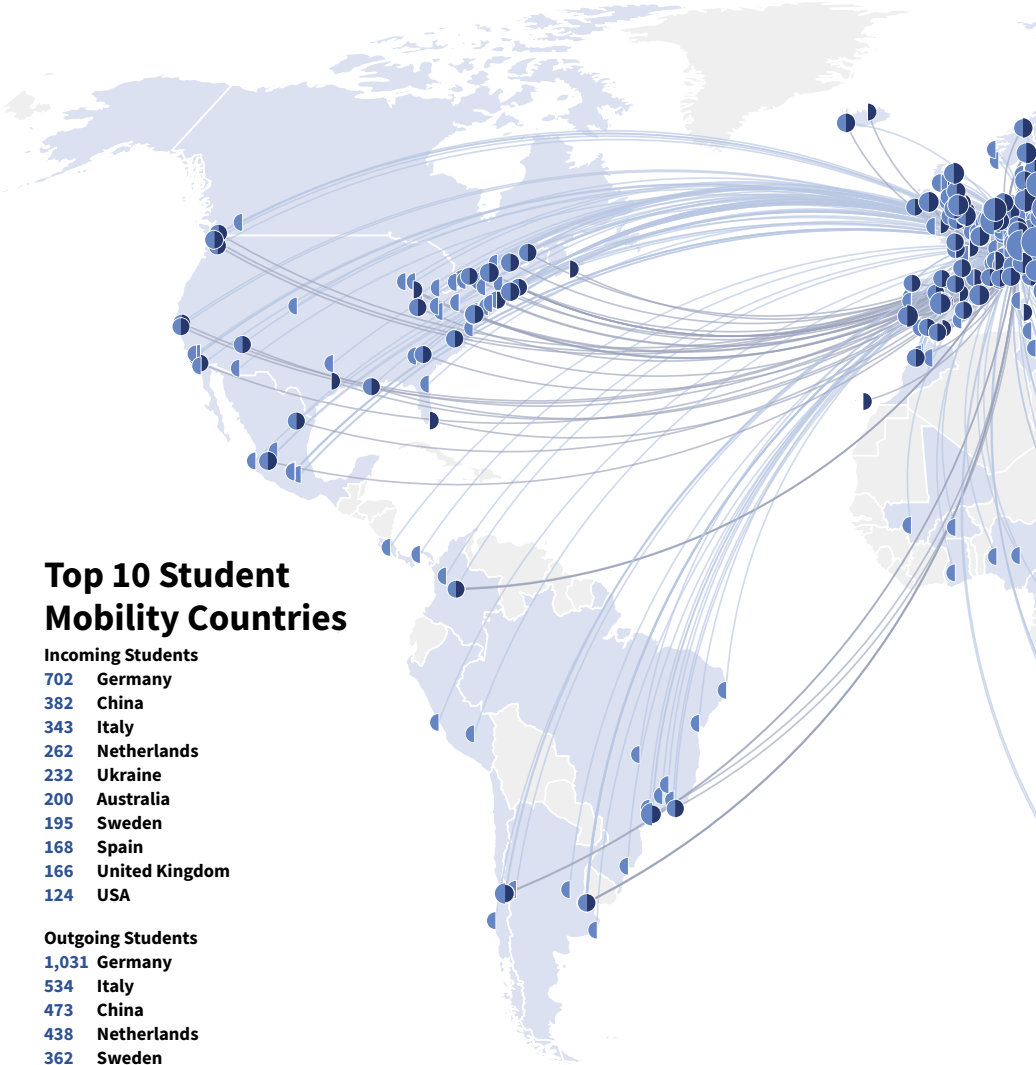
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Data from 2021/22–2025/26



Student Mobility



Top 10 Student Mobility Countries



Incoming Students

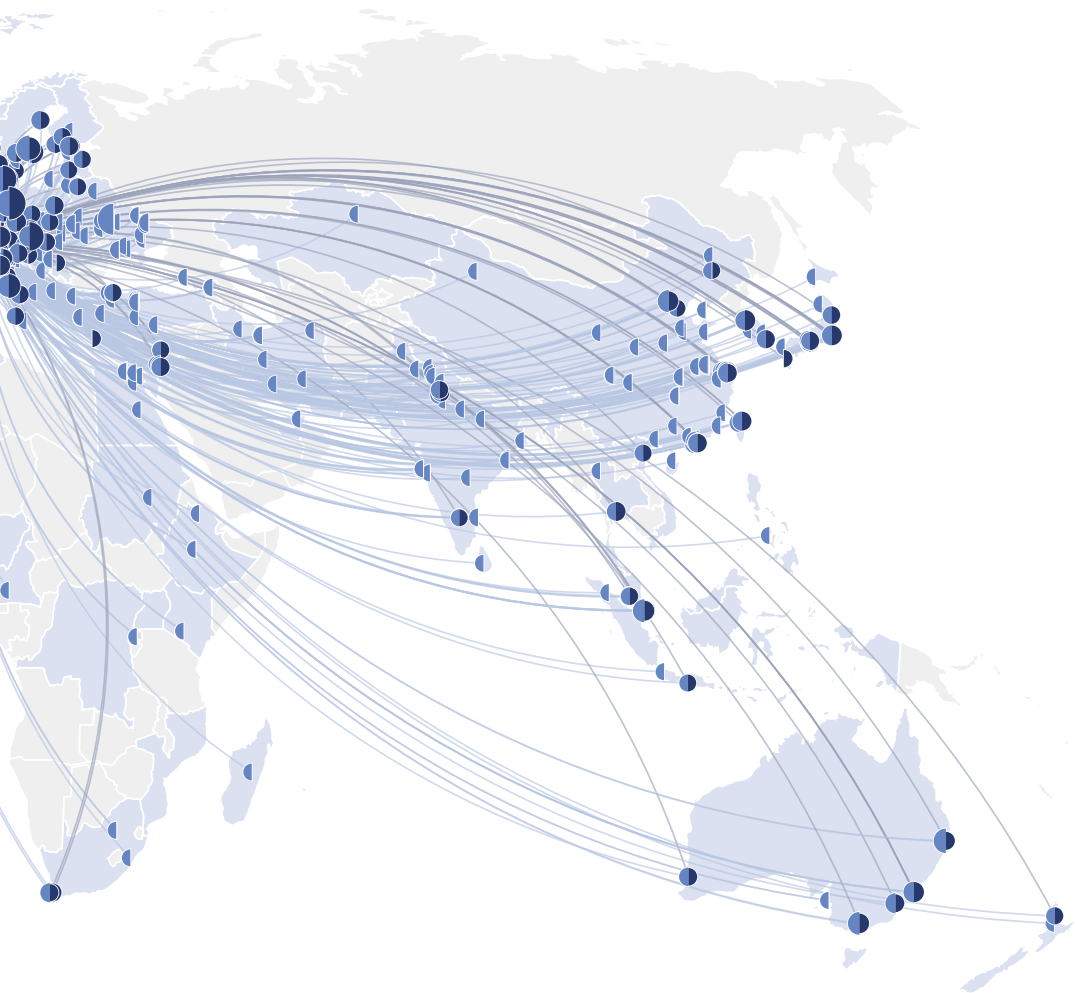
- 702 Germany
- 382 China
- 343 Italy
- 262 Netherlands
- 232 Ukraine
- 200 Australia
- 195 Sweden
- 168 Spain
- 166 United Kingdom
- 124 USA

Outgoing Students

- 1,031 Germany
- 534 Italy
- 473 China
- 438 Netherlands
- 362 Sweden
- 330 United Kingdom
- 316 Spain
- 310 France
- 284 Australia
- 232 Ukraine

Data from 2021/22-2025/26

 Incoming  Outgoing



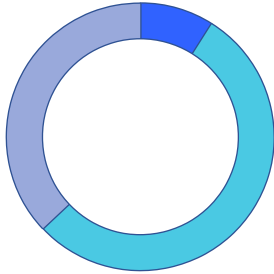
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Staff

By Employee Group

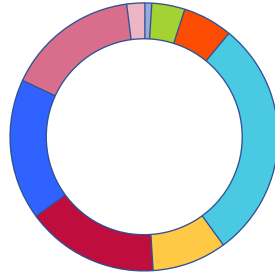
(FTE)



- 721 Professorships
- 4,276 Non-Professorial Academic Staff
- 2,886 Administrative and Technical Staff

By Organization

(FTE)



- 73 Faculty of Theology and the Study of Religion
- 291 Faculty of Law
- 475 Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics
- 2,281 Faculty of Medicine
- 686 Vetsuisse Faculty
- 1,276 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- 1,321 Faculty of Science
- 1,249 Central Services (incl. Internal Audit)
- 231 Strategic Programs

7,882

Total Employees (FTE)

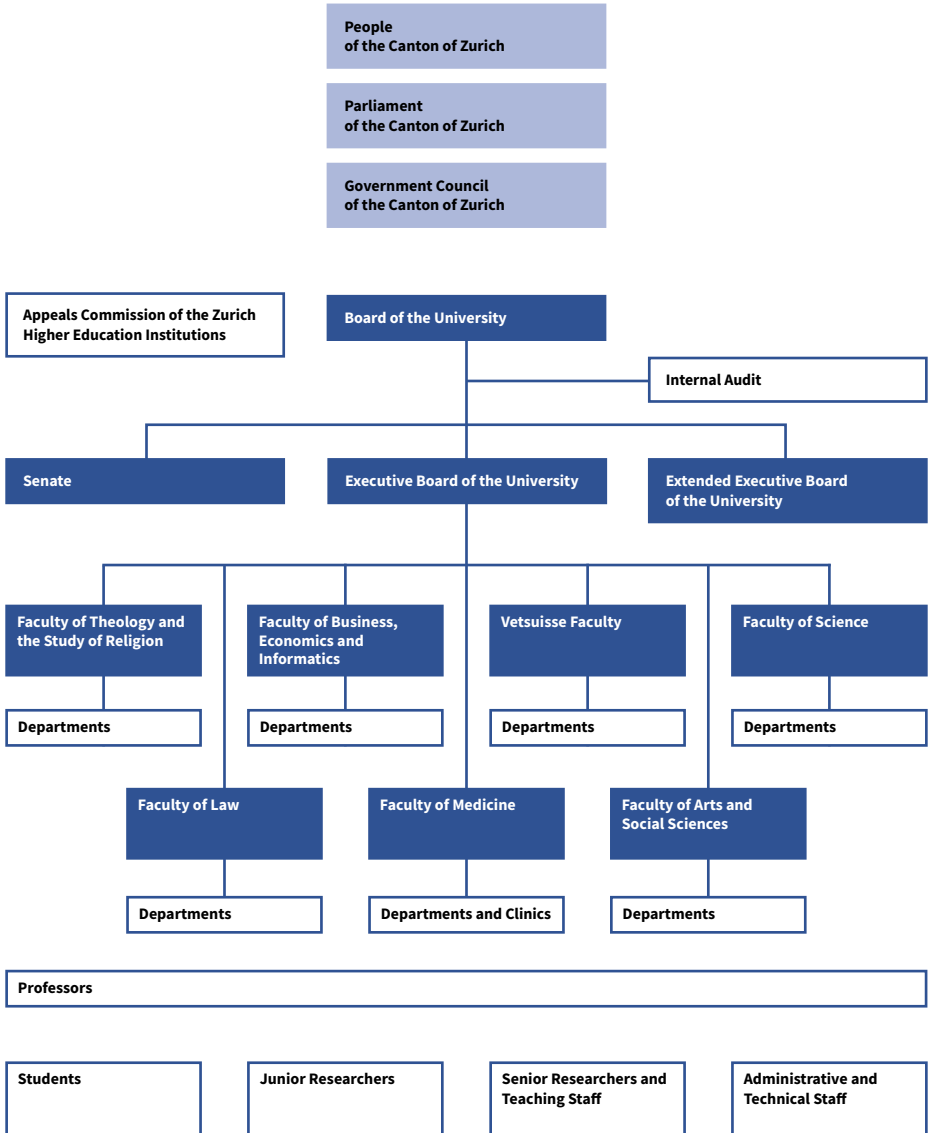
6,343

Total Teaching Staff

40.6%

Percentage of International Teaching Staff

Organization Chart



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Scene with students in the foyer
of the UZH City Campus

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