Switzerland’s Largest University

The University of Zurich (UZH) was founded in 1883 “by the will of the people”. With a current enrollment of over 26,500 students, UZH is now the largest university in Switzerland, and with around 100 subject areas on offer, it boasts the most comprehensive academic program in the country.

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 Prizes, one of which went to Albert Einstein.

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.

Top-Ranked

UZH is ranked 58th in the Best Global Universities Ranking, while in the current Times Higher Education ranking it is at number 90 in the world. That puts UZH among the world’s 100 best universities.
Research and Teaching

UZH’s seven faculties and more than 150 academic departments are engaged in cutting-edge research. As a research university, UZH is also committed to research-based teaching.

Sharing Knowledge

All those with a thirst for knowledge are welcome at UZH. The University’s museums, libraries and a variety of events and lectures are free and open to the public.

Fostering Innovation

UZH supports the transfer of knowledge from research to industry and it encourages research and innovation in certain areas with research clusters and priority programs.
UZH in Figures
Students by Academic Level

26,438 students

5,517 PhD candidates

6,455 Master’s students

13,977 Bachelor’s students

489 Teaching diploma candidates

ThF Faculty of Theology
RWF Faculty of Law
WWF Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics
MeF Faculty of Medicine
VSF Vetsuisse Faculty
PhF Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
MNF Faculty of Science

342 3,496

93  573
94  723
155 2,200
UZH in Figures
Students since 1970

Evolution of Student Numbers

The changing student numbers were influenced by various administrative factors in the 1990s. In 1993 and 1994, the flat-rate tuition fee was increased and from 1 January 1994 the students’ low-premium health insurance was abolished, which led to a reduction in the number of students. In 1996, general compulsory matriculation was introduced, which caused the overall number of students to increase again. Since the year 2000, the proportion of female students has increased steadily.
UZH in Figures
Most Popular Subjects and Degree Programs

Six Most Popular Subjects

New starters
Bachelor’s and Master’s

Law 644
Psychology 477
Human Medicine 320
Business Administration 265
Biomedicine 197
Biology 178

Students
Total

Law 3,496
Human Medicine 3,296
Psychology 2,355
Business Administration 1,034
Finance 999
Biology 987
Degrees Awarded 2019

5,686 degrees

780 PhDs
1,982 Master’s
2,291 Bachelor’s

Other qualifications awarded: Advanced Federal Diploma: 328 (MeF), 48 (VSF); Teaching Diploma: 252 (PhF); Other: 5 (PhF)
UZH in Figures
International Outlook

Student Mobility 2019

Exchange Students (In and Out) 2019

- Exchange program outside of Europe: 24%
- Exchange program within Europe: 53%
- Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships: 4%
- CH-Unimobil: 14%
- Double doctorate: 3%
- Visiting study program: 2%
Who Comes from Where?

From Switzerland

- 80% students
- 80% doctoral candidates
- 80% visiting study program
- 80% exchange program outside of Europe
- 80% exchange program within Europe

From abroad

- 20% From Switzerland
- 46% By nationality
- 54% from abroad

Numbers:

- 21,123 students
- 3,102 doctoral candidates
- 3,032 non-professorial academic staff
- 322 professors

26,438 students

5,517 doctoral candidates

5,612 non-professorial academic staff

705 professors
UZH in Figures
Employees

Staff Numbers (FTE) on 31 Dec 2019

6,836
6,669 (2018)

- ThF: 70
- RWF: 311
- WWF: 441
- MeF: 1,920

678 professors

3,631 non-professorial academic staff

2,527 administrative and technical staff

1,082
Staff Numbers (FTE) on 31 Dec 2019

- VSF: 631
- PhF: 1,197
- MNF: 1,100
- CS: 991
- RTP: 175

CS: Central Services, incl. Evaluation Office and Internal Audit
RTP: Research and Teaching Priority Program
Research Priority Programs
UZH occupies a leading position in the European research scene. The national and university research priority programs ensure UZH is focused on the future.

National Center of Competence in Research at UZH
The NCCR “Evolving Language” has as its focus the origins and future of language.

University Research Priority Programs
• 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

Centers of Competence
Scientists and academics from a variety of disciplines work together in over 20 Centers of Competence. 2019 saw the founding of two new Centers of Competence: The UZH Blockchain Center and the Center of Competence for Sustainable Finance.

Medical Research
UZH supports cutting-edge research in biomedicine and encourages targeted translational research activities.
**Technology Platforms**
UZH researchers have access to the most up-to-date technology platforms with highly qualified staff.

**UZH Innovation Hub**
The UZH Innovation Hub – a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship at the university – accelerates the development of new findings and ideas and strengthens the transfer of innovative research and teaching to industry and society.

→ [www.innovation.uzh.ch](http://www.innovation.uzh.ch)

**UZH Spin-Offs**

136
Number of spin-off companies (cumulative) 2009–2019

90% Survival rate since founding

95% Survival rate after five years

Survival rate after five years

 operational, independent  sold, active business  sold
UZH is a top-level and internationally oriented research and education institution and networks actively with similar organizations. It has strategic partnerships with the Freie Universität Berlin, the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the Charles University Prague and the University of Geneva.
UZH has been a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) since 2006. LERU is a network of 23 research universities from 12 different European countries.

In 2017, UZH became a member of Universitas 21 (U21), a global network of 27 research universities from around the world. The aim of U21 is to promote research collaboration and exchange of knowledge.
UZH in Figures
Income Statement 2019

Income and Expenditure (in CHF)

**1.46 billion total turnover**

**Income 2019**
- 316 million (21%) other basic financing and operational funds
- 323 million (22%) project funding
- 189 million (13%) services and other operational income
- 10 million (1%) financial yield
- 626 million (43%) Canton of Zurich

**Expenditure 2019**
- 916 million (63%) staff costs
- 536 million (37%) other operating expenses
- 2 million (0%) financial expenditure
Project Contributions / Third-Party Funds

- **1 million** other
- **39 million** from EU and other international research programs
- **113 million** from private sector and individuals
- **170 million** from federal organizations in Switzerland (e.g. Swiss National Science Foundation)

Development of Income Structure

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Leadership and Organizational Structure of the University of Zurich
February 2020

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Rämistrasse 71
8006 Zurich

Irchel Campus
Winterthurerstrasse 190
8057 Zurich

Oerlikon Campus
Affolternstrasse 56
Andreastrasse 15
Binzmühlestrasse 14
8050 Zurich

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8008 Zurich

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