



University of
Zurich^{UZH}

Facts & Figures

2021

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

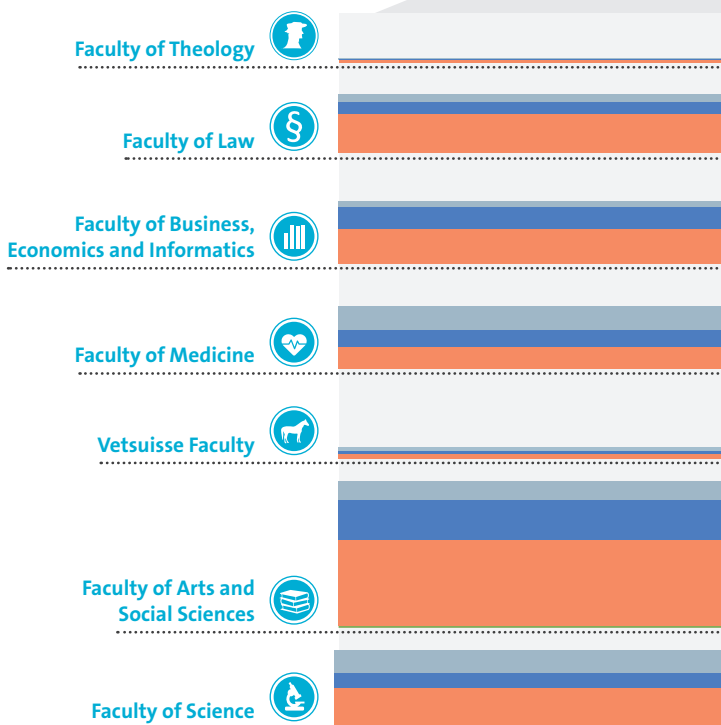
UZH supports the transfer of knowledge from research to industry and society, and its research clusters and priority programs encourage research and innovation in targeted areas.

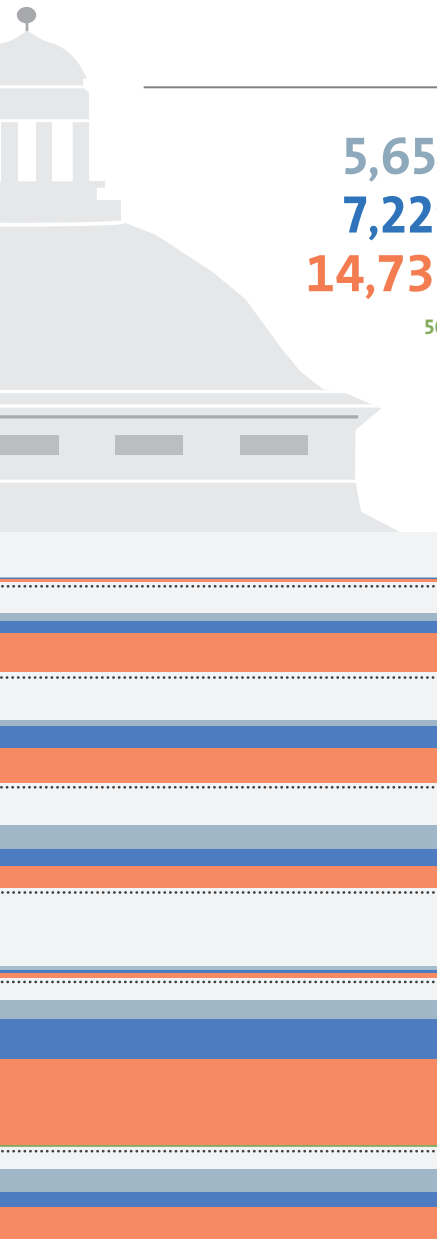
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Students by Faculty and Academic Level

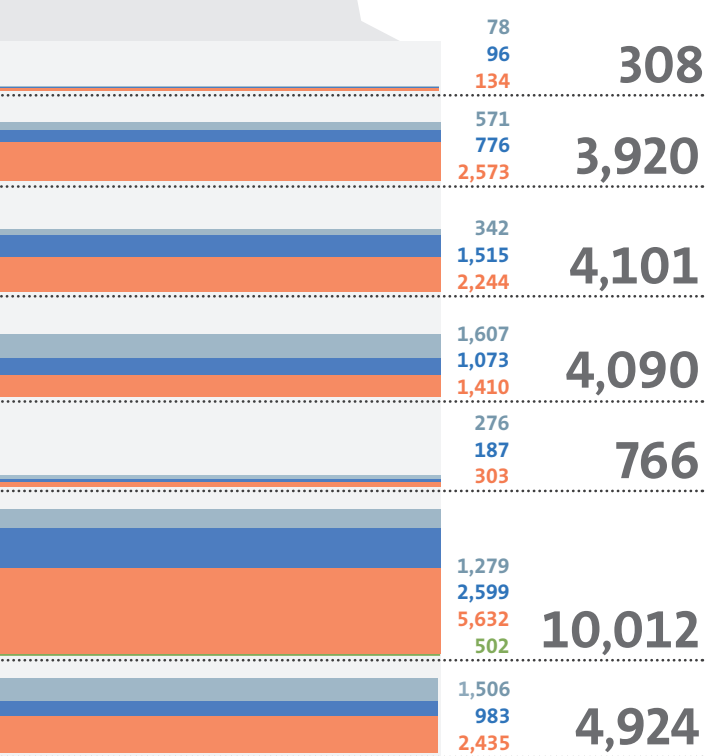
28,121

students





5,659 PhD candidates
7,229 Master's students
14,731 Bachelor's students
502 Teaching diploma candidates

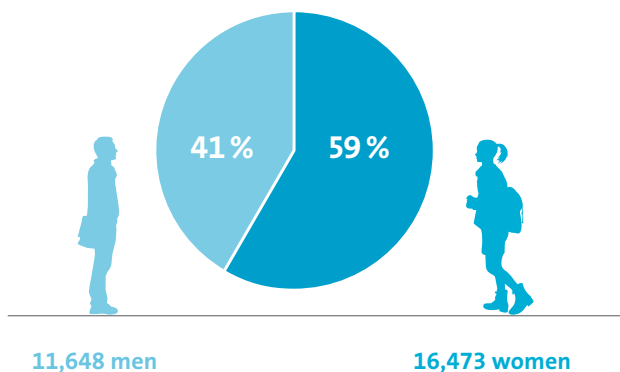
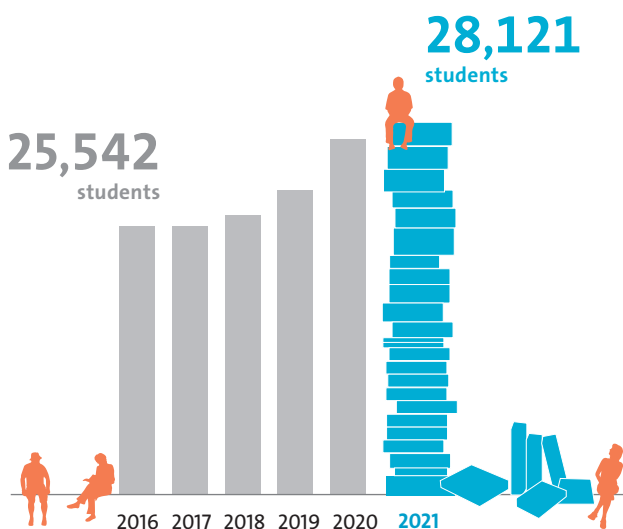


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Growth in Student Numbers

+ 2,579

students (2016–2021)



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Most Popular Subjects

Most studied subjects
among new students,
Fall Semester 2021

670
Law

517
Psychology

338
Human Medicine

279
Business Administration

262
Finance

261
Informatics

Most studied subjects by
number of students

3,920
Law

3,580
Human Medicine

2,554
Psychology

1,130
Business Administration

1,111
Finance

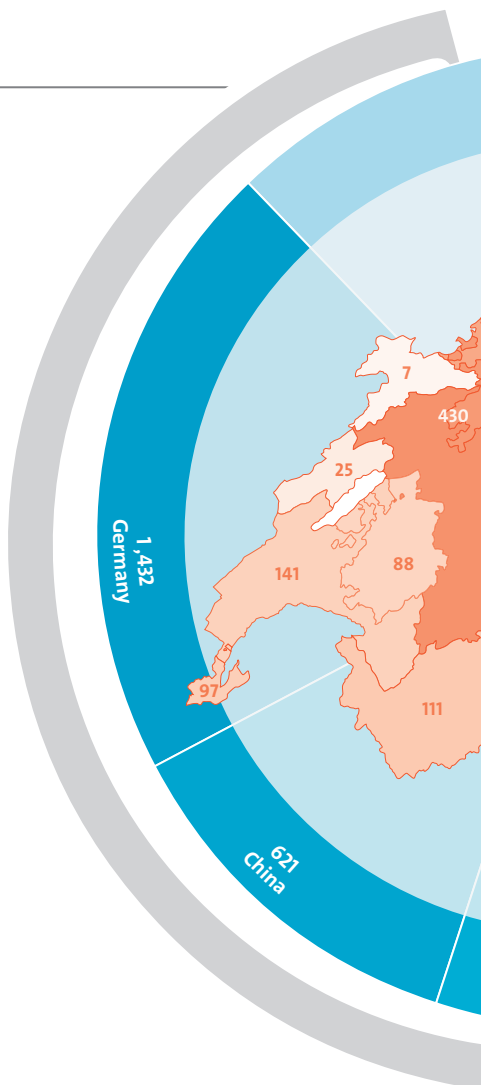
1,077
Informatics

934
Biology

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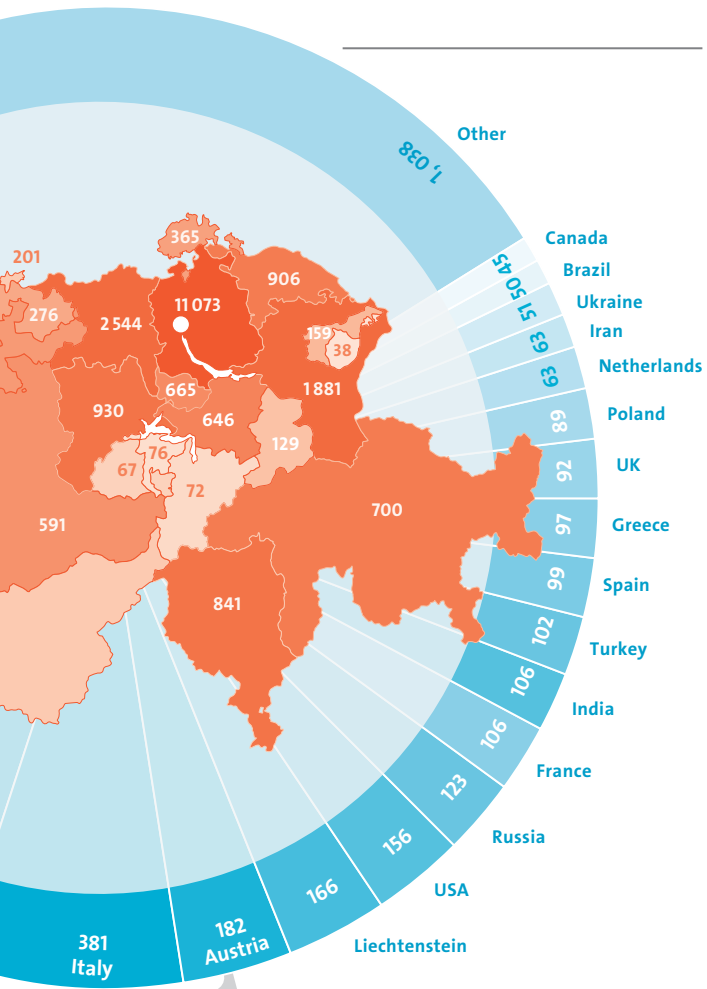
Origin of Students

- 11,073 → Zurich
- 2,544 → Aargau
- 1,881 → St. Gallen
- 930 → Lucerne
- 906 → Thurgau
- 841 → Ticino
- 700 → Grisons
- 665 → Zug
- 646 → Schwyz
- 591 → Bern
- 430 → Solothurn
- 365 → Schaffhausen
- 276 → Baselland
- 201 → Basel-Stadt
- 159 → Appenzell A.Rh.
- 141 → Vaud
- 129 → Glarus
- 111 → Valais
- 97 → Geneva
- 88 → Fribourg
- 76 → Nidwalden
- 72 → Uri
- 67 → Obwalden
- 38 → Appenzell I.Rh.
- 25 → Neuchâtel
- 7 → Jura



23,059

students from Switzerland



5,062

students from abroad
(by country of origin)

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Degrees Awarded

6,078

degrees awarded in 2021

784
2,134
2,553

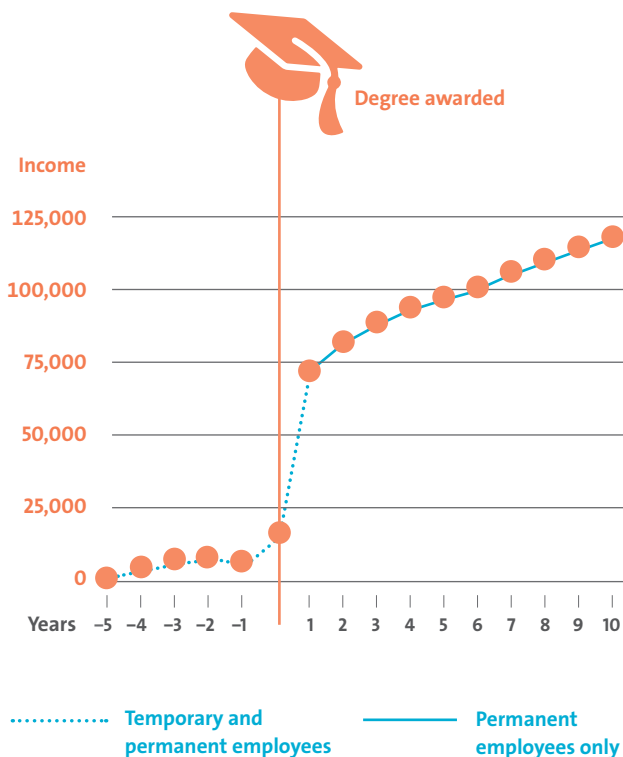
397 advanced federal diplomas,
205 teaching diplomas,
5 other



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Job Market

Earned income of UZH graduates



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.

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Employees

on 31 Dec 2021

9,896

employees

7,187 full-time-equivalent positions (FTEs)

5,822

3,799 FTEs



Non-professional academic staff, junior researchers, and senior researchers and teaching staff

3,407

2,679 FTEs



Administrative and technical staff

735

709 FTEs



Professorships

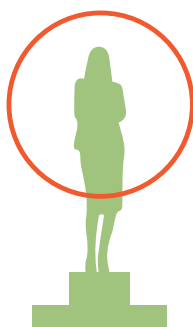
The deviation in the total number of employees is due to people with multiple employment.

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Appointments

51%

of professorial appointments
were women in 2021



	Total professorial appointments at UZH	of which women	
2021	55	28	→ 51%
2020	55	23	→ 42%
2019	63	15	→ 24%
2018	57	13	→ 23%
2017	69	21	→ 30%
2016	61	17	→ 28%

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.

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Research and Innovation

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

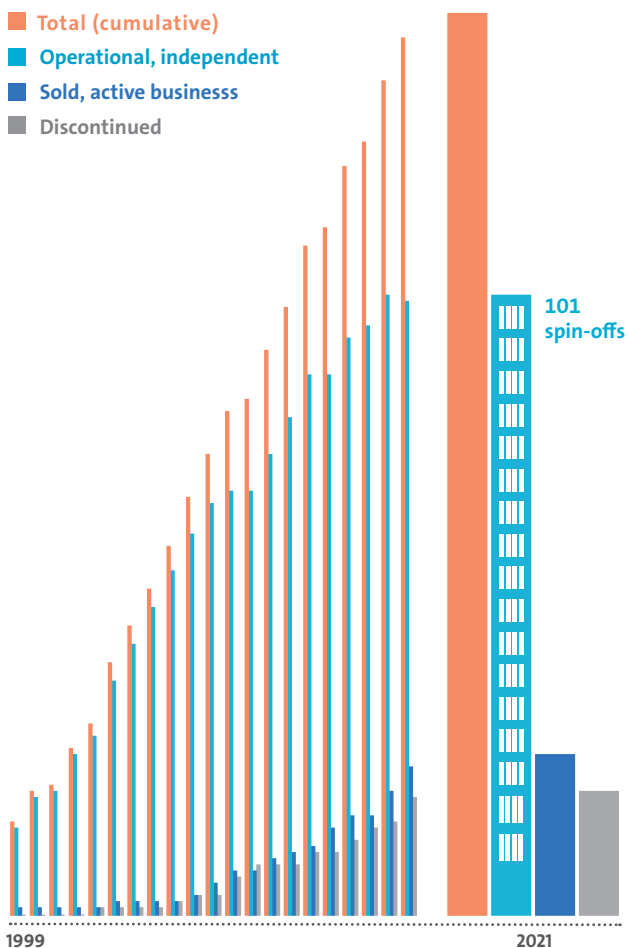
The University's hub for innovation and entrepreneurship accelerates the development of new findings and ideas, encouraging the transfer of innovative research and teaching to industry and society.

More on
research at UZH



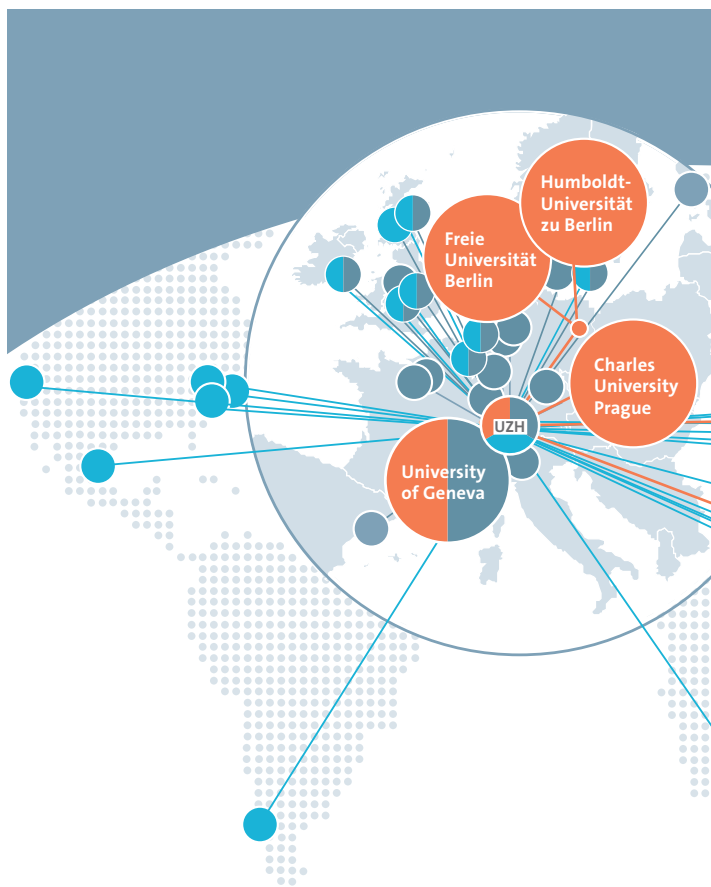
147

spin-off companies (cumulative)
1999–2021



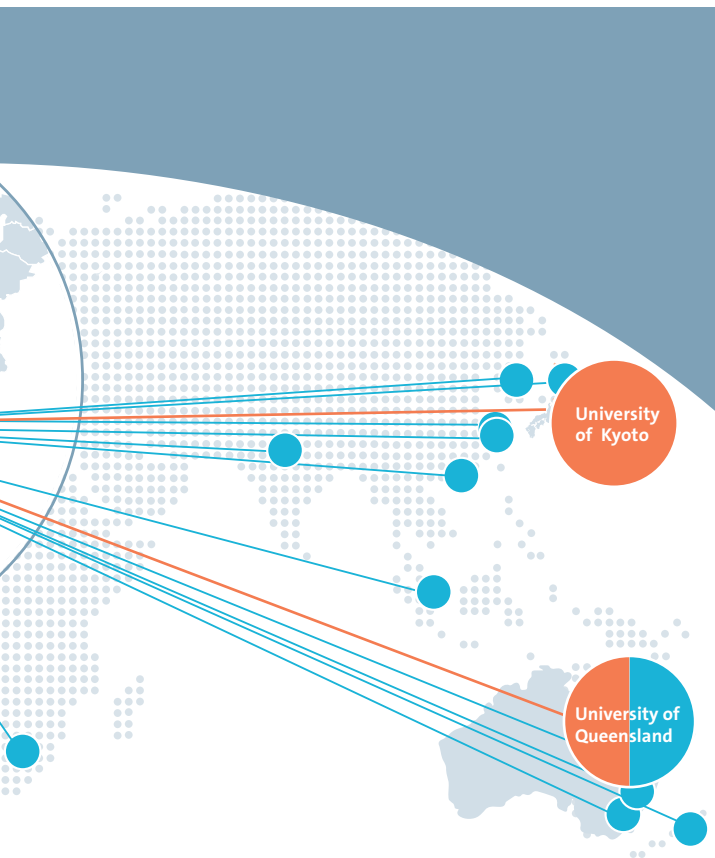
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International Networks



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.



LERU

UZH is a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), a network of 23 research universities from 12 different European countries.

U21

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.

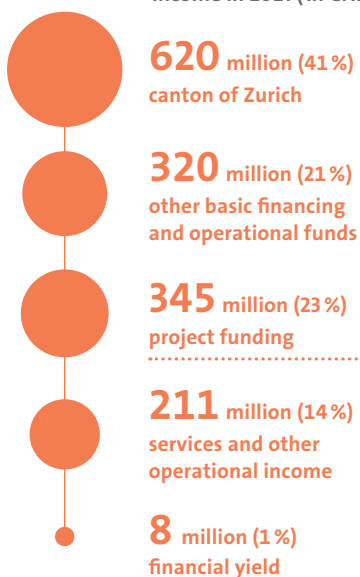
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Income Statement 2021

1.50

billion CHF total turnover

Income in 2021 (in CHF)

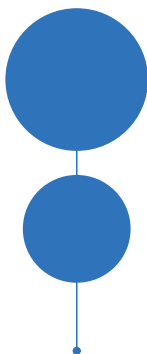


Expenditure in 2021 (in CHF)

972 million (64 %)
staff costs

536 million (36 %)
other operating expenses

2 million (0 %)
financial expenditure



345 million
project contributions /
third-party funds (in CHF)

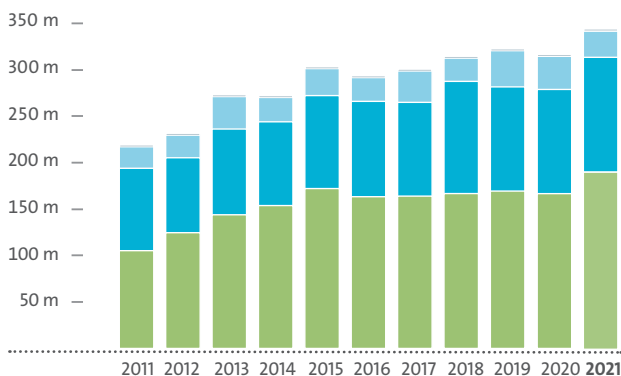
< **1** million
other

29 million
EU and other international
research programs

124 million
private sector and
individuals

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

Development of income from project contributions (in CHF)



Leadership and Organizational Structure

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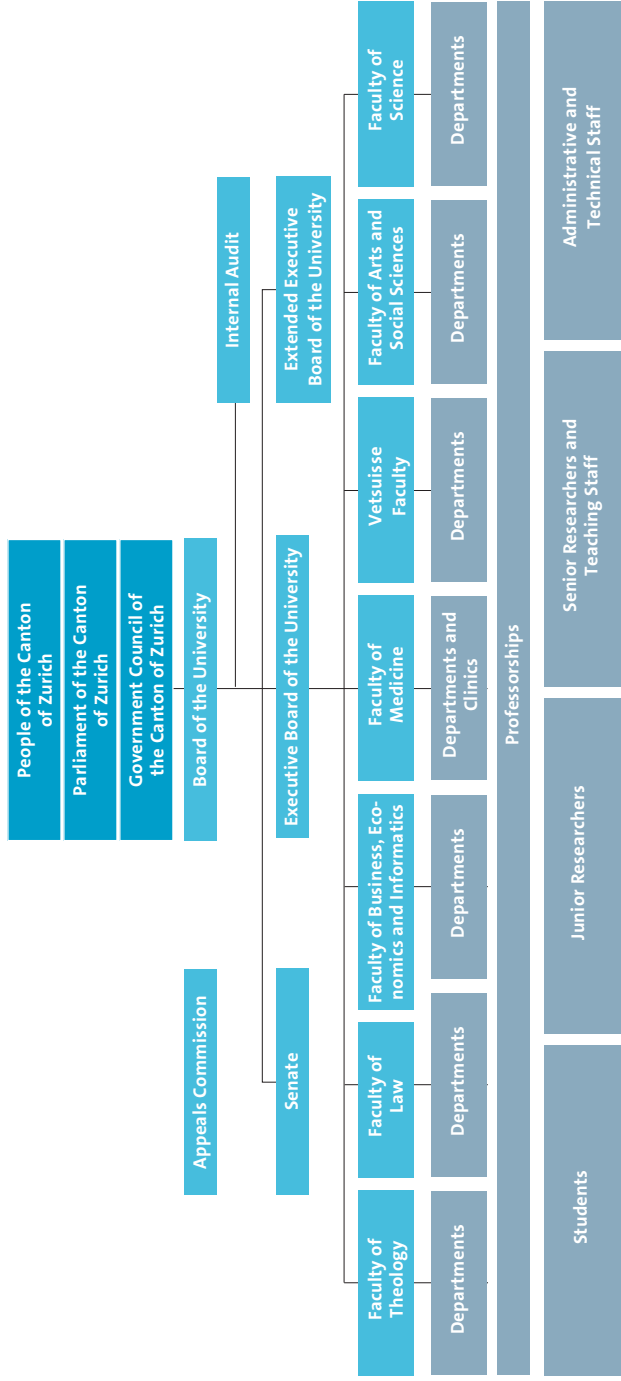
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Rämistrasse 71
8006 Zurich

Irchel Campus

Winterthurerstrasse 190
8057 Zurich

Oerlikon Campus

Affolternstrasse 56
Andreasstrasse 15
Binzmühlestrasse 14
8050 Zurich

Lengg Campus

Lengghalde 5
8008 Zurich

Schlieren Campus

Wagistrasse 12 and 14
8952 Schlieren

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Satellite images can provide new and different views of the world. Senior research and teaching assistant Claudia Rööslı advises Swiss authorities, businesses and individuals when it comes to analyzing satellite imagery, e.g. in environmental or sustainability matters.

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