



**Universität  
Zürich** <sup>UZH</sup>



# The University of Zurich

**Facts & Figures**



# 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 Albert Einstein and Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, 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.

## 27,958

students at Bachelor's, Master's and PhD level benefit from the inspiring environment at UZH. Covering a wide range of subjects, UZH offers 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.

## 155

spin-offs were founded at UZH between 1999 and 2023. 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, UZH offers 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 13 University Research Priority Programs (URPPs) to create and promote outstanding interdisciplinary networks and support promising early-career researchers in areas that benefit society:

- **Artificial Photosynthesis**
- **Development and Learning**
- **Digital Religion(s)**
- **Dynamics of Healthy Aging**
- **Evolution in Action**
- **Equality of Opportunity**
- **Financial Market Regulation**
- **Global Change**
- **Human Reproduction**
- **Language and Space**
- **Rare Diseases**
- **Social Networks**
- **Translational Cancer Research**

UZH is also the home institution of the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) Evolving Language and participates in seven other NCCRs. Our research is further boosted by a range of Centers of Competence, research initiatives and the TRANSFORM funding line. Additionally, UZH runs 12 Clinical Research Priority Programs at the interface of biomedical basic research, applied research and clinical care.

## 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. Three centers – the Tumor Profiler Center, the Comprehensive Cancer Center Zurich and The LOOP Zurich – are advancing research together in this field.



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# Breaking Down Barriers Together

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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 in 2022 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 in 2022, 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 foreign 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 2023, 626 exchange students studied at UZH, while 343 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. UZH provides 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.

## **155 Spin-Offs**

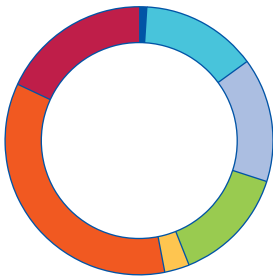
Spin-off companies are a key instrument when it comes to translating university research into business practice. A total of 155 UZH spin-offs have been founded since 1999. As a sign of its strong affiliation and support, we have been awarding our UZH Startup label to spin-offs and startups since 2017.

# Students

## 27,958

Total Students

By Faculty

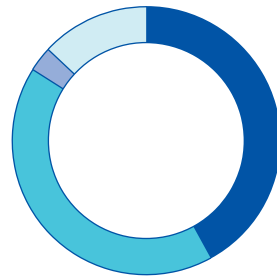


- 288 Faculty of Theology and the Study of Religion
- 3,850 Faculty of Law
- 4,239 Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics
- 3,951 Faculty of Medicine
- 769 Vetsuisse Faculty
- 9,824 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- 5,037 Faculty of Science

## 6,693

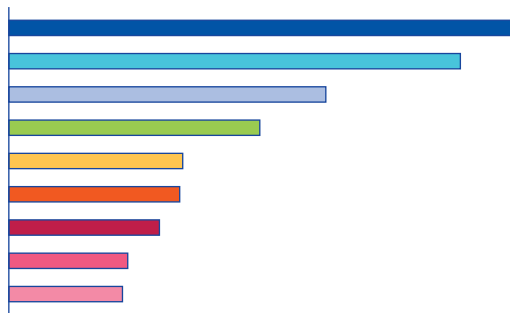
Total Degrees

By Study Level



- 2,790 Bachelor
- 2,844 Master
- 180 Teaching Diploma
- 879 PhD

## Most Popular Subjects

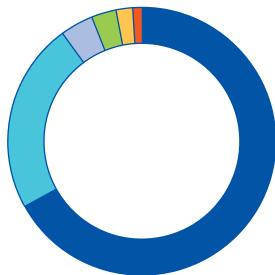


- 3,850 Law
- 3,433 Human Medicine
- 2,410 Psychology
- 1,908 Biology
- 1,322 Business and Economics (interdisciplinary)
- 1,299 Informatics
- 1,145 Business Administration
- 904 Natural Sciences (interdisciplinary)
- 864 History

Data from 2023



## Foreign Students



- 3,649 Europe
- 1,398 Asia
- 159 North America
- 80 South America
- 50 Africa
- 16 Australia/Oceania

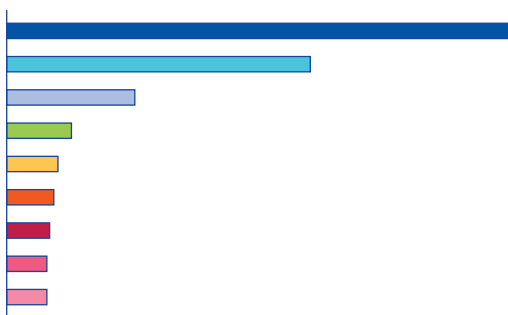
# 19.1%

Percentage of Foreign Students

# 943

Students in Master of Advanced Studies Programs

## Most Common Countries of Origin



- 1,456 Germany
- 877 China
- 370 Italy
- 187 Austria
- 148 Liechtenstein
- 136 USA
- 124 Turkey
- 116 India
- 116 Spain

Data from 2023



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# Shaping the Future of Teaching Together

The world is changing, and so is university teaching and learning. Explore how UZH educators are working together to develop new teaching ideas, including the Una Europa Joint Bachelor in European Studies, which enables students to study at up to three European universities.



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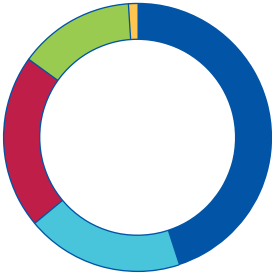


# Finances

## Revenue

**1,631 m**

(in CHF)

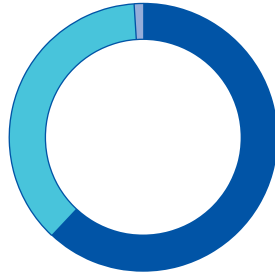


- 731 m Canton of Zurich
- 313 m Other Basic Financing and Operational Funds
- 344 m Third-Party Project Funding
- 231 m Services and Other Operational Income
- 11 m Financial Yield

## Expenses

**1,631 m**

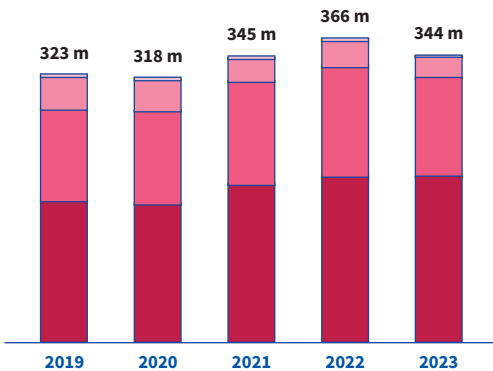
(in CHF)



- 1032 m Staff Costs
- 597 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 2023

# 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 challenges.

## Welcoming Spirit

UZH welcomes international guests, students, researchers and staff from other institutions around the world who choose to study, work or do research at UZH – or simply wish to connect with us.

## 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 respected voice in the European Higher Education Area.
- The Una Europa alliance aims to draw on collective strengths to create a truly European inter-university environment, a University of the Future.
- Universitas 21 (U21) is the leading global network of 29 research-intensive universities from all continents.

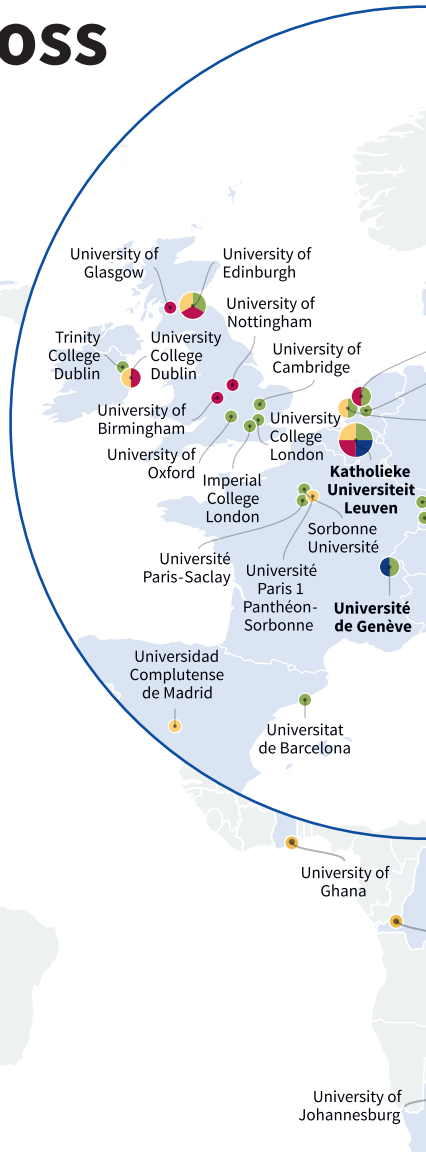
## Strategic Partnerships with Universities

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 Global Strategy and Partnerships Funding Scheme, which helps researchers establish international connections within existing networks. Its aim is to maximize the benefits of collaborative synergies and bolster UZH's international network.

# Cooperation across the Globe

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



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Data from 2023



# Student Mobility



## Countries of Origin and Destination

### Incoming Students

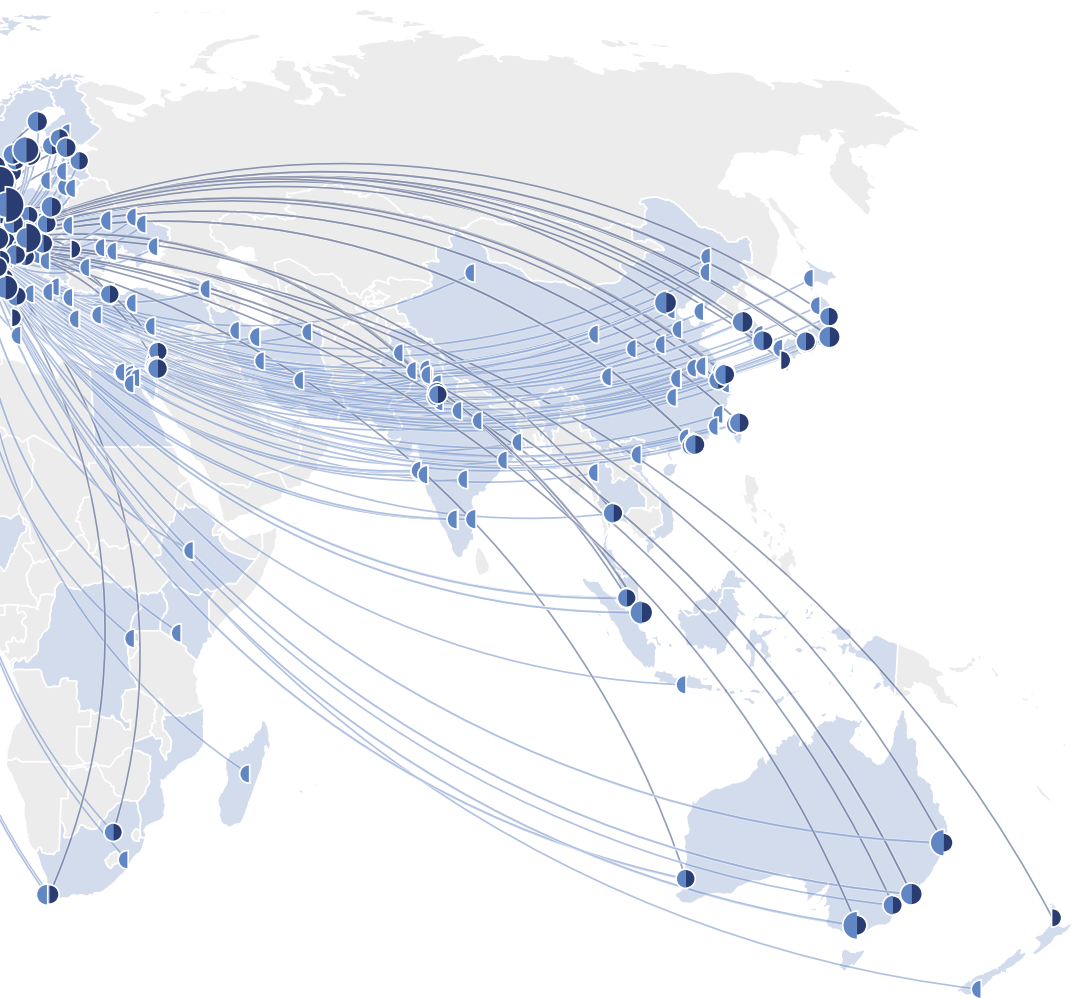
- 677 Germany
- 240 Italy
- 236 China
- 184 Netherlands
- 177 Sweden
- 175 United Kingdom
- 169 Australia
- 145 Spain
- 93 Denmark
- 80 Japan

### Outgoing Students

- 336 Germany
- 196 France
- 162 United Kingdom
- 156 Sweden
- 139 Netherlands
- 133 Italy
- 116 Spain
- 111 Austria
- 94 Denmark
- 86 Japan

Data from 2023





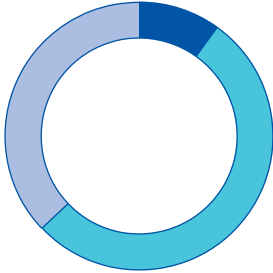
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# Staff

## By Employee Group

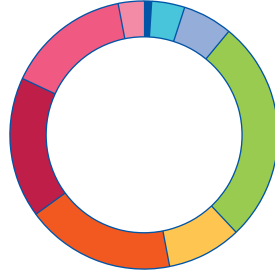
(FTE)



- 712.2 Professorships
- 3,867.3 Non-Professorial Academic Staff
- 2,760.4 Administrative and Technical Staff

## By Organization

(FTE)



- 65.4 Faculty of Theology and the Study of Religion
- 303.5 Faculty of Law
- 468.3 Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics
- 2,012.6 Faculty of Medicine
- 666.6 Vetsuisse Faculty
- 1,214.6 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- 1,208.7 Faculty of Science
- 1,171.4 Central Services (incl. Internal Audit)
- 228.8 Strategic Programs

# 7,340

Total Employees (FTE)

# 5,791

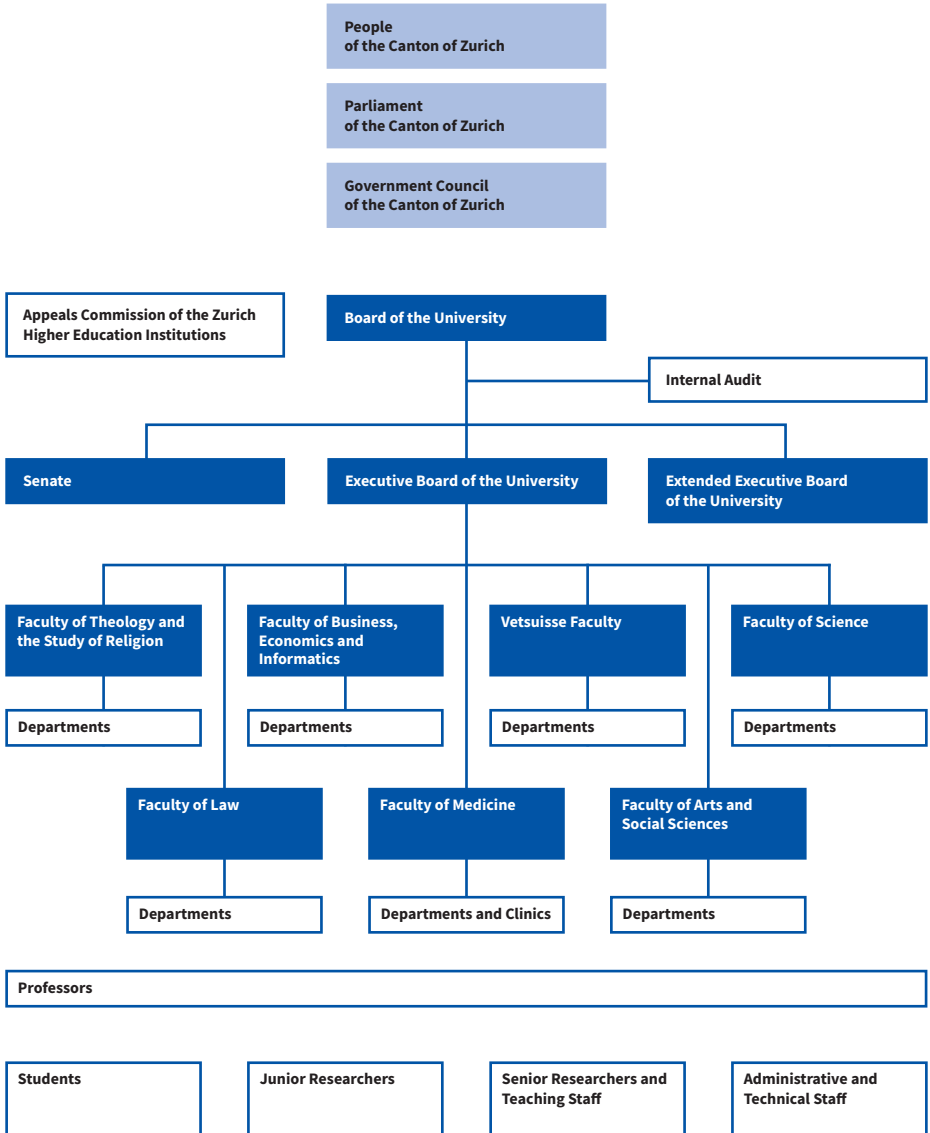
Total Teaching Staff

# 39.6%

Percentage of Teaching Staff from Abroad

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# Organization Chart



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