Universität Zürich UZH

The University of Zurich

Facts & Figures

Excellence in Diversity

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

Living a longer, fitter and happier life, building bridges between cultures, harnessing digital technologies for society, tackling global challenges – find out how our researchers are expanding our understanding of the world.

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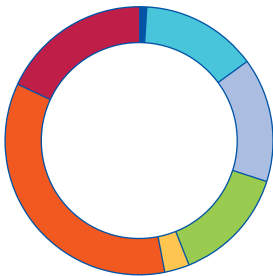
155 Spin-Offs
Spin-off companies are a key instrument when it comes to translating university research into business practice. A total of 155 UZH spin-offs have been founded since 1999. As a sign of its strong affiliation and support, we have been awarding our UZH Startup label to spin-offs and startups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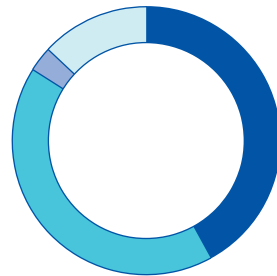
Students

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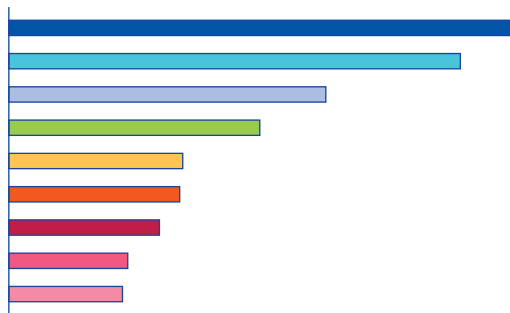
■	3,850	Law
■	3,433	Human Medicine
■	2,410	Psychology
■	1,908	Biology
■	1,322	Business and Economics (interdisciplinary)
■	1,299	Informatics
■	1,145	Business Administration
■	904	Natural Sciences (interdisciplinary)
■	864	History

Data from 2023

University of Zurich

Foreign Students

19.1 %

Percentage of Foreign Students

943

Students in Master of Advanced Studies Programs
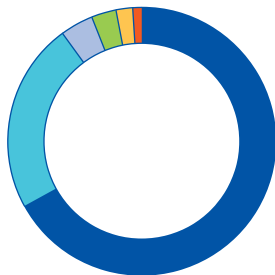
- ■ 3,649 Europe
- ■ 1,398 Asia
- ■ 159 North America
- ■ 80 South America
- ■ 50 Africa
- ■ 16 Australia/Oceania

Most Common Countries of Origin
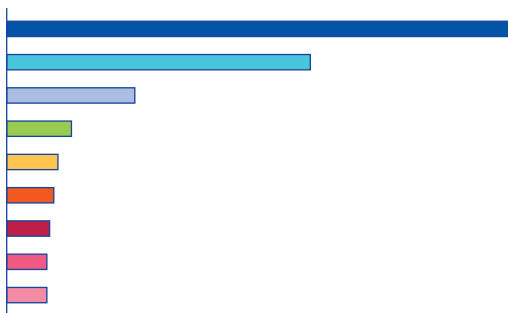
- ■ 1,456 Germany
- ■ 877 China
- ■ 370 Italy
- ■ 187 Austria
- ■ 148 Liechtenstein
- ■ 136 USA
- ■ 124 Turkey
- ■ 116 India
- ■ 116 Spain

Data from 2023

Discover

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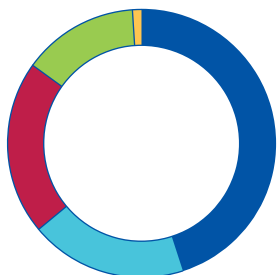
- ■ **731 m Canton of Zurich**
- ■ **313 m Other Basic Financing and Operational Funds**
- ■ **344 m Third-Party Project Funding**
- ■ **231 m Services and Other Operational Income**
- ■ **11 m Financial Yield**

Expenses
1,631 m
(in CHF)
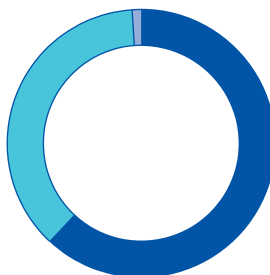
- ■ **1032 m Staff Costs**
- ■ **597 m Other Operating Expenses**
- ■ **2 m Finance Expense**

Third-Party Project Contributions
(in CHF)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	323 m	318 m	345 m	366 m	344 m
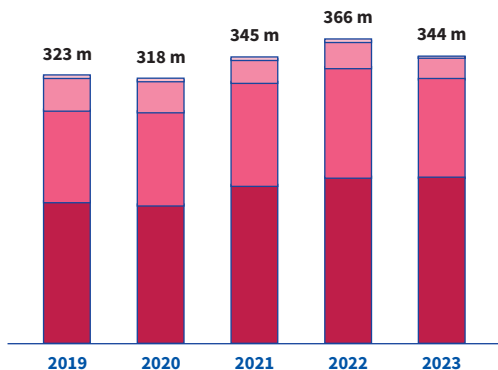
- ■ **Federal Organizations in Switzerland**
- ■ **Private Sector and Individuals**
- ■ **EU and International Research Programs**
- ■ **Other**

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**

University of Glasgow

University of Edinburgh

University of Nottingham

Trinity College Dublin

University College Dublin

University of Cambridge

University of Birmingham

University College London

University of Oxford

Imperial College London

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Sorbonne Université

Université Paris-Saclay

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Université de Genève

McMaster University

University of Connecticut

University of Maryland

University of California, Davis

Tecnológico de Monterrey

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Universitat de Barcelona

University of Ghana

University of Johannesburg

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Read more online:

Data from 2023

Helsingin
yliopisto

København
Universitet

Lunds
Universitet

Humboldt-
universität
zu Berlin

Universiteit
van Amsterdam

Universiteit
Utrecht

Freie
Universität
Berlin

Universiteit
Leiden

Universität
Heidelberg

Univerzita
Karlova

Université de
Strasbourg

Uniwersytet
Jagielloński

Universität
Freiburg

Universität
Wien

ETH Zürich

Ludwig-
Maximilians-
Universität
München

Università di
Bologna

Korea
University

Waseda
University

Fudan
University

Kyoto
University

Università
degli Studi
di Milano

University of
Delhi

Jiao Tong
University

University of
Hong Kong

Makerere
University

University of
Nairobi

University of
Kinshasa

Kampala
International
University

National
University of
Singapore

Universitas
Gadjah Mada

Eduardo
Mondlane
University

University of
Queensland

University of
Sydney

University of
New South
Wales

University of
Auckland

University of
Witwatersrand

University of
Melbourne

Global Networks

Student Mobility

Countries of Origin and Destination

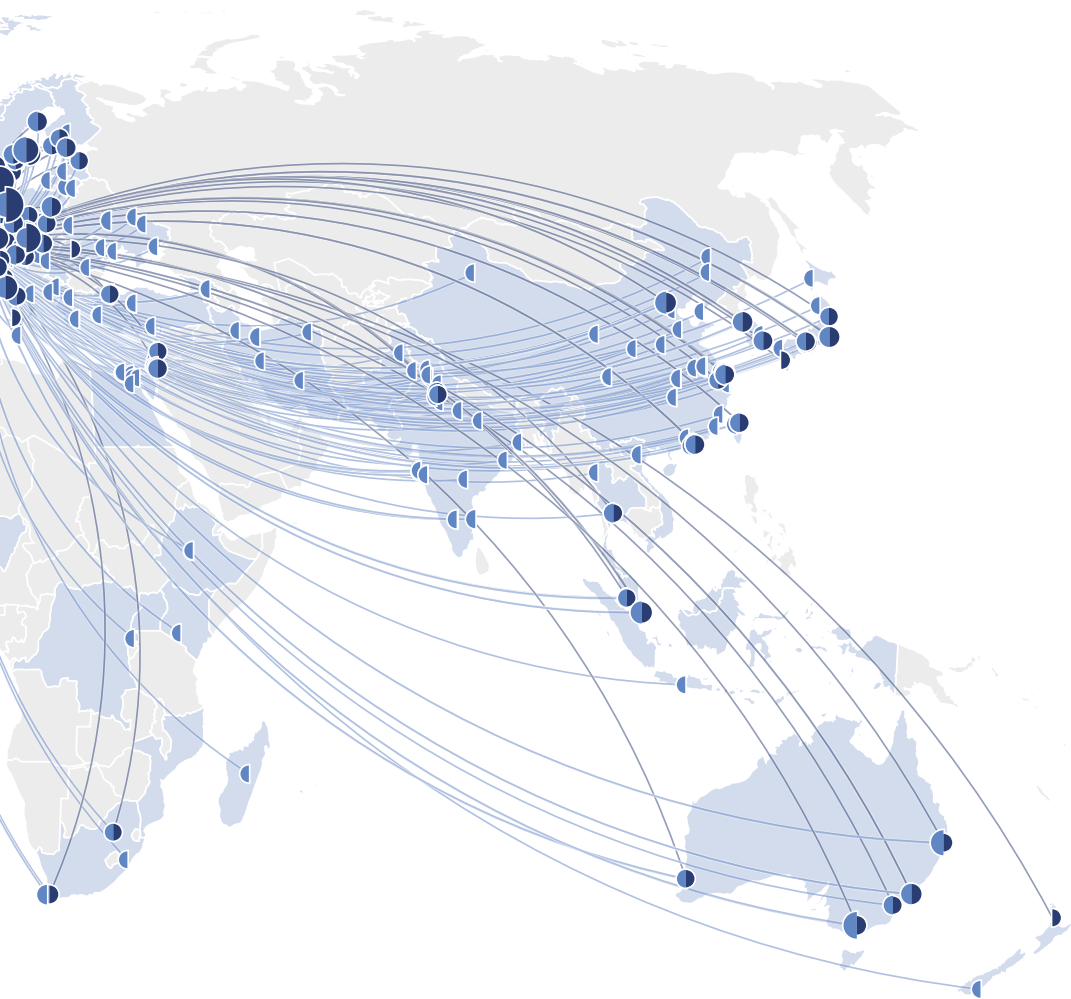**Incoming Students**
677 Germany
240 Italy
236 China
184 Netherlands
177 Sweden
175 United Kingdom
169 Australia
145 Spain
 93 Denmark
 80 Japan

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

Staff

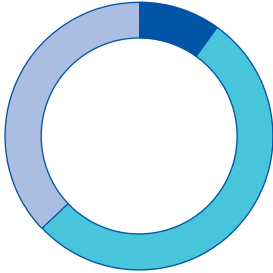## By Employee Group
(FTE)

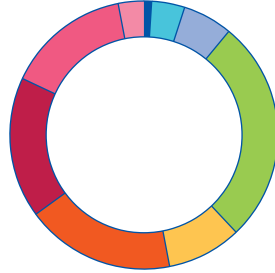- ■ **712.2 Professorships**
- ■ **3,867.3 Non-Professorial Academic Staff**
- ■ **2,760.4 Administrative and Technical Staff**

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)**
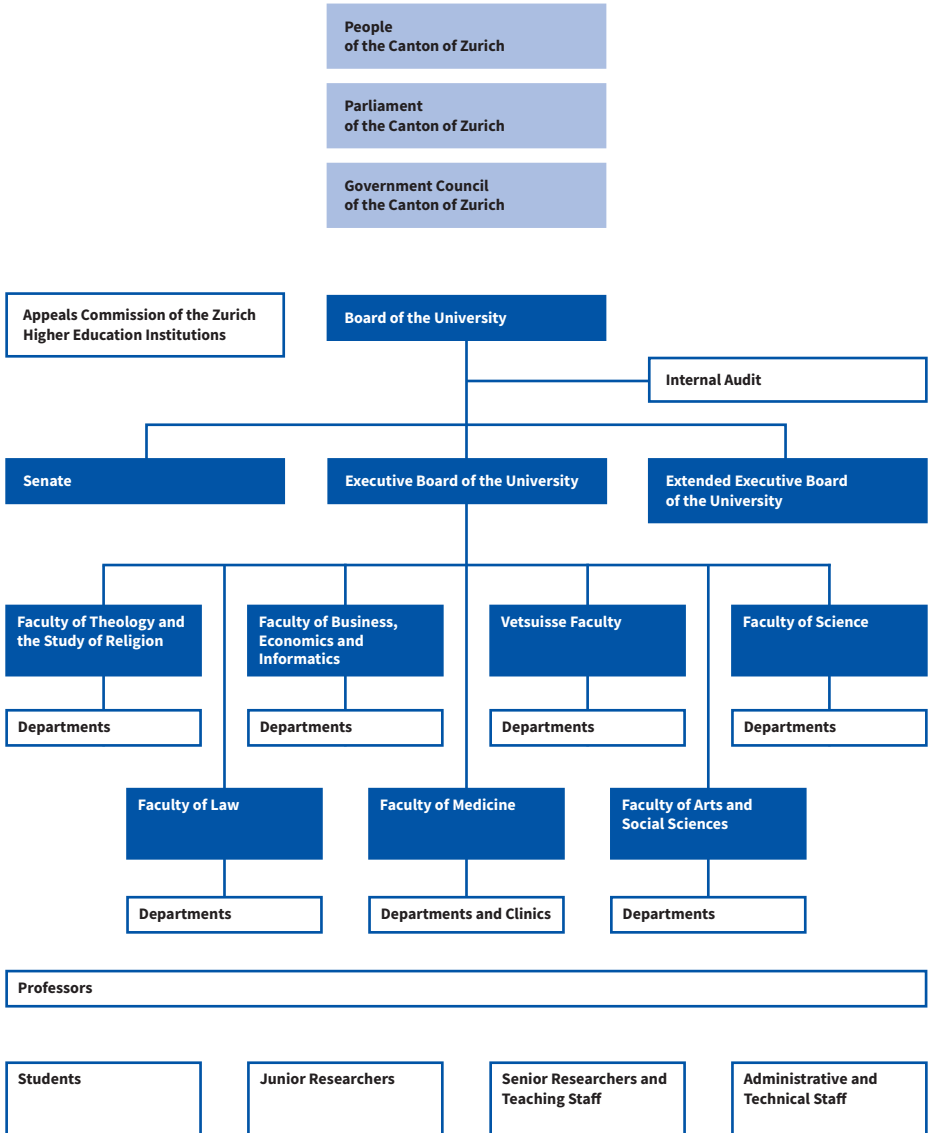- ■ **228.8 Strategic Programs**

7,340

Total Employees (FTE)

5,791

Total Teaching Staff

39.6 %

Percentage of Teaching Staff from Abroad

Data from 2023

Organization Chart

People
of the Canton of Zurich

Parliament
of the Canton of Zurich

Government Council
of the Canton of Zurich

Appeals Commission of the Zurich
Higher Education Institutions

Board of the University

Internal Audit

Senate

Executive Board of the University

Extended Executive Board
of the University

Faculty of Theology and
the Study of Religion

Faculty of Business,
Economics and
Informatics

Vetsuisse Faculty

Faculty of Science

Departments

Departments

Departments

Departments

Faculty of Law

Faculty of Medicine

Faculty of Arts and
Social Sciences

Departments

Departments and Clinics

Departments

Professors

Students

Junior Researchers

Senior Researchers and
Teaching Staff

Administrative and
Technical Staff

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