



University of
Zurich^{UZH}

Facts & Figures



2019

The University of Zurich

Excellence in Diversity

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

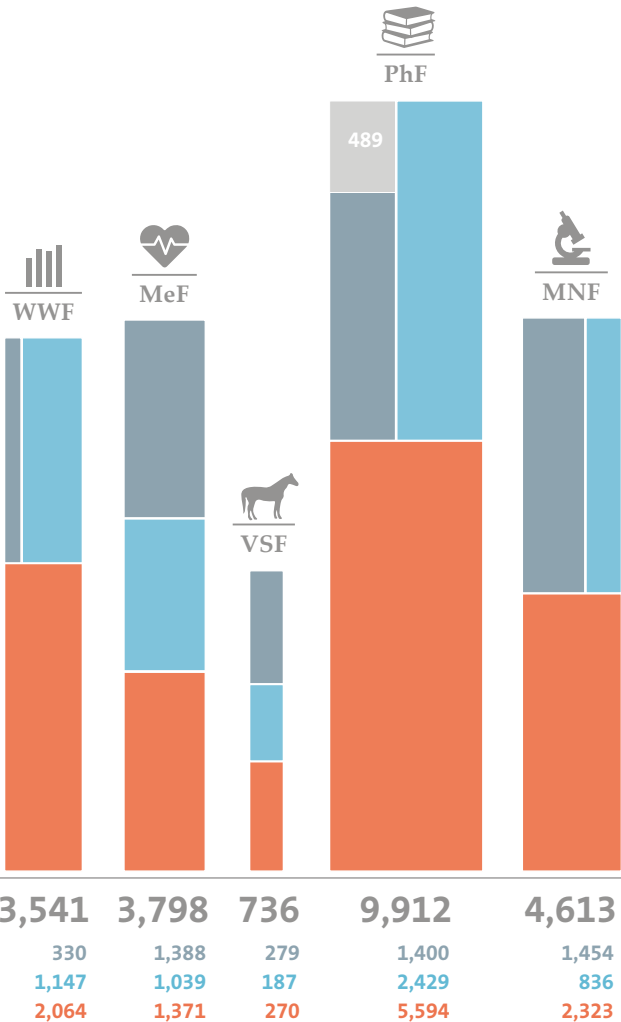
573

94

723

155

2,200

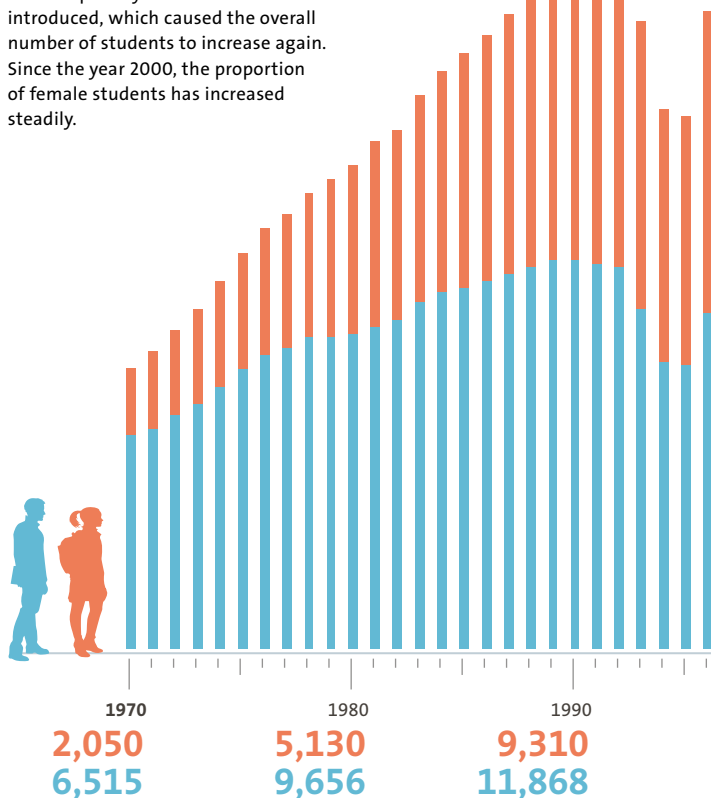


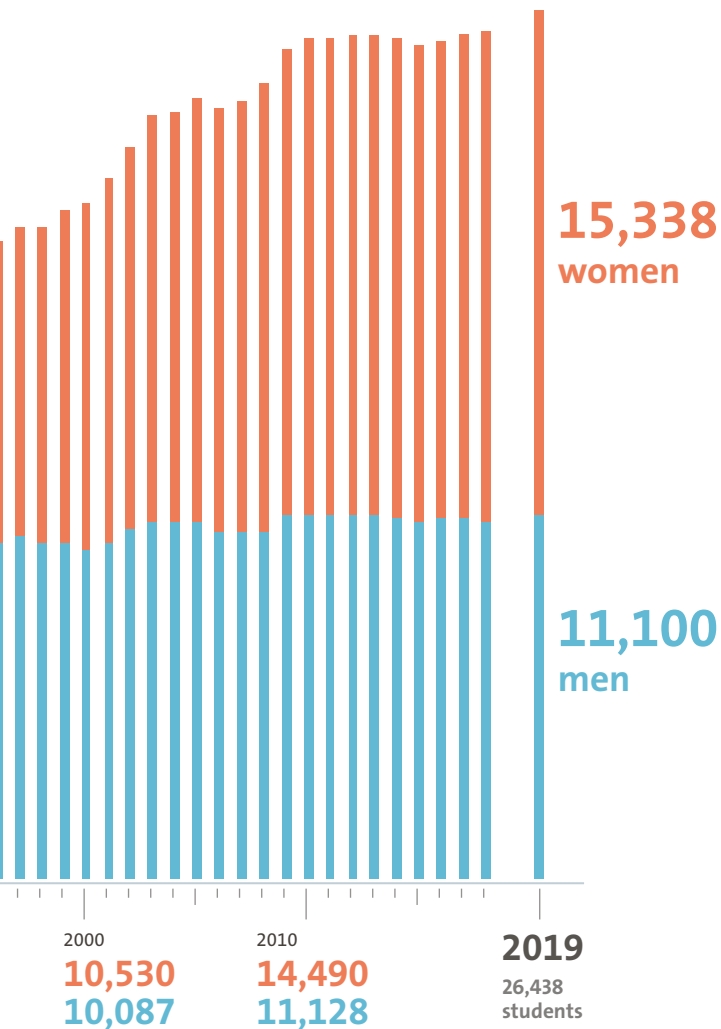
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Students since 1970

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.





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Most Popular Subjects and Degree Programs

Six Most Popular Subjects



New starters
Bachelor's and Master's

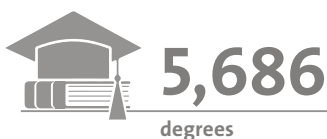
Law 644
Psychology 477
Human Medicine 320
Business Administration 265
Biomedicine 197
Biology 178



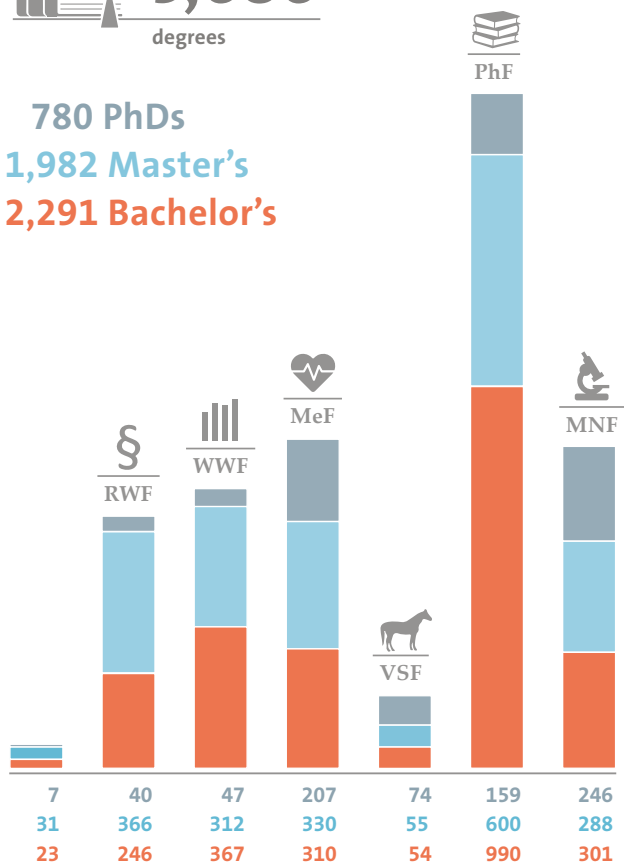
Students
Total

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

Degrees Awarded 2019



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

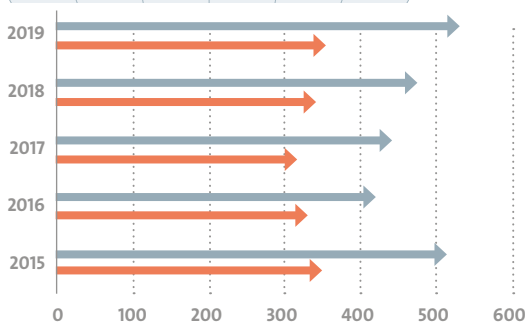
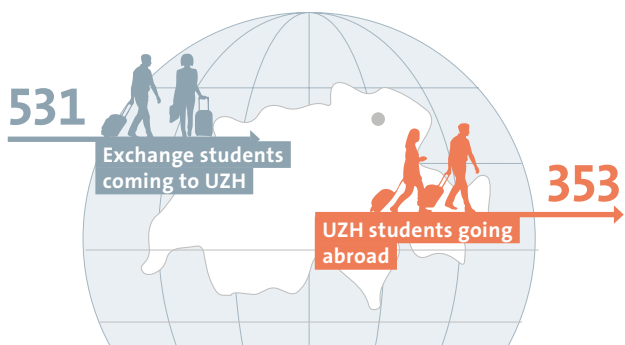


Other qualifications awarded: Advanced Federal Diploma: 328 (MeF), 48 (VSF); Teaching Diploma: 252 (PhF); Other: 5 (PhF)

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International Outlook

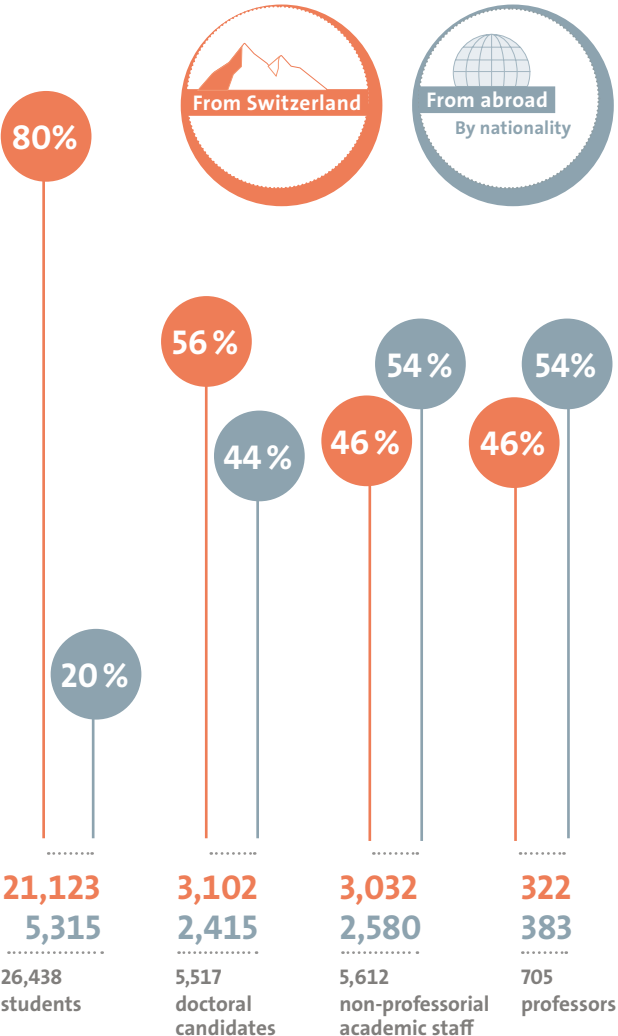
Student Mobility 2019



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?



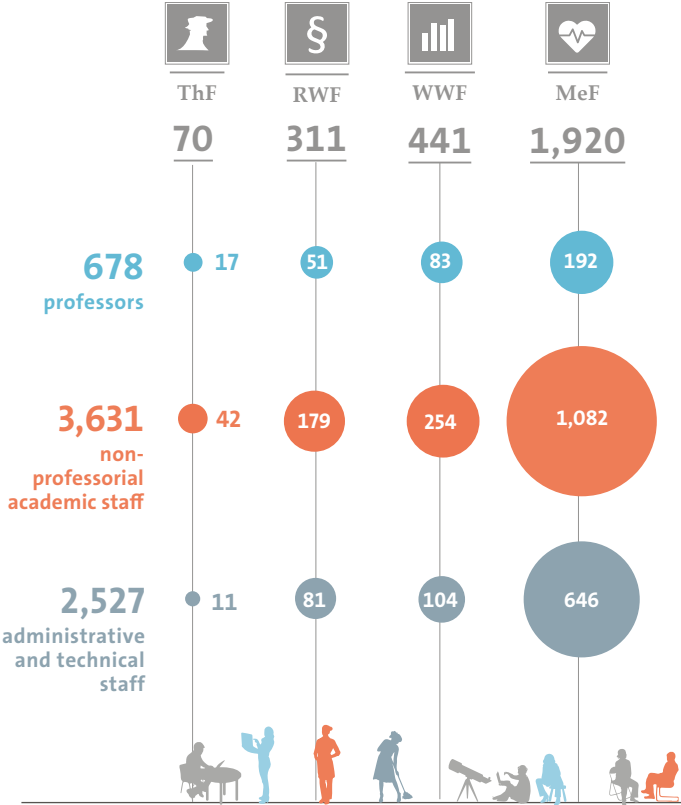
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Employees

Staff Numbers (FTE) on 31 Dec 2019

6,836

6,669 (2018)





VSF

631

36

346

249



PhF

1,197

176

779

242



MNF

1,100

109

736

255



CS

991

2

69

920

RTP

175

12

144

19

CS: Central Services, incl. Evaluation Office and Internal Audit
RTP: Research and Teaching Priority Program

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Research and Innovation

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.

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UZH Spin-Offs

136

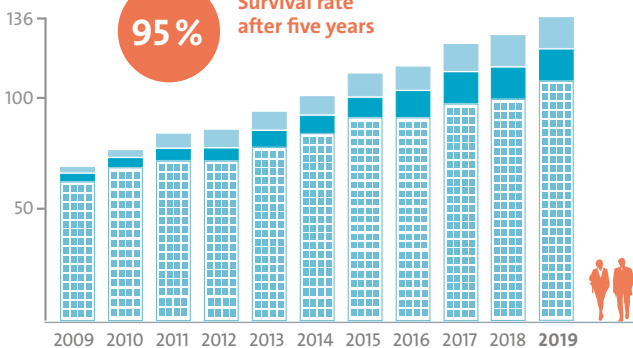
Number of spin-off companies
(cumulative) 2009–2019

90%

Survival rate
since founding

95%

Survival rate
after five years



operational, independent



sold, active business

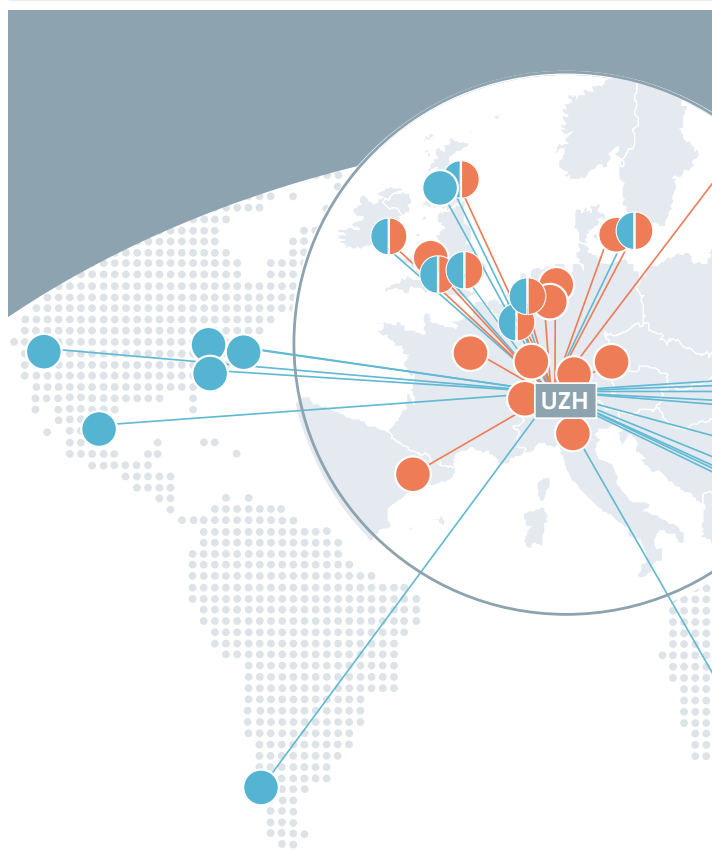


sold

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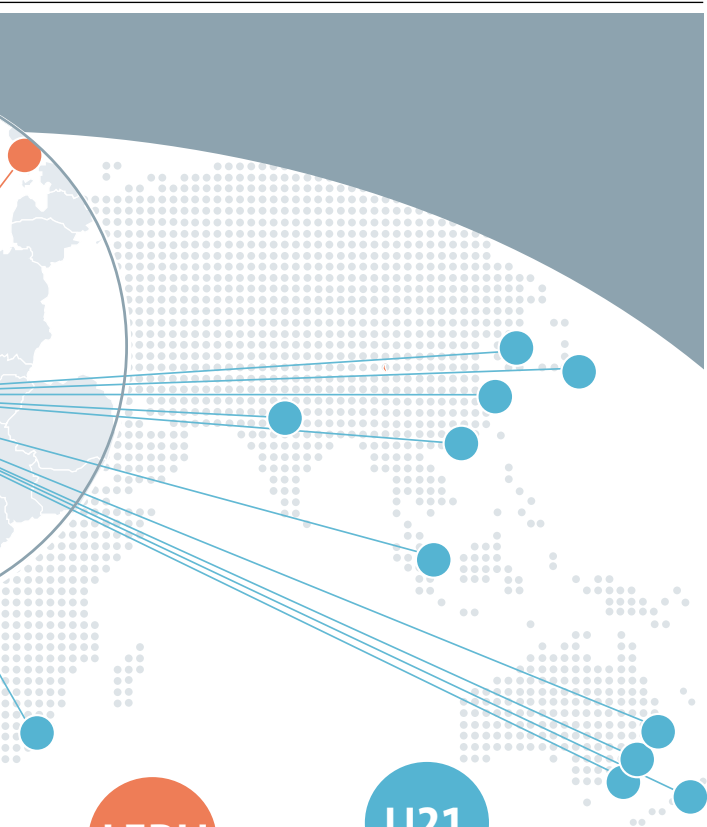
Joint Ventures

International Network



Strategic Partnerships

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.



LERU

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.

U21

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.

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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

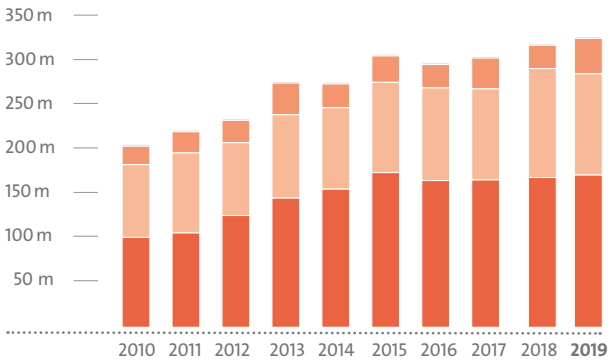
536 million (37%)
other operating
expenses

2 million (0%)
financial expenditure

Project Contributions / Third-Party Funds



Development of Income Structure



Leadership and Organizational Structure of the University of Zurich

February 2020

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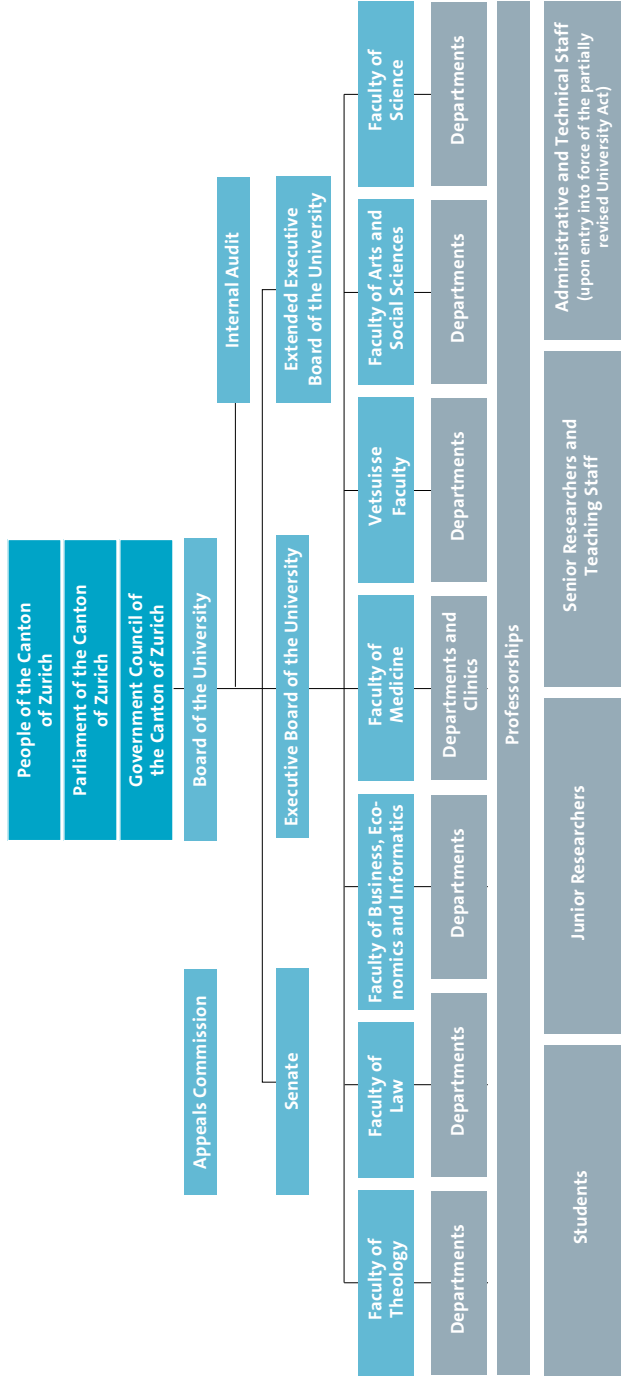
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UZH Campuses

City Campus

Rämistrasse 71
8006 Zurich

Irchel Campus

Winterthurerstrasse 190
8057 Zurich

Oerlikon Campus

Affolternstrasse 56
Andreasstrasse 15
Binzmühlestrasse 14
8050 Zurich

Lengg Campus

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8008 Zurich

Schlieren Campus

Wagistrasse 12 and 14
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