University of Zurich UZH

Facts & Figures

2020

The University of Zurich
Excellence in Diversity

Switzerland's Largest University

The University of Zurich (UZH) was founded in 1833 "by the will of the people". With a current enrollment of around 27,650 students, UZH is now the largest university in Switzerland, and with seven faculties, 150 departments and around 100 different subject areas, 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 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

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.

Research and Teaching

UZH offers degree programs in 50 disciplines at Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral level as well as a broad range of continuing education programs. The University conducts research in a wide array of fields and provides research-based services. Inter- and transdisciplinary collaboration plays an important role in research at UZH.

Top-Ranked

In 2020, UZH ranked 56th in the Academic Ranking of World Universities and 76th in the QS Ranking. In the THE Ranking for 2021, UZH was in place 73. Thus in all three major rankings UZH is one of the 100 top universities worldwide.

Fostering Innovation

UZH supports the transfer of knowledge from research to industry and encourages research and innovation in targeted areas with research clusters and priority programs.

UZH in Figures
Students by Faculty and Academic Level

27,656
students

14,778
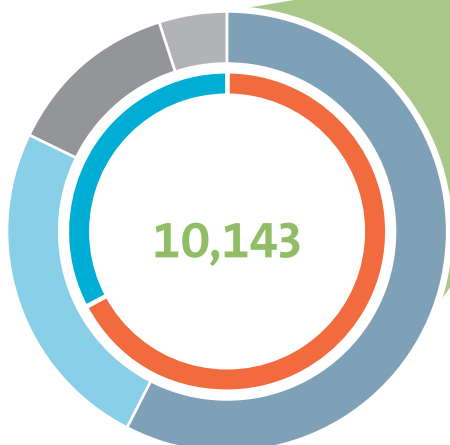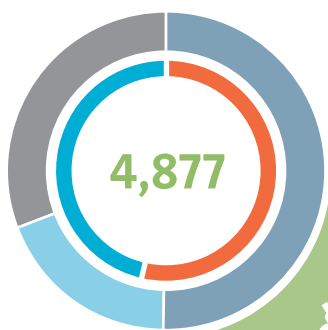Bachelor's students

6,769
Master's students

5,625
PhD candidates

484
Teaching diploma candidates

4,877

10,143

762

Faculty of Theology
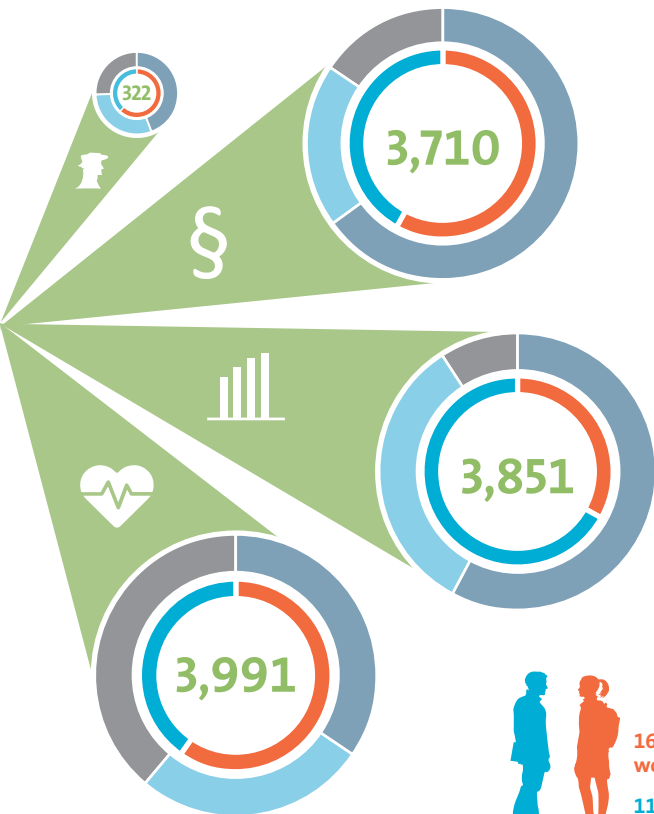
Faculty of Law

Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics

Faculty of Medicine

Vetsuisse Faculty

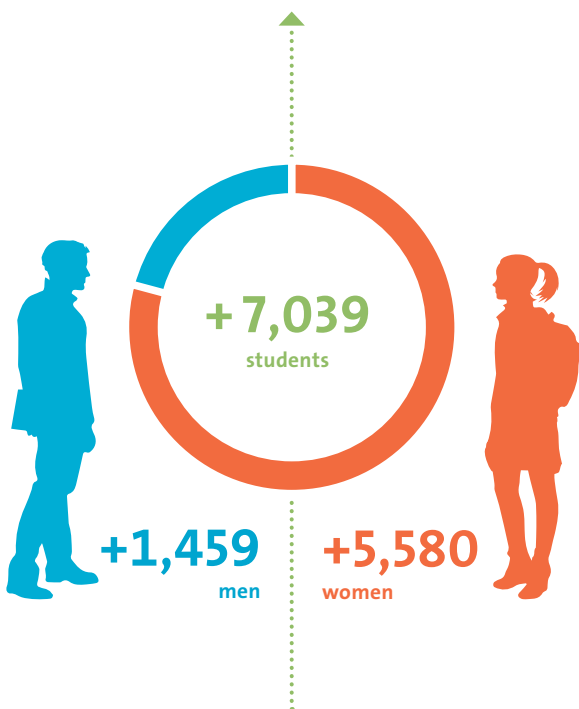**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

Faculty of Science

322

3,710

3,851

3,991

16,110 women

11,546 men

UZH in Figures
Growth in Student Numbers

27,656

students in 2020

+7,039
students

+1,459
men

+5,580
women

20,617

students in 2000

UZH in Figures
Degrees Awarded

5,679

degrees awarded in 2020

- 🛈 **Faculty of Theology**
- § **Faculty of Law**
- 📊 **Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics**
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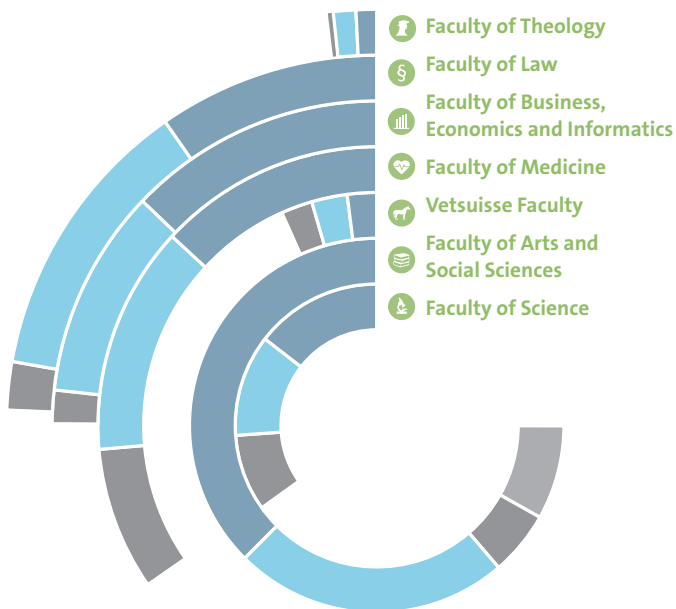
2,496
Bachelor's degrees

2,065
Master's degrees

795
PhDs

224
Teaching diplomas

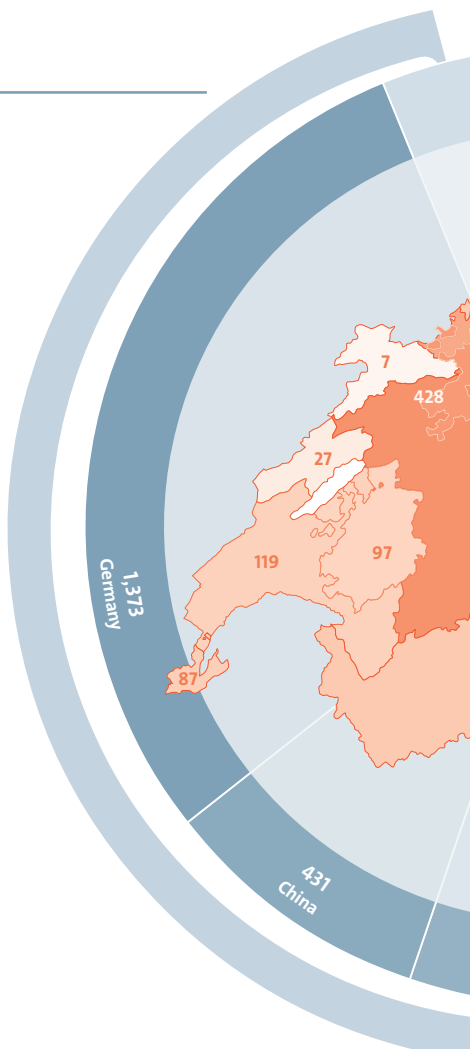**Other qualifications awarded:**
Advanced Federal Diploma: 43 (Faculty of Medicine),
55 (Vetsuisse Faculty);
other: 1 (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences)
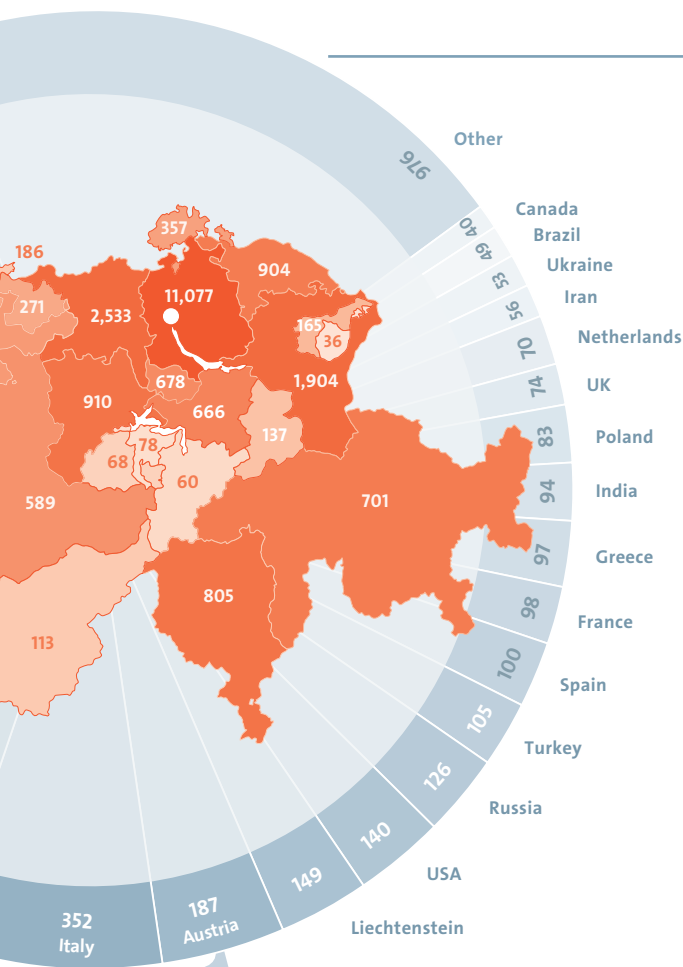
UZH in Figures
Origin of Students

11,077 → **Zurich**
2,533 → **Aargau**
1,904 → **St. Gallen**
910 → **Lucerne**
904 → **Thurgau**
805 → **Ticino**
701 → **Graubünden**
678 → **Zug**
666 → **Schwyz**
589 → **Bern**
428 → **Solothurn**
357 → **Schaffhausen**
271 → **Baselland**
186 → **Basel-Stadt**
165 → **Appenzell Ausserrhoden**
137 → **Glarus**
119 → **Vaud**
113 → **Valais**
97 → **Fribourg**
87 → **Geneva**
78 → **Nidwalden**
68 → **Obwalden**
60 → **Uri**
36 → **Appenzell Innerrhoden**
27 → **Neuchatel**
7 → **Jura**

23,003
students from Switzerland
21,977 (2019)

Other 976

Canada 40
Brazil 49
Ukraine 53
Iran 56
Netherlands 70
UK 74
Poland 83
India 94
Greece 97
France 98
Spain 100
Turkey 105
Russia 126
USA 140
Liechtenstein 149
Austria 187
Italy 352

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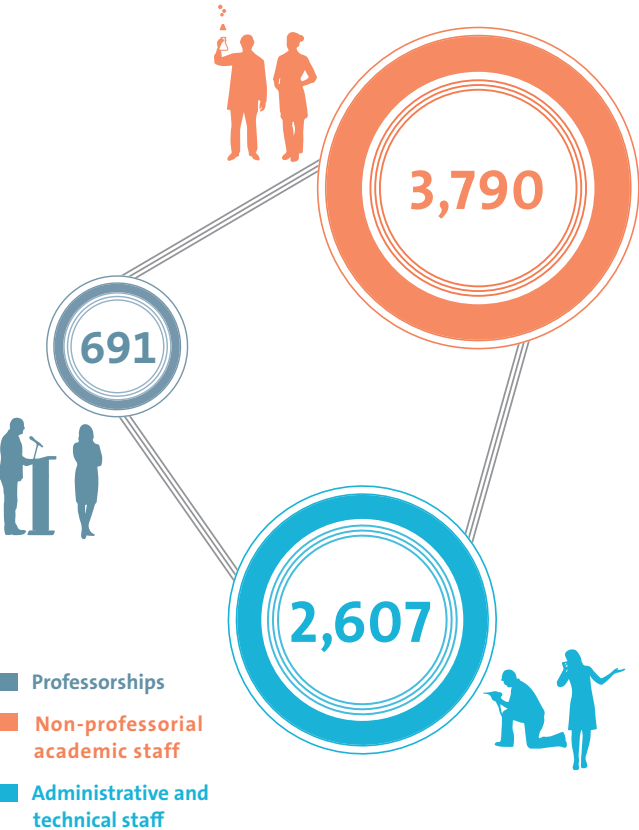11,077
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4,653
students from abroad
(by country of origin)
4,461 (2019)

UZH in Figures
Employees

7,088
full-time-equivalent positions
on 31 Dec 2020

3,790

691

2,607

- ■ **Professorships**
- ■ **Non-professorial academic staff**
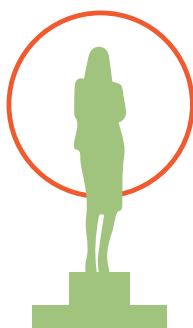- ■ **Administrative and technical staff**

Non-professorial academic staff includes the representative bodies for junior researchers and senior researchers and teaching staff.

UZH in Figures
Appointments

42 %

**of professorial appointments
were women in 2020**

	Total professorial appointments at UZH	of which women		
2020	55	23	→	42%
2019	63	15	→	24%
2018	57	13	→	23%
2017	69	21	→	30%
2016	61	17	→	28%
2015	60	11	→	18%

The table includes all categories of professorships: full and associate professorships (inc. ad personam), assistant professorships (inc. with tenure track), externally funded assistant professorships.

UZH in Figures
UZH Research Projects on Covid-19 in 2020

Many UZH research projects in 2020 addressed pandemic-related issues. Here are just a few of them.

Researchers at UZH ...

... are developing a vaccination using spores of the Bacillus subtilis bacterium – a vaccine that could simply be swallowed.

... are testing 5,000 known chemical agents against coronaviruses. The approach is the only one of its kind in the world.

... are analyzing the legal security of data-sharing practices.

... are investigating how the Federal Council's communications are received by the populace.

Researchers at UZH are advancing our knowledge about coronavirus and studying how the pandemic is changing our lives.

... are analyzing the churches' new digital services.

... are looking into how the lockdown affects the mental health of professional musicians.

... are working to produce a suitable virus gene of SARS-CoV-2 as a messenger RNA vaccine in sufficient quantities.

... are researching natural SARS-CoV-2 infection in animals and its effects on humans.

... are examining why men are more likely to die from Covid-19.

... are discovering the personal factors that contribute to being productive and good-humored when working from home.

... are collecting data on the use of digital media.

Details about all research projects.

UZH in Figures
Research and Innovation

Research Priority Programs
In order to maintain its standing at the forefront of international research and scholarship, UZH has established various University Research Priority Programs (URPPs). These programs aim to strengthen and bring together high-performing academic fields and to support promising young scholars.

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

Centers of Competence
Researchers from a variety of disciplines work together in over 20 Centers of Competence.

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.

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 encourages the transfer of innovative research and teaching to industry and society.
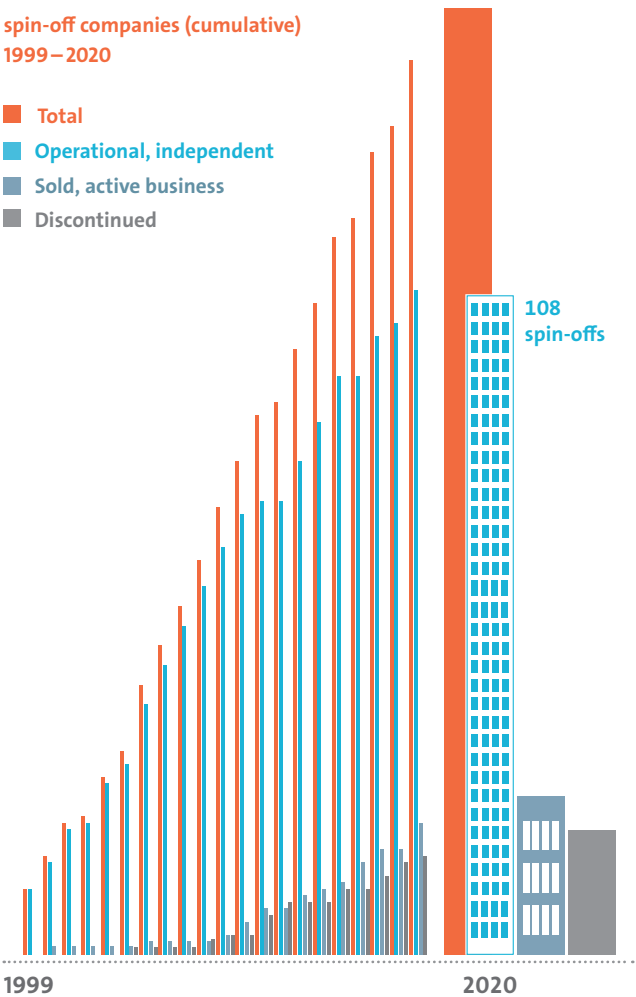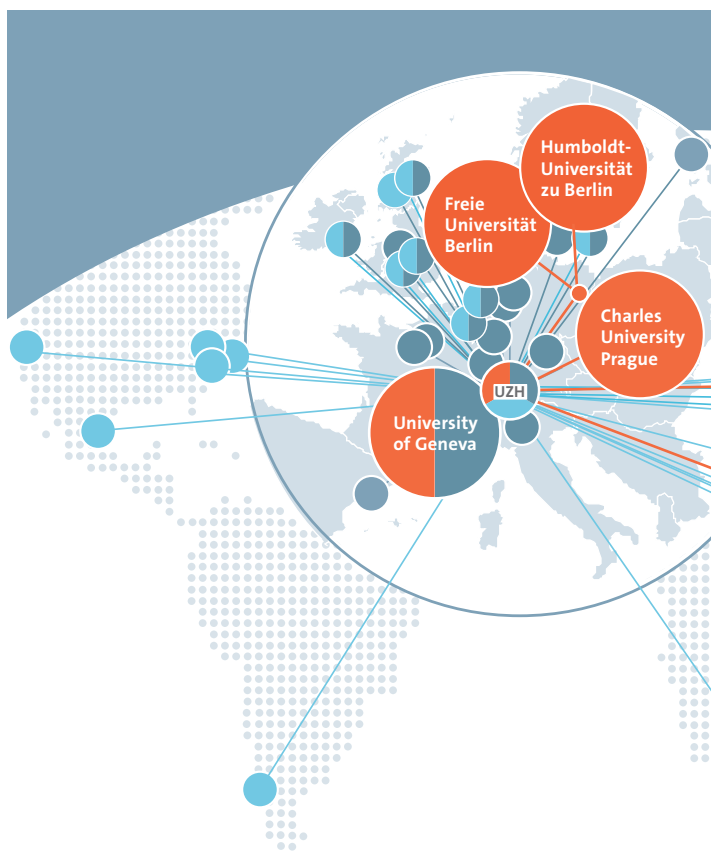

More on research at UZH

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spin-off companies (cumulative)
1999–2020

- **Total**
- **Operational, independent**
- **Sold, active business**
- **Discontinued**

108 spin-offs

1999　　　　　　　　　　　　2020

UZH in Figures
International Networks

Freie Universität Berlin

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Charles University Prague

University of Geneva

UZH

Strategic Partnerships

UZH is a top-level international research and education institution that actively networks with similar establishments. It has strategic partnerships with the Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Charles University Prague, the University of Geneva, the University of Kyoto and the University of Queensland.

University
of Kyoto

University of
Queensland
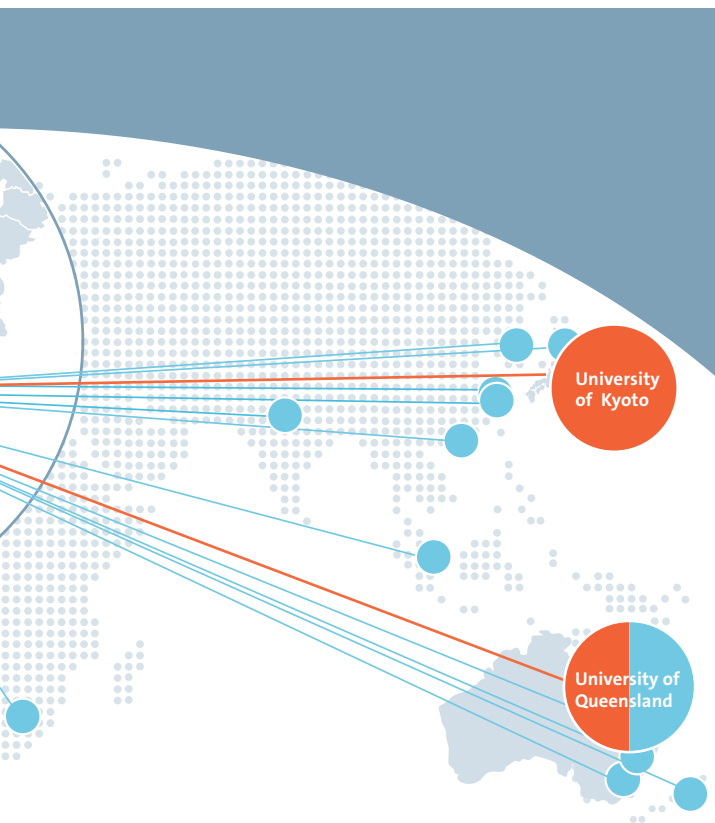
LERU

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. The aim
of U21 is to promote research
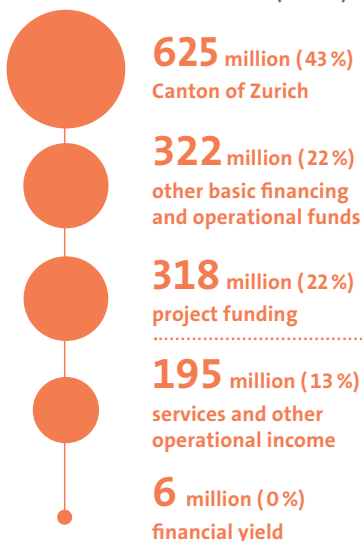collaboration and exchange of
knowledge.

UZH in Figures
Income Statement 2020
(in CHF)

1,47
billion CHF
total turnover

Income 2020 (in CHF)

625 million (43 %)
Canton of Zurich

322 million (22 %)
other basic financing
and operational funds

318 million (22 %)
project funding

195 million (13 %)
services and other
operational income

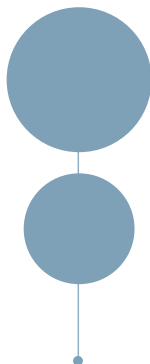**6** million (0 %)
financial yield

Expenditure 2020
(in CHF)

932 million (63 %)
staff costs

545 million (37 %)
other operating
expenses

2 million (0 %)
financial expenditure

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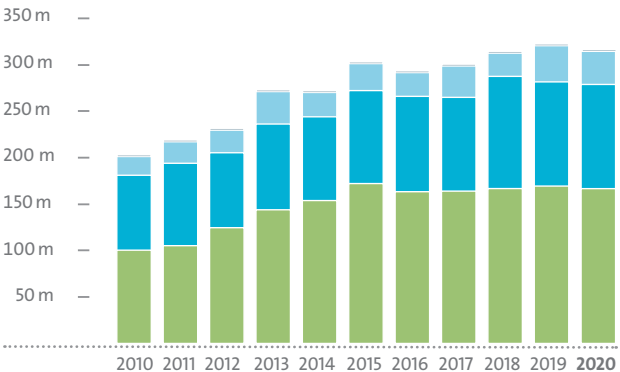**project contributions / third-party funds**
(in CHF)

1 million
other

37 million
EU and other international research programs

114 million
private sector and individuals

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

Development of income from project contributions

350 m										
300 m										
250 m										
200 m										
150 m										
100 m										
50 m										

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 **2020**

Leadership and Organizational Structure of the University of Zurich

February 2021

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Deans of the Faculties

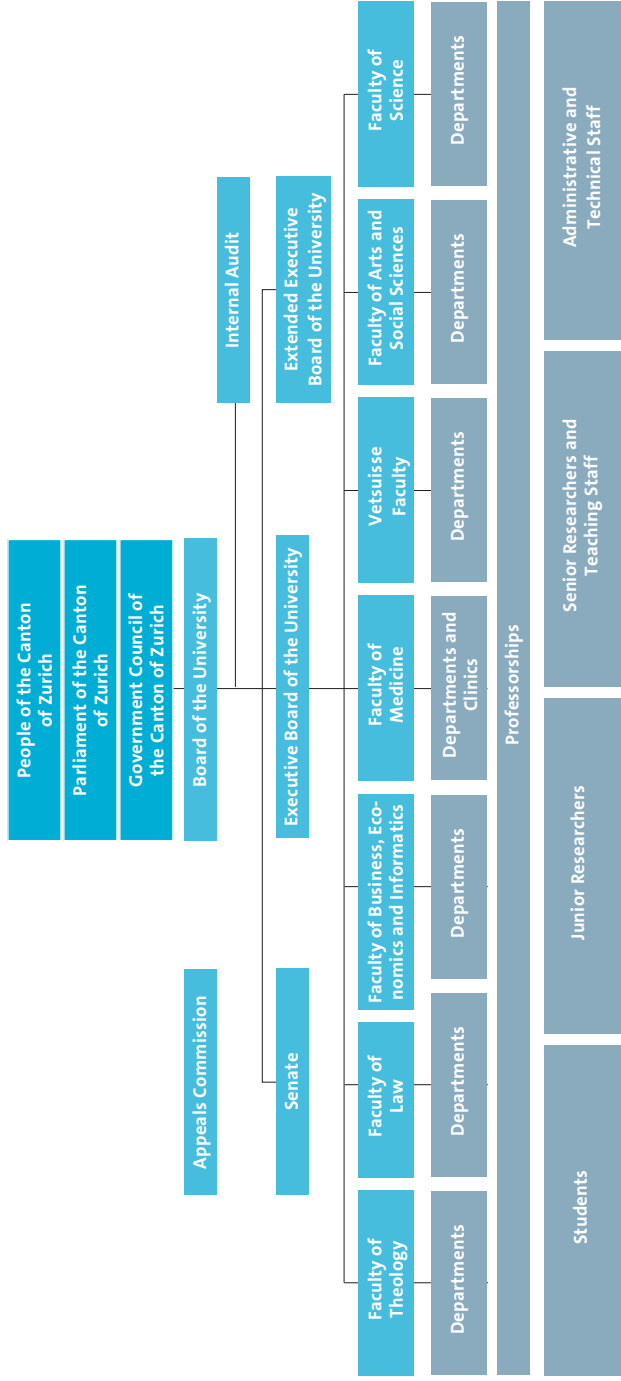**Prof. Dr. Dorothea Lüddeckens** (ThF)
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Prof. Dr. Rainer Weber (MeF)
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Appeals Commission

Senate

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Extended Executive Board of the University

Faculty of Theology

Faculty of Law

Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics

Faculty of Medicine

Vetsuisse Faculty

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Faculty of Science

Departments

Departments

Departments

Departments and Clinics

Departments

Departments

Departments

Professorships

Students

Junior Researchers

Senior Researchers and Teaching Staff

Administrative and Technical Staff

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City Campus
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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