



University of  
Zurich<sup>UZH</sup>



Facts & Figures

2014

# The University of Zurich



**Founded in 1833**, the University of Zurich (UZH) is today Switzerland's largest university. With a current enrollment of 26,000 students and over 100 subject areas on offer, it boasts the most comprehensive academic program in the country.



The University's seven faculties offer a wide variety of **Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD programs**. More than 5,000 academic staff (including 600 professors) research and teach at the University's 150 institutes.



As a **member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU)**, UZH is one of Europe's most prestigious research institutions.



The University's international standing is reflected in the many distinctions awarded to its members over the years, including **12 Nobel Prizes**. The first of UZH's Nobel laureates was Wilhelm Röntgen, who was recipient of the inaugural Nobel Prize in Physics.



The proximity between medical research and the clinical services provided in the University's five hospitals translates into **first-rate medical care** for the general population.



**Research and teaching** are the University's core focus, with both being essential to the ongoing development of UZH as a place of education and scholarship.



UZH's academic excellence brings benefits to both the public and the private sectors, not only in the Canton of Zurich, but throughout the whole of Switzerland. UZH shares the findings of its cutting-edge research via its public **museums, libraries, lecture series, and panel discussions**.



Through its **spin-off ventures and partner companies**, UZH actively promotes the transfer of research-based knowledge into private enterprise while generating attractive employment opportunities in innovative fields.



UZH's **continuing education programs** integrate the latest research developments, thus guaranteeing highly efficient knowledge transfer between higher education institutions and practitioners.



The University engages in **close scholarly collaboration with ETH Zurich** in a variety of disciplines.

# Dynamic Scholarship via Interdisciplinary Research Networks



## National Centers of Competence in Research

Our research priority programs are high-level, long-term research projects that cultivate interdisciplinary approaches and innovation within the disciplines involved. The University of Zurich is the Leading House for the following three National Centers of Competence in Research (NCCR):

- NCCR Democracy
- NCCR Kidney.ch
- NCCR Mediality



## University Research Priority Programs

In order to maintain its standing at the forefront of international research and scholarship, UZH has initiated a broad range of University Research Priority Programs (URPP). These programs aim to strengthen and bring together selected academic fields within the University while promoting highly qualified young scholars. Current URPP at UZH are:

- Asia and Europe
- Dynamics of Healthy Aging
- Ethics
- Evolution in Action: From Genomes to Ecosystems
- Financial Market Regulation

- Global Change and Biodiversity
- Integrative Human Physiology
- Social Networks
- Language and Space
- Systems Biology/Functional Genomics
- Translational Cancer Research
- Solar Light to Chemical Energy Conversion



### **Faculty Research Priority Programs**

The seven faculties at the University of Zurich have a variety of research priority programs. These interdisciplinary and interfaculty programs build on UZH's excellent research competencies, enhance collaborative opportunities, and foster the development of highly qualified junior researchers.

The Faculty of Medicine has also defined Clinical Research Priority Programs that are carried out in cooperation with the University's hospitals.

Further information on  
research priority programs



# UZH 2014 Highlights



## **High Flyers**

At UZH, drones are being developed to assess damage, measure radioactivity, and search for survivors in disaster areas.

## **High-Yield Plant Communities**

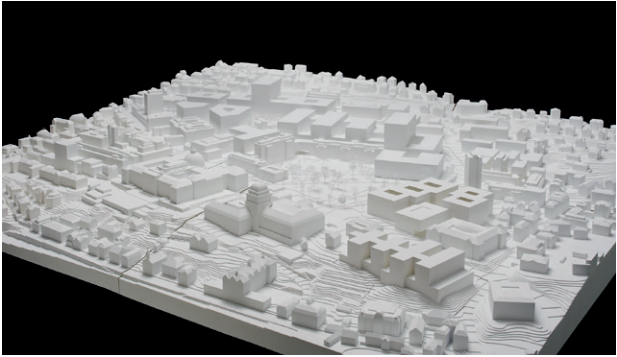
A European team of researchers led by UZH ecologists has discovered that plant communities yield better harvests than conventional monocultures.

## **Ancient Greek Inscriptions Discovered**

In the Turkish city of Milas, UZH historians have excavated the longest known Ancient Greek inscription carved in stone. The verses are currently being translated.

## **A Protein Like a Swiss Army Knife**

Researchers at UZH are working on a protein, Cas9, that has the potential to revolutionize genetic engineering.



### **Master Plan – Zurich Central University District**

After completing the main building in 1914 and developing Irchel Campus from 1979 to 1999, expanding City Campus is the third strategic milestone in UZH's building history.

### **Linking Theory and Practice**

Linguist Heiko Hausendorf won the 2014 Teaching Award for the innovative mobile lecture he held at Zurich Main Station. The prize was bestowed at the Dies academicus ceremonies.

### **Moss in Outer Space**

UZH plant biologists are researching whether moss can survive in outer space or on Mars.

Further information  
on our highlights



# UZH in Figures

## Studies

### New Students<sup>1</sup>

**4 229**

4 477(2013)

### Teaching Staff

**4 524**

4 295 (2013)

### Professors

**612**

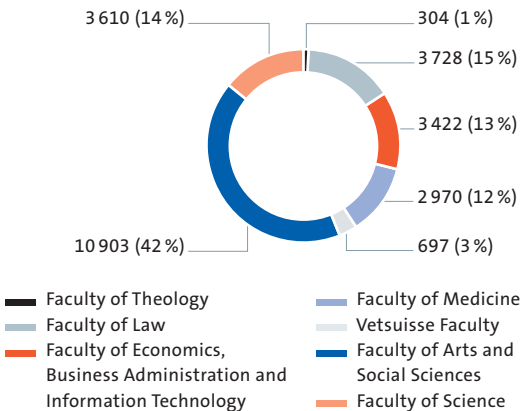
584 (2013)

### Students<sup>2</sup>

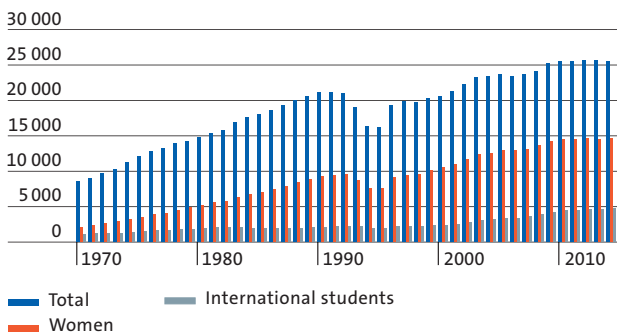
**25 63**

25 715 (2013)

## Students by Faculty



## Enrollment since 1970



<sup>1</sup> Excluding Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) programs and students from other universities attending UZH in a mobility or exchange program ("incomings")

<sup>2</sup> Given in full-time equivalents (FTE) as at 31 December

<sup>3</sup> Excluding apprentices and trainees





**Degrees Awarded<sup>1</sup>**

**5 932**

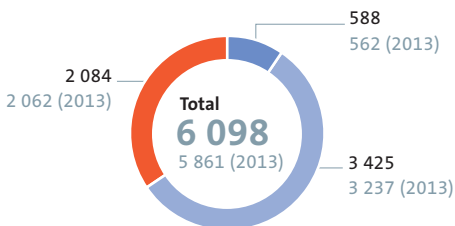
5 570 (2013)

**PhD Degrees**

**719**

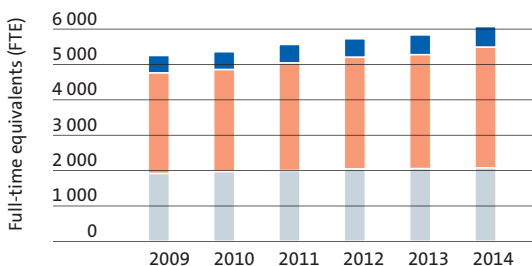
771 (2013)

**Staff<sup>2</sup>**



- Professors
- Non-professional academic staff
- Administrative and technical staff<sup>3</sup>

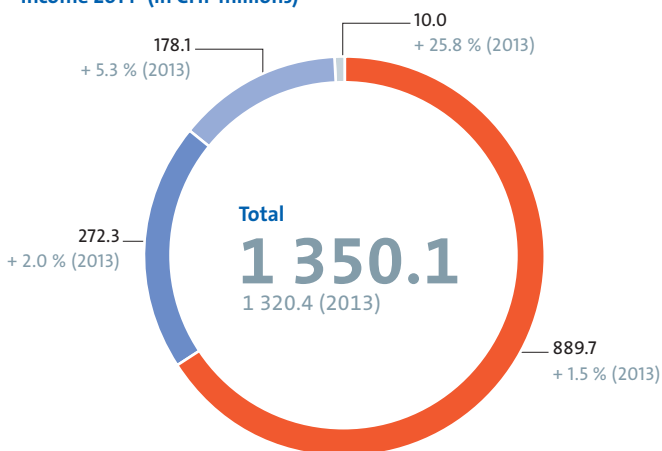
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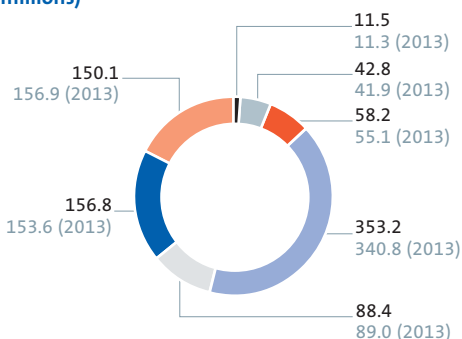
# Finances

## Income 2014<sup>4</sup> (in CHF millions)



- Basic funding and operational funds
- Project funding
- Services and other operational income
- Financial income

## Costs/Income per Faculty (in CHF millions)<sup>4</sup>

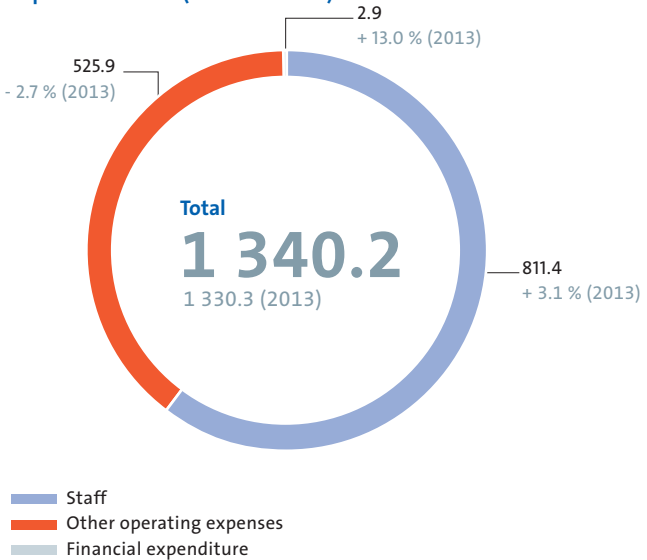


- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Information Technology
- Faculty of Medicine
- Vetsuisse Faculty
- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Science

University funds per faculty (total expenditure/income) excluding Central Services, the "Forschungskredit," reconciliatory items, and external funding.

<sup>4</sup> Some data from the previous year adjusted for comparison

## Expenditure 2014<sup>4</sup> (in CHF millions)



Total income at the University of Zurich for the year under review amounted to 1 350.1 million francs, which represents a year-on-year increase of 29.6 million francs (+2.2 percent). As in previous years, this growth is attributable to higher basic federal funding as well as funding from the cantons, expansion of the University's services, and higher external funding. The financial result increased by 1.7 million francs compared to 2013. Funding from the Canton of Zurich fell by 2.3 million from 601.1 million to 598.8 million francs.

The number of staff members increased by 236.7 positions to reach 6 097.9 full-time equivalents, a growth of 4 percent. As in 2013, this increase pertains to the higher number of academic positions (professors and academic associates), which raised the costs for staff to 811.4 million francs (+ 3.1 percent).

Outlay for other operating expenses and financial expenditure fell to 528.8 million francs (-14.3 million francs), which is attributable mainly to the lower building utilization costs. As a result, an annual profit of 9.9 million francs was realized, representing a year-on-year increase of 19.8 million francs.

# University Governance

Status: February 2015

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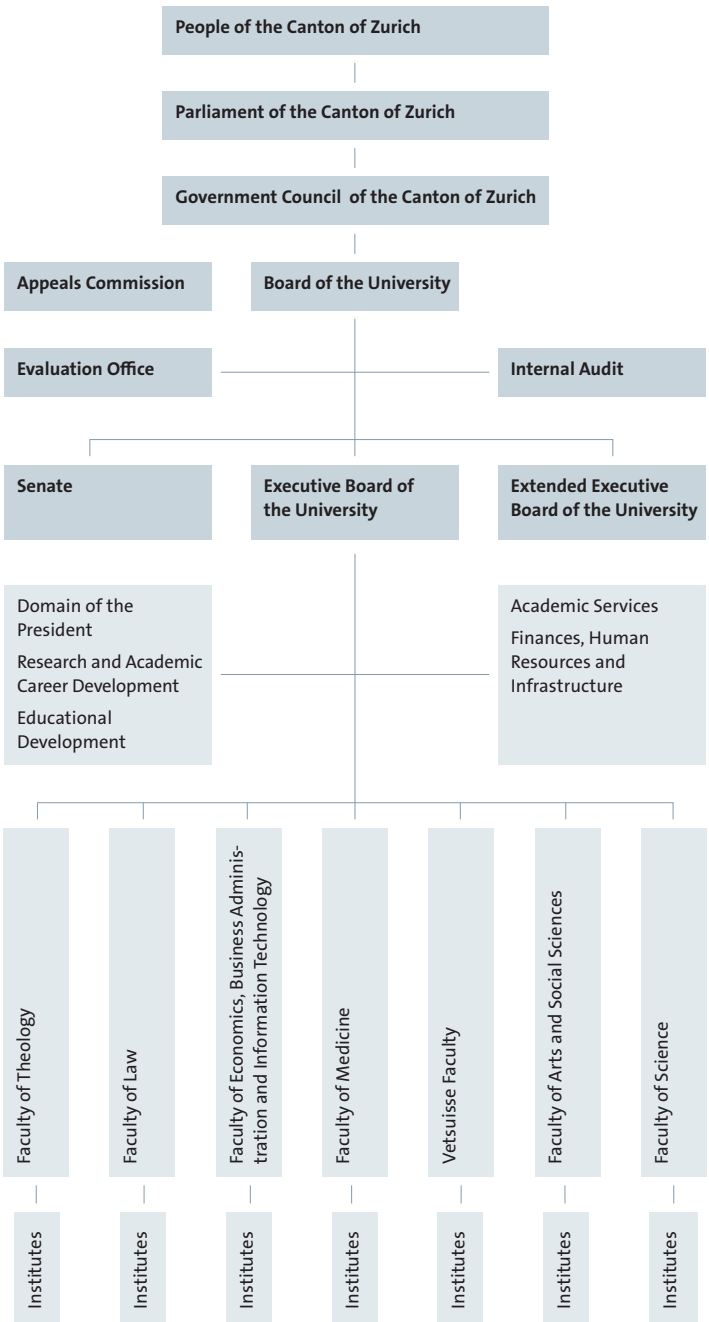
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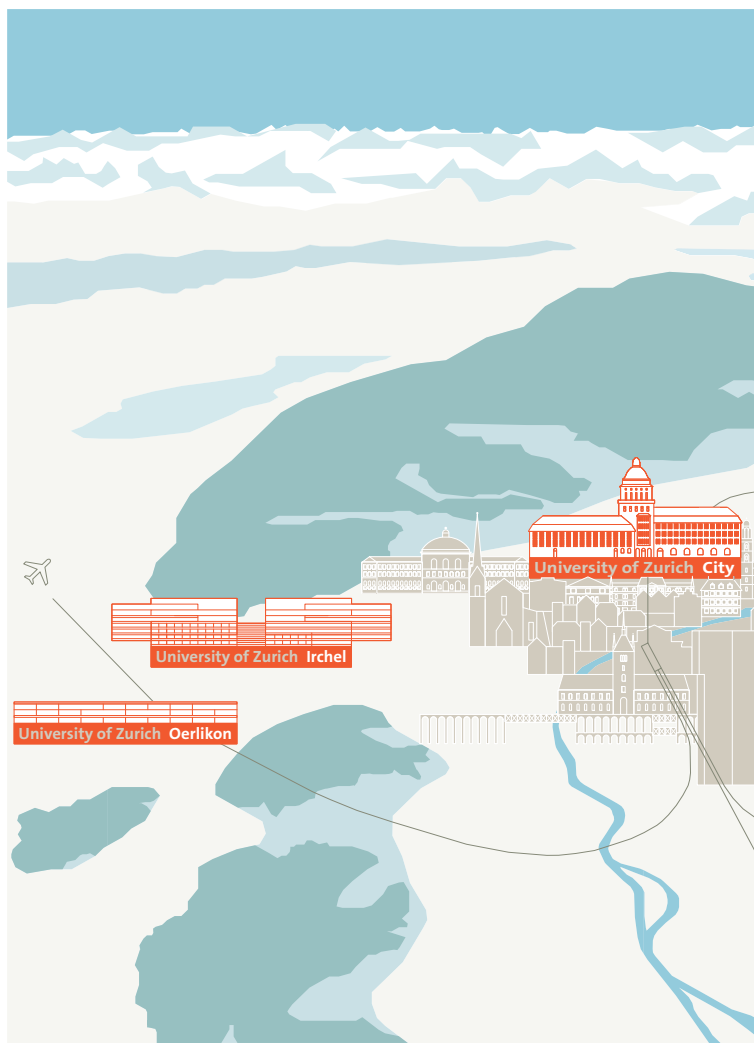
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# One University Four Campuses



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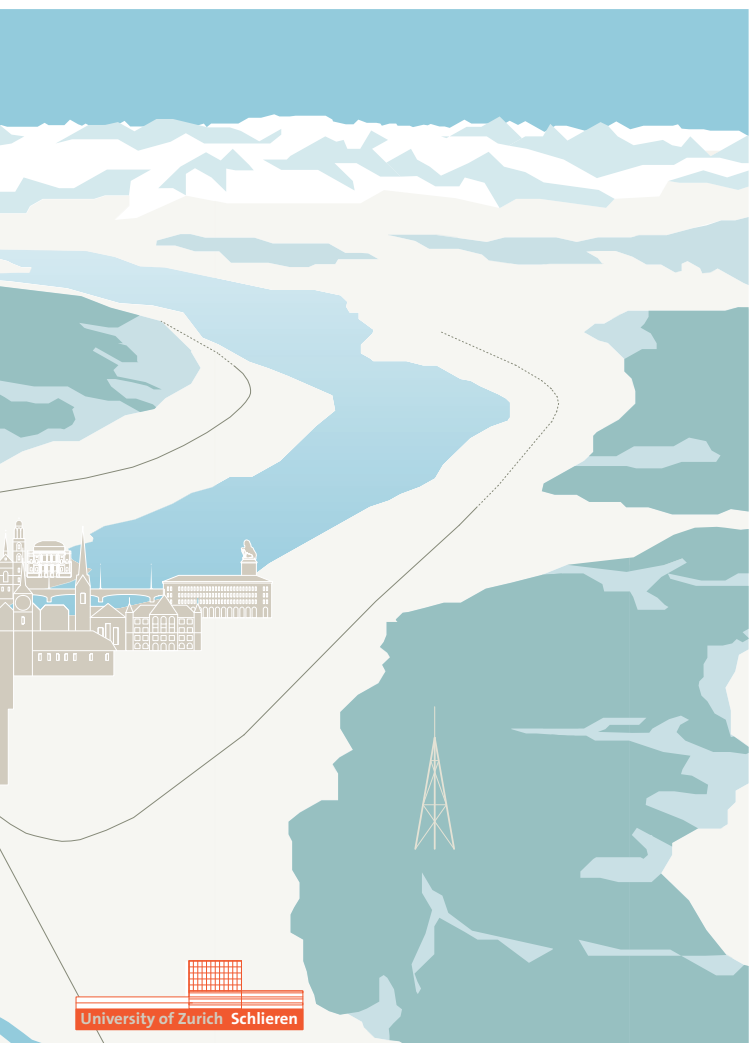
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