



University of  
Zurich<sup>UZH</sup>

# Facts & Figures



2015

# University of Zurich



## Founded in 1833

The University of Zurich (UZH) is 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.



## Studying at UZH

The University's seven faculties offer a wide variety of Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD programs. More than 5,000 academic staff (including 634 professors) research and teach at the University's 150 institutes.



## Research-Based Teaching

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.



## Member of LERU

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



## Excellence in Medicine

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.



## Twelve Nobel Prizes

The University's international standing is reflected in the many distinctions awarded to its members over the years, including 12 Nobel Prizes.



## Outreach

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, and lecture series.



## Joint Ventures

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



## Continuing Education

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



## Collaboration

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

# 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
- URPP 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 inter-faculty 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.

# UZH – 2015 Highlights

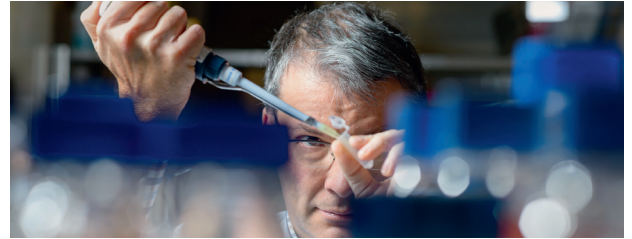


**The Intricate Web of Banking.** Interconnectedness in the banking sector increases the risk of financial crises. Financial market specialist Stefano Battiston conducts detailed analyses of the banking network to develop a basis for an early warning system.

**Closing the Gap.** UZH has grand construction designs for the coming decades. The long-term strategy is underway and key projects have already been realized at various sites.

**Bologna Reform.** The University of Zurich is redesigning its study programs: By 2020, Bachelor's degree programs will be dedicated to a broad academic education, while specialization will be reserved for the Master's level.

**Broken Hearts.** A ventricle that looks like a Japanese octopus trap, and symptoms resembling a coronary: UZH's cardiologists are researching the mysterious and dangerous "broken heart syndrome."



**Antibodies against Cancer.** A biotech firm is developing a new cancer antibody that also improves the patient's sense of well-being – innovations that are based on the research of UZH dermatologist Thomas Kündig.

**The Best for Baby.** It is not yet known why breastfeeding protects children from illness and infection. This is set to change thanks to the establishment of the world's first medical professorship for human lactation research at UZH.

**From Theory to Therapy.** UZH and ETH Zurich have created a new research center thanks to a generous donation from entrepreneur Hansjörg Wyss. The new Wyss Translational Center strives to quickly translate innovative ideas from basic research into practice.

**Dialectics on Dialect.** The Swiss are proud of their dialects – and have their reservations about high German. This is set to change thanks to linguist Christa Dürscheid's thought-provoking work on regional variation in the grammar of standard German.

# UZH in Figures

## Students in 2015

# 25 358

Students 25 634 (2014)

# 4 612

New Students 4 229 (2014)

# 6 172

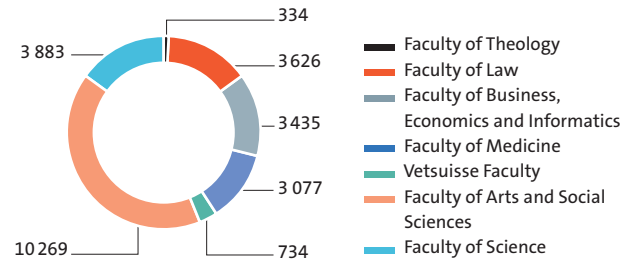
Degrees Awarded 5 932 (2014)

PhD Degrees

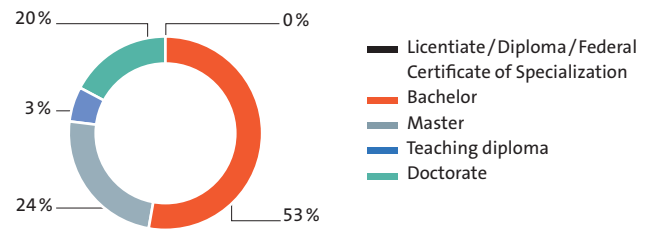
**724** 719 (2014)

All information given on this page:  
Excluding Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) programs and students from  
other universities attending UZH in a mobility or exchange program

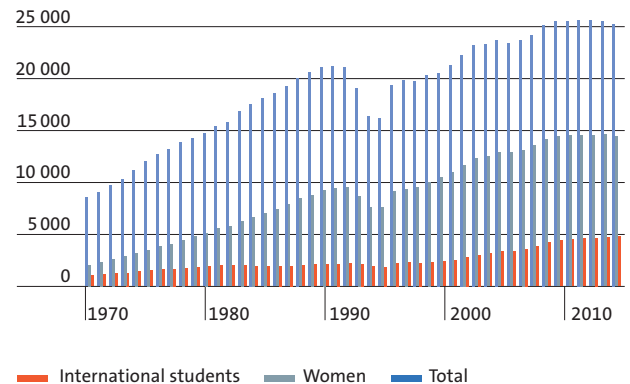
### Students by Faculty



### Students by Academic Level



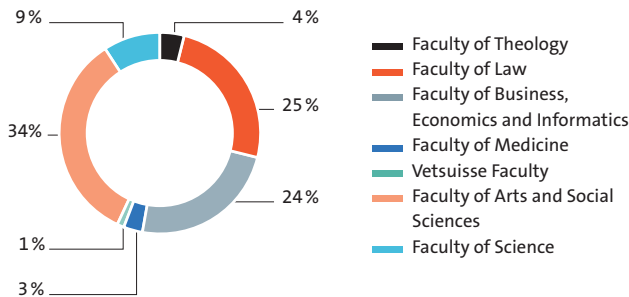
### Enrollment since 1970



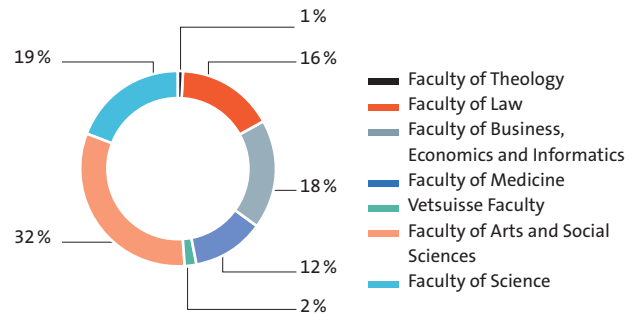
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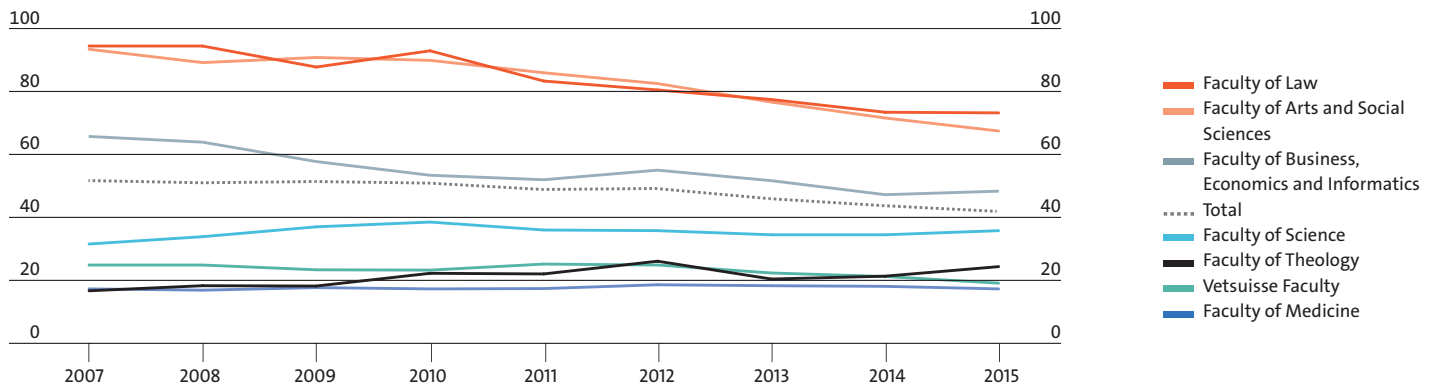
### Mobility Students (incomings and outgoings) by Faculty



### New Students by Faculty



### Student to Instructor Ratio



The student to instructor ratio indicates the number of students majoring in a subject per professor in that subject.

Professors = full and associate professors, assistant professors (including externally funded professors)

# UZH in Figures

## Teaching Staff in 2015

# 4 654

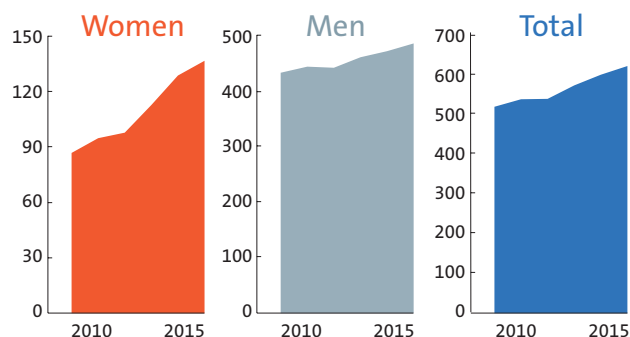
Teaching Staff 4 524 (2014)

Professors

# 634

612 (2014)

Professors: Gender Mix (2010 to 2015)



### Teaching Staff

	Total	Professors	Adjunct Professors	Privatdozents	Mandated Teaching Staff
Faculty of Theology	70	14 <sup>1</sup>	9	12	35 <sup>3</sup>
Faculty of Law	180	52 <sup>1</sup>	28	27	73 <sup>3</sup>
Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics	293	74 <sup>1</sup>	17	30	172 <sup>3</sup>
Faculty of Medicine	2 222	182 <sup>1,2</sup>	316	462	1 262 <sup>3</sup>
Vetsuisse Faculty	150	39 <sup>1</sup>	19	28	64 <sup>3</sup>
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	1 125	158 <sup>1</sup>	86	91	790 <sup>3</sup>
Faculty of Science	573	115 <sup>1,2</sup>	41	76	341 <sup>3</sup>
UZH Central Services / Not Member of a UZH Faculty	41	0	0	1	40 <sup>3,4</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 654</b>	<b>634<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>516</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>2 777</b>

<sup>1</sup> Full, associate, and assistant professorships

<sup>2</sup> Including dual professors not employed by UZH

<sup>3</sup> Including ETH and visiting professors

<sup>4</sup> Mandated teaching staff at the Language Center

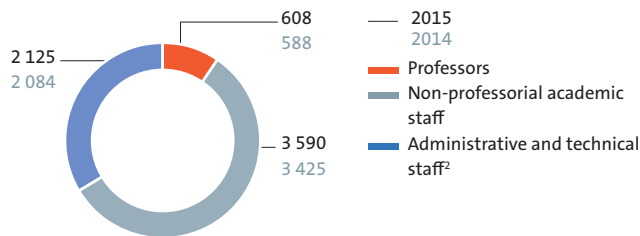
<sup>5</sup> Excluding the UZH President and the Head of the Evaluation Office

By number of persons

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## Staff in 2015

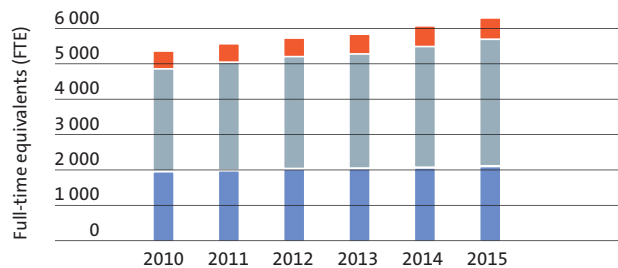
### Staff<sup>1</sup>



### Total

**6 323** 6 098 (2014)

### Staff 2010–2015



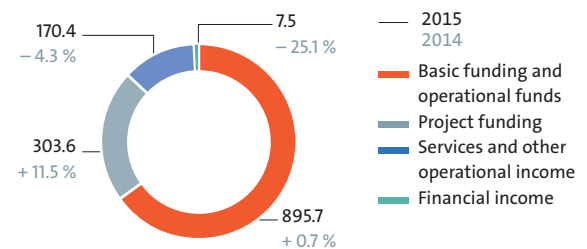
- Professors
- Non-professional academic staff
- Administrative and technical staff

<sup>1</sup> Given in full-time equivalents (FTE) as at 31 December

<sup>2</sup> Excluding apprentices and trainees

# Finances in 2015

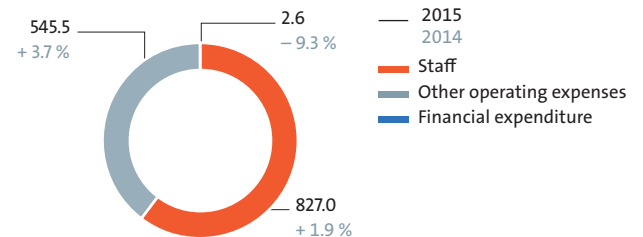
### Income 2015 (in CHF millions)



### Total

**1 377.2** 1 350.1 (2014)

### Expenditure 2015 (in CHF millions)



### Total

**1 375.1** 1 340.2 (2014)



# University Governance

Status: February 2016

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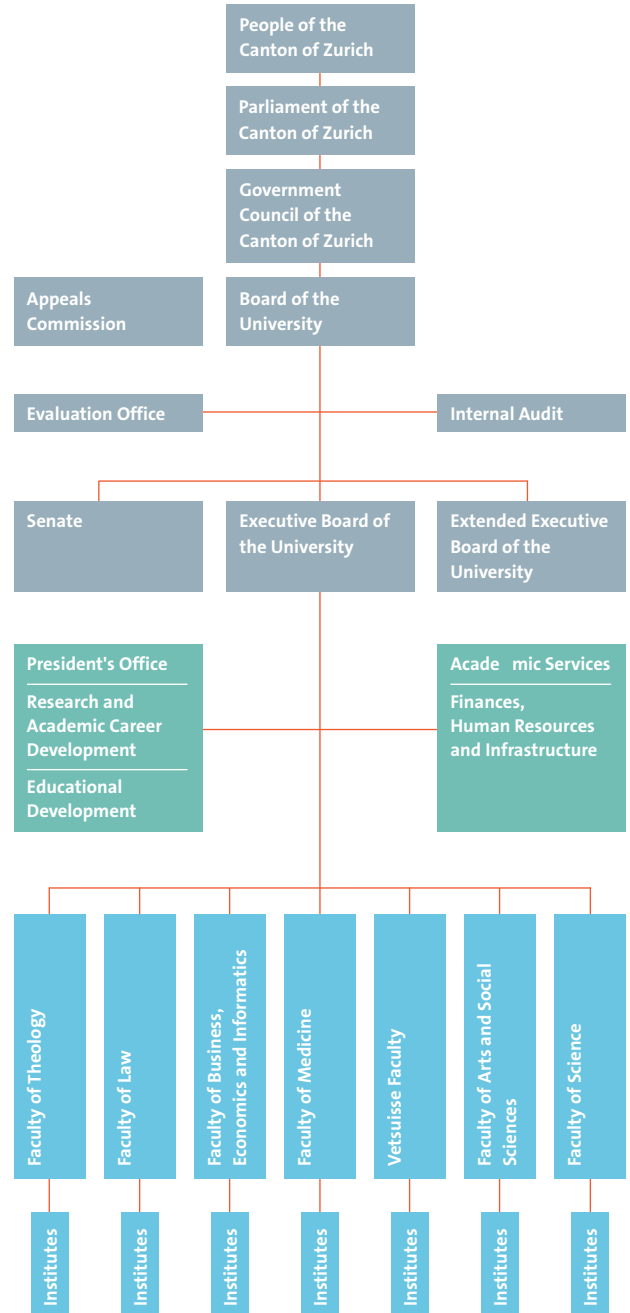
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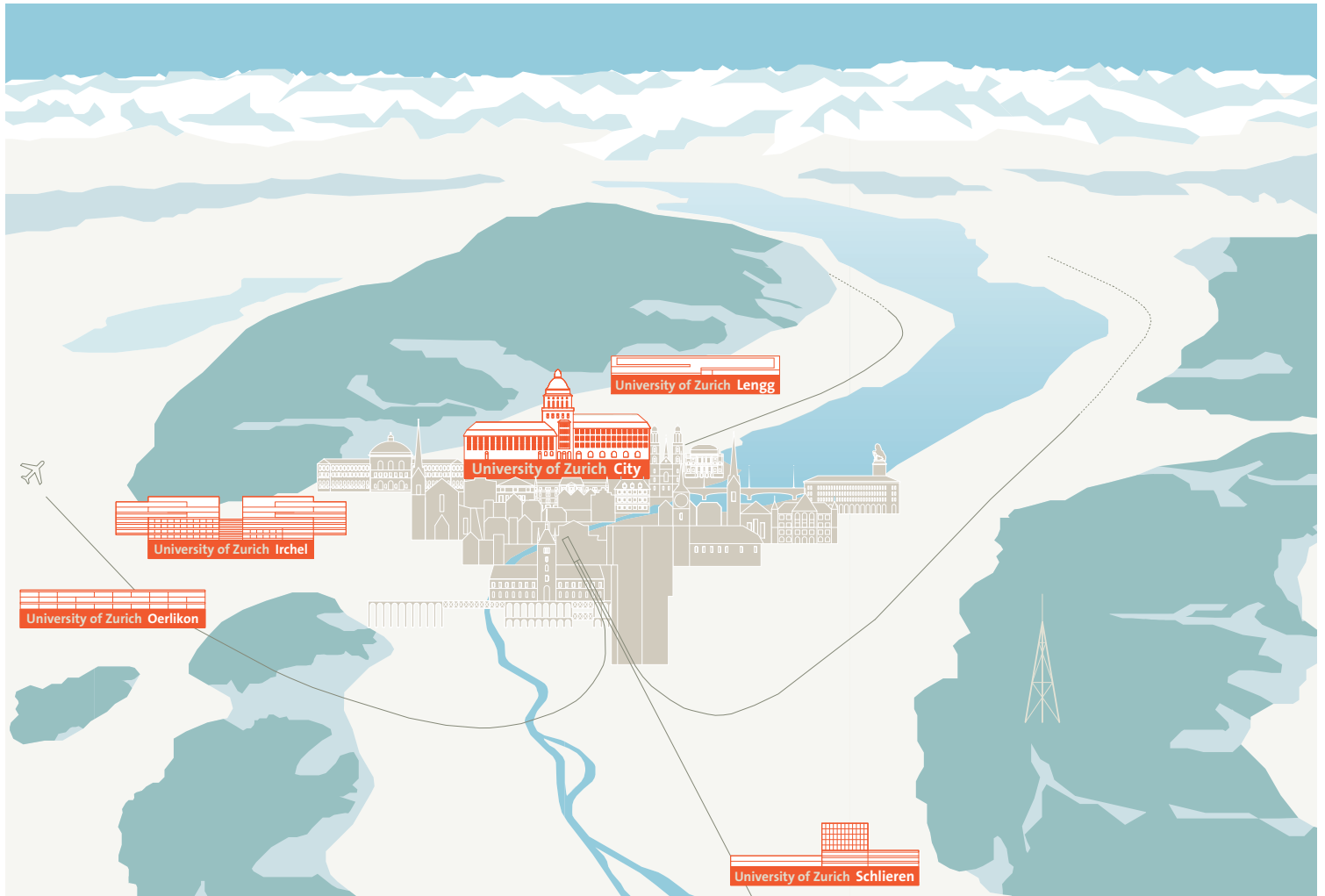
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**Irchel Campus**  
Winterthurerstrasse 190  
8057 Zurich

**City Campus**  
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**Lengg Campus**  
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