**President’s Fund**

The University of Zurich’s success has been built on excellent research and teaching for over 180 years. To drive progress in research and teaching, the UZH Foundation – a tax-exempt, non-profit foundation – is actively seeking donations from private individuals, foundations and companies to fund projects and advance budding careers as well as to provide added infrastructure. Donations and legacies made to the President’s Fund increase UZH’s scope for action and help us tackle the great challenges of the present and the future.

UZH is well on track

With a current enrollment of over 25,000 students, the University of Zurich is the largest university in Switzerland, and with around 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 634 professors) research and teach at the University’s 150 institutes. UZH is synonymous with internationally competitive research and research-based teaching. And as a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), it is one of Europe’s most prestigious research institutions. This is reflected in the many distinctions awarded to UZH, not least its 12 Nobel laureates.

**Seven outstanding faculties**

The Faculty of Theology carries out in-depth research on Zurich’s legacy and importance as a historical center of the Reformation. UZH’s Faculty of Law is the largest of its kind in Switzerland and researches all areas of law, including civil law, criminal law and public law. The Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics is the most research-intensive economics faculty in the country, also taking up a leading position in Europe. The Faculty of Medicine also sets itself apart thanks to its high-quality research and application of research and enjoys a high standing. One of the best university centers for veterinary medicine across Europe, the Vetuisse Faculty carries out high-quality research and provides basic and top-level veterinary healthcare for Switzerland. The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences is UZH’s largest and most diverse faculty and examines aspects of culture, history and society from a global and local perspective. The Faculty of Science’s areas of specialization include the life sciences, computational science as well as experimental and theoretical astrophysics. It ranks among the world’s best in many of its fields.

«Switzerland has an excellent international standing as an hub for research. Let’s make sure this doesn’t change.»

Prof. Dr. Michael Hengartner, President of UZH
Private donations

UZH has established a leading international position in many research fields and plans to further strengthen its standing. But doing so requires more than the University’s core funding, which is provided by the Canton of Zurich and the federal government. This is why the UZH Foundation is looking to acquire additional private funds through donations and legacies. Many alumni who have remained loyal to their alma mater continue to support us. But we also receive donations from other private individuals, foundations and companies that want to promote research and teaching at UZH.

Donations made to the President's Fund aren’t earmarked for any specific purpose. This allows the President and the Executive Board of the University to respond to the most pressing current needs.

Facts at a glance

What's the purpose?
Donations and legacies for the President’s Fund provide the President and the Executive Board of the University with a flexible and quick way of supporting urgent projects. People or organizations that donate to the President’s Fund allow the Executive Board of the University to decide itself whether the funds will be used to fund grants for junior academics, to buy new equipment or to finance research or infrastructure projects. Every donation makes a difference and benefits UZH.

What's the goal?
The UZH Foundation is happy about every donation it receives. Our aim is to raise funds in the amount of CHF 10 million for the President’s Fund by 2020.

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