



Dear Partner,

Some time ago, our exchange agreement has been established. We are happy to give you and our students the opportunity to study at another university in a different country. To facilitate our cooperation, we would like to point out the following:

PhD students

- Students at PhD-level are welcome at the University of Zurich. Yet, it is more difficult for us to host them, if they are more than 28 years old. So far, the contingent on student rooms offered by our housing office comprises rooms for students up to the age of 28. Students older than 28 years must be aware that they have to find housing on their own. We will of course send them relevant information for the search, but ultimately, it will be their own responsibility. Moreover, age also affects the chances of getting a study visa in Switzerland. The migration authorities make decisions on an individual basis and take into account a number of factors.
- PhD students who intend doing an exchange stay at UZH have two possibilities: either they come for course work or for research. Students coming to UZH for course work need to hand in a tentative study plan with courses of at least 20 ECTS. PhD students coming for research need to hand in a confirmation of a UZH professor who is willing to supervise the student (please see the attachment "PhD Research Stay"). The PhD student is in charge of finding a suitable supervisor. Either the study plan or the confirmation of the UZH professor has to be uploaded together with the other application documents.

Funding

- Students coming to our university as exchange students may apply for a scholarship offered by the Heyning-Roelli Foundation. Please inform your students that the stipends the foundation grants do not cover the entire cost for the journey to Switzerland and the living costs. The foundation's grants usually do not exceed CHF 5'000 per semester, whereas students have to expect monthly expenses of at least CHF 1'620.- (see: <https://www.int.uzh.ch/en/in/finances.html>) – not including the traveling. Students must be able to either contribute their own funds or find an additional source of money. We reserve the right to ask students to prove that they have enough financial means before accepting them.

Important

Instead of coming through the exchange agreement and applying for a Heyning-Roelli scholarship, PhD students have the possibility to apply for a research grant offered by the Swiss Federation. For more information, please consult the following website: <https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbfi/en/home/education/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships.html>

This program is highly competitive but the benefits are very attractive.