

Strategic orientation of ETH Zurich in 2012-2016

Education

At every stage of education, there is an element of internationalism, as appropriate to the academic objectives of the course. The admission criteria are transparent. At Master level, students are selected on the basis of their performance and the available capacity.

Research

ETH Zurich supports fundamental research. In future, research technologies will increasingly be organised in the form of platforms. These will encourage interdisciplinary cooperation and cut costs.

Knowledge transfer

The transfer of knowledge and technology between the university, society and business is a top priority for ETH. It encourages an entrepreneurial attitude among students and researchers.

Self-image

ETH Zurich sees itself as an institution with regional and national roots that is fully integrated in the international academic community. It engages in higher education and fundamental research of the highest standard.

Sustainable growth

In its plans for the future, ETH Zurich is forecasting moderate growth: by 2020, it expects to have approximately 20,000 students, 1000 professors and senior scientists and a budget of 2 billion Swiss francs.

Culture of empowerment

ETH Zurich encourages a culture of empowerment. It makes space for creativity and supports innovative ideas.

Management culture

The defining characteristics of the management culture at ETH Zurich are responsibility and respect, and it relies on the expertise of its employees, regardless of their gender or origins.

Policy of excellence

The most important instrument in the strategic positioning of ETH Zurich is the upholding of a rigorous policy of excellence when making appointments. It attracts its professors from all over the world.

Partnerships

ETH Zurich is a preferred partner for leading national and international universities. It accepts responsibility for ensuring the future viability of all Swiss universities.

Finance & infrastructure

Financial autonomy for all constituent entities is in keeping with the culture of empowerment at ETH Zurich. Between 2012 and 2016, it will invest a billion Swiss francs in its physical infrastructure.