

The International Knowledge Base – ETH Zurich connected to the world

The International Knowledge Base (IKB) contains information on ETH Zurich's international contacts, exchange programmes and collaboration links. The web platform features a global report and detailed reports which are available per country, institution, department and professor.

Amongst others, the IKB is useful:

For professors

Being approached by students looking for a supervisor for their doctorate, professors can find out who already collaborates with the home university of these students.

For departments

ETH departments are confronted with many requests from other universities. Knowing about individual faculty contacts and existing agreements provides a basis for informed decisions.

For students

ETH students who would like to write their Bachelor or Master thesis abroad can find information on the institutions their supervisor collaborates with and on existing student exchange programmes or bilateral agreements.

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ETH scientists are collaborating with their peers all around the world.

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The international office at ETH Zurich



ETH Zurich – an international environment

As a leading science and technology research university, ETH Zurich is an important member of the international scientific community. Its researchers collaborate with their peers around the world to find solutions to the current and upcoming global challenges.

Facts and figures

- 36 % international Master students
- 65 % international doctoral students
- 70 % professors from abroad
- More than 6000 research contacts worldwide
- Singapore-ETH Centre for Environmental Sustainability

Global strategy – the goals

In the global strategy ETH Zurich defines three main goals for its international activities.

Educating future leaders and experts

ETH Zurich aims at attracting outstanding talent and educating visionary, responsible graduates who are prepared for the global job market.

Addressing challenging and complex research topics

ETH Zurich provides an enabling environment for scientists to contribute innovative solutions on topics of highest relevance for present and future generations.

Positioning ETH Zurich as a forward-looking global research university

ETH Zurich strives for global visibility and recognition as a leading research university in the service of society.

ETH Global – the team for international relations

ETH Global is responsible for implementing the global strategy of ETH Zurich. It fosters international partnerships in research and education and enhances ETH Zurich's visibility abroad.

ETH Global

- shapes and develops the international relations of ETH Zurich;
- coordinates global institutional and educational affairs;
- creates platforms for an interdisciplinary dialogue on global issues;
- supports ETH faculty in research for development;
- represents ETH Zurich in alliances with leading universities;
- manages the Leading House activities for Switzerland's bilateral research cooperation in Asia;
- complements the graduate and doctoral student recruitment activities of the departments abroad;
- increases the visibility of ETH Zurich among partner institutions;
- provides ETH faculty with platforms for presenting their success stories abroad;
- hosts visits of institutional delegations at ETH Zurich;
- and communicates international opportunities within ETH Zurich.

Key activities mandated to ETH Global

Leading House for bilateral research cooperation with Asia

The bilateral research cooperation programmes of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation furthers scientific collaboration between Switzerland and selected partner countries. ETH Zurich is the Leading House for the bilateral cooperation with China, Japan and South Korea. In addition, this role covers further countries in the Asia-Pacific region that offer significant scientific and technological development potential.

Maintenance of a strong institutional network around the world

ETH Zurich is member of several alliances with leading universities. In 2013 and 2014, ETH President Ralph Eichler is Chairman of the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) and the IDEA League. Many other networks and bilateral agreements support individual faculty members and enable exchange and collaboration with the global scientific community.

Internal and external networking to promote “science and development”

ETH Zurich contributes to the intellectual and academic capacity development worldwide and positions itself in a world of rapid global transformation. Many of its scientists are active in the Swiss and international research for development (R4D) community, benefiting from third-party funded research and capacity development programmes related to developing countries.

