

ADMISSION

WHAT IS THE ADMISSION PROCEDURE TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMS AT ICS?

Please visit our website <https://www.ics.uzh.ch/en/studies/phd.html> for information as well as factsheets and forms.

I COMPLETED MY 4-YEAR BACHELOR AND 1-YEAR MASTER. CAN I JOIN THE PHD PROGRAM?

If the program director has accepted you in their program, you will most likely need to do some mandatory courses during the first two years of the PhD and gather ECTS points (in addition to the required 12 ECTS of the PhD). The number of additional ECTS points shall be confirmed by the program director.

I OBTAINED MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH FOCUS ON DATA SCIENCE FROM THE ZURICH UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES. CAN I START THE PHD PROGRAM WITHOUT ANY CONDITIONS?

In such cases, additional 30 ECTS credits must be obtained on top of the required 12 ECTS credits. At least 100 teaching hours within our faculty of science (MNF) must also be completed and you need a professor with the right to award a PhD title ("Promotionsrecht") as your supervisor.

I AM OBLIGED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL 30 ECTS CREDITS ON TOP OF THE REQUIRED 12 ECTS. COMPLETING ALL THE EXTRA COURSES WILL RESULT IN 32 ECTS CREDITS. CAN THE 2 EXTRA ECTS BE APPLIED TO THE REQUIRED 12 ECTS (THEREBY LEAVING ONLY 10 REMAINING)?

This is not possible.

WHO VERIFIES MY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS?

The Admissions Office is only responsible for the supervision of the formal admission requirements, whereas the academic ones are evaluated by the Faculty. Link to details about the admission process: <https://www.uzh.ch/cmssl/en/studies/application/doctoralstudies.html>.



WHERE SHOULD I SEND MY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO?

The University of Zurich only accept applications, when they were filed through the [Application Portal](#).

Candidates are told to collect all necessary documents, create an account in the portal, fill out the form and upload the documents and, finally, pay the fees.

WHAT ARE THE FEES TO PAY?

Please see the table: <https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/studies/application/fees.html>.

WHO IS MY POINT OF CONTACT WITH REGARD TO THE RETROACTIVE MATRICULATION?

Please contact the Admissions Office.

I AM EMPLOYED AS A PHD CANDIDATE IN THE COMPUTATIONAL GENOMICS GROUP AT ZHAW AND I WOULD LIKE TO APPLY TO THE PHD PROGRAM IN DATA SCIENCE AT UZH. I AM ALREADY ACCEPTED BY THE PHD NETWORK IN DATA SCIENCE FROM ZHAW, AND I STARTED THE ADMISSION PROCESS FOR THE ADMISSION OFFICE AT UZH. DO I ALSO HAVE TO APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE PHD PROGRAM IN DATA SCIENCE?

Yes. In the first step, you will need to fill out a document "confirmation of supervision" and have it signed by your ZHAW advisor and your UZH MNF professor. In the second step, please fill out "confirmation of acceptance". It will need to be signed by your UZH MNF professor, followed by the director of the program. Both documents have to be uploaded to your MNF Student Admin Tool.

WHEN CAN A PHD STUDENT MOVE TO UZH FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSITY?

A switch is only possible in the first year of the doctoral studies. The required number of teaching hours and ECTS points must be obtained at UZH if the student wants to get a diploma from UZH.

