



Welcome Program for Exchange Students

Fall Semester 2026

Dear Student,

Welcome to the University of Zurich (UZH)!

To help make your arrival in Zurich and at our university as smooth as possible, we warmly invite you to join our Welcome Program!

Welcome Program

The events organized by our office are highlighted in dark gray. For other events that are organized by a faculty/department, student associations or the Language Center, please contact them directly.

Please note that the participation in **EITHER** the Information Session on Wednesday, September 2, **OR** Friday, September 11 is **mandatory** for all exchange students and that attendance will be checked. Both sessions cover the same content.

We also highly recommend attending the Intercultural Workshop on Thursday, September 10. It offers insights into Swiss culture and aims to equip you with useful tools for a happy and successful start to your exchange experience.

Places for the other events organized by us are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration for [these events](#) starts on **August 27 at 9:00 AM (CET)**.

Event Overview

Week 36 (August 31 to September 4)

Mon, Aug 31		Start of the intensive German courses: <i>For information, please contact the Language Center directly.</i>
Wed, Sep 2	4:30 – 6:00 PM KOL-F-101	Information Session 1: <i>We will guide you through the administrative matters you need to take care of at the beginning of your stay and introduce the key services available at UZH.</i> Click here to sign up for this event.

Week 37 (September 7 to September 11)

Thu, Sep 10	4:30 – 6:00 PM KOL-F-101	Intercultural Workshop: <i>Our invited speaker will offer an interactive workshop about multicultural experiences, cultural perception, values and the ‘dos & don'ts’ in Switzerland.</i> Click here to sign up for this event.
Fri, Sep 11	4:30 – 6:00 PM KOL-G-201	Information Session 2: <i>We will guide you through the administrative matters you need to take care of at the beginning of your stay and introduce the key services available at UZH.</i> Click here to sign up for this event.

Week 38 (September 14 to September 18)

Mon, Sep 14		Start of lectures
Mon, Sep 14	6:30 – 7:30 PM KOH-B-10	Welcome Event of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics (for students of this faculty only) .
Tue, Sep 15	8:30 – 10:30 AM TBD	Welcome Event of the Faculty of Law (for students of this faculty only) .
Tue, Sep 15	6:30 – 7:30 PM AFL-F-121	Welcome Event of the Department of Political Science (for students of this department only)

Please also refer to any information given by your faculty or your study program.

Erasmus Student Network

The *Erasmus Student Network (ESN)* also organizes a variety of Welcome Events for incoming exchange students, including a Welcome Week taking place from 12 to 27 September 2026. These events are a great opportunity to meet fellow students, explore your new surroundings, and begin your exchange experience.

For more information about the Welcome Week and other ESN activities, please visit the ESN [webpage](#).

ESN also offers a Buddy System, which connects incoming exchange students with experienced local or international student volunteers to help them settle into university life. If you would like to participate, you can sign up [here](#).

Student Associations

On page 4 of this document, you will find a list of student associations that will help you to settle into your new city and university.

Student Cards and Proofs of Matriculation

Student Cards and Proofs of Matriculation will be handed out at the Information Sessions 1 and 2 on Wednesday, September 2 and Friday, September 11.

Scholarships

This concerns all students who have been informed by us that they will be receiving a scholarship for their exchange stay at UZH and have signed a Grant Agreement. Due to restricted opening hours of the cash desk, you will only be able to pick up your scholarship during certain dates and hours.

To receive your scholarship form, please register for a time slot [here](#). Please note that each time slot is limited to 27 students and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. You can only pick up your scholarship form on the day you registered for. After collecting the form at our office (room KOL-E-17, UZH main building), you will need to go directly to the UZH cash desk to collect your scholarship payment in cash.

Also, our [website](#) might be of help for the preparation of your exchange.

We look forward to seeing you soon here in Zurich!

Kind regards,
Your Incoming Team

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Student Associations at UZH

Several student associations organize events for exchange students and regular UZH students throughout the year or offer a mentoring/buddy system to encourage contact between local students and exchange students. We highly recommend contacting the **student association of your field of study**. A list of all the student associations can be found [here](#).

- **The Student Association of Art History (FVKHIST):** info@fvkhist.ch
- **The Student Association of Business and Economics (FVOEC)** offers a buddy system, please contact oeceexchange@fvoec.ch if you are interested, for anything else, please refer to this email info@fvoec.ch
- **The Student Association of Biology and Biomedicine (BiUZ):** Offers a buddy system and if you are interested in applying for a buddy, please contact dienstleistungen@biuz.ch, for anything else please contact kontakt@biuz.ch.
- **The Student Association of Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Business Chemistry (Atomoi)** offers a buddy system and is a happy to answer your questions: info@atomoi.ch
- **The Student Association of Communication Studies:** <https://fachverein.com>
- **The Student Association of the English Department (FAVA; <https://www.favauzh.ch>)** offers a buddy system and is a happy to answer your questions: fava@es.uzh.ch
- **The Student Association of Geography offers a buddy system and if you are interested, please sign up** via email: geoteam@geo.uzh.ch
- **The Student Association of German Language and Literature** (<https://www.gift.uzh.ch/de.html>) offers a buddy system and is happy to answer your questions: gift@ds.uzh.ch
- **The Student Association of History** (<https://fvhist.ch>) is happy to answer your questions and offers a buddy system: fvhist@hist.uzh.ch
- **The Student Association of Informatics (ICU)** is happy to answer your questions: <https://icuzh.ch>
- **The Student Association of Japanese Studies** offers a buddy system and is happy to answer your questions: jap.fachverein@aoi.uzh.ch
- **The Student Association of Mathematics (FVM)** is happy to answer your questions: fvm@math.uzh.ch
- **The Student Association of Medicine** offers a buddy system. If you are interested in applying for a buddy, please contact Ms Monique Dupuis (monique.dupuis@dekmed.uzh.ch)
- **The Student Association of Physics (FPU)** offers a buddy system and if you are interested in applying for a buddy, please use the contact form: <https://www.fpu.uzh.ch/de/aboutus/contact.html>
- **The Student Association of Political Science** is happy to answer your questions: <http://fvpolitico.ch>. In order to apply for a buddy please contact mobility@ipz.uzh.ch.
- **The Student Association of Popular Culture Studies** is happy to answer your questions: pk-fachverein@isek.uzh.ch
- **The Student Association of Psychology** offers a buddy system and is happy to answer your questions: info@faps.ch
- **The Student Association of Theology and Study of Religions** is happy to answer your questions: fvtheorel@theol.uzh.ch