

Relocating at ETH Zurich

Information for dissertation supervisors currently supervising doctoral students

The legal basis for admission to doctoral studies at ETH is specified in the **ETH Zurich Ordinance on the Doctorate** of 1 January and the **Rector's Implementation Provisions for the Ordinance** on the Doctorate of 1 January 2022.

1. Doctoral students staying for a temporary period at ETH Zurich

Purpose:

Temporary research stay/study period at ETH. Doctoral students remain matriculated at their home university where they also conclude their doctoral studies.

Policy at ETH:

These doctoral students are granted the status of an "academic guest". They cannot be matriculated as doctoral students at ETH Zurich. Your contact for this status would be ETH Zurich Human Resources.

Important:

The **maximum duration** of this status is **2 years**. The students concerned must be declared as "academic guests" at the Canton of Zurich Migration Office **before** they enter Switzerland. It is therefore essential to inform ETH Zurich Human Resources as soon as possible, otherwise the Migration Office will not issue the residence permit. All necessary information can be found on this website:

<https://ethz.ch/staffnet/en/employment-and-work/international/before-you-arrive/academic-guest.html>

2. Doctoral students relocating at ETH Zurich

Purpose:

Conduct and conclude doctoral studies at ETH Zurich.

Policy at ETH

All candidates must hold a third level Master or similar degree to be admitted to doctoral studies at ETH Zurich.

Procedure:

Submission of a complete registration for the doctorate, including all required documents on the Doctoral Administration homepage:

<https://ethz.ch/en/doctorate/registration-admission/anmeldung-eapply.html>

There you can select the option "Transfer with Doctoral Thesis Supervisor".

Important:

Students who started their doctorate at a foreign university directly after their Bachelor's degree, or are in a fast-track programme, are basically not admitted to doctoral studies at ETH. If you should be admitted nonetheless, then the admission is in every case linked to an additional requirement package of up to 30 ECTS credits. Such candidates are strongly recommended to complete their doctoral studies at their home university. Please address any queries to the Doctoral Administration Office.

Each application for doctoral studies is individually assessed and the department concerned is contacted to decide on the admission requirements. If the basic requirements for doctoral studies at ETH Zurich are not fulfilled, the candidates concerned must take qualifying exams. Please address any queries to the Doctoral Administration Office.

3. Work contracts and entry formalities

ETH Zurich Human Resources and the ETH institute employing the doctoral student process the work contract and the entry formalities.

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