



Step by step - Preliminary information for International PhD candidates at the University of Basel

(with no claim to completeness)

1	Check before contacting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Do you possess a Master's degree (or equivalent)? (ii) Do you have the excellent skills required for the research cooperation you plan? (iii) Does the professor who will supervise you work in your field? (iv) Do you have the necessary language skills required for the research?
2	Finding a Supervisor at the University of Basel	To find a suitable supervisor check www.forschdb2.unibas.ch for project keywords and contact the principal investigator or browse the websites of the departments https://www.unibas.ch/en/Faculties-Departments~type=0bb42b8c-8f48-4ffa-ba46-82792f2c026f~.html
3	General Requirements for Doctoral Studies at the University of Basel	Admission as a doctoral candidate requires, in general, a Master's degree from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel . The doctoral degree regulations of the individual faculties (see doctoral disciplines) include additional provisions for the admission and subject-related requirements concerning equivalence and supervision. https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Admission/Admission-to-Doctoral-Studies.html
4	Supervision and Financial Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Each PhD-candidate must find an academic supervisor for their research project. (ii) The professor must agree to supervise and support the candidate during the whole research stay. (iii) The financing of the doctorate must be clarified with the supervisor in advance.
	<i>Scholarships</i>	ESCAS https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/en/home/bildung/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships-for-foreign-scholars-an.html https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/funding/search
	<i>PhD vacancies</i>	https://www.myscience.ch/jobs ; https://www.academics.ch/ https://www.findaphd.com/search/phd.aspx?CID=CH ; https://www.myscience.ch/jobs/phd_in_switzerland https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/
5	Entry Visa & Permits	Please check - mandatory > https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Visa---Residence-Permit-.html <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Proof of sufficient financial resources to cover the cost of living in Switzerland (ii) working constraints can be put in place by the authorities.
6	Costs of Living	Sample budget for living costs > see minimum budget for a student: https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Budget-Advice.html
	<i>Accommodation</i>	No university accommodation is provided: therefore please check https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Student-Life/Accommodation.html https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/Administration-Services/The-President-s-Office/International-Office/Welcome-Center/Moving-to-Switzerland/Living-Situation/Finding-Housing.html
	<i>Insurance</i>	Be aware of your insurance obligations: https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/Administration-Services/The-President-s-Office/International-Office/Welcome-Center/Life-in-Basel/Insurance.html https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Insurance.html Double-check if you are authorized to apply for exemption with the KVG, if your foreign insurance is accepted: https://www.kvg.org/en/application-and-request-for-exemption-online-residents-content---1--3097--1277.html An option for persons with a monthly income of less than CHF 3500.-: www.swisscare.com Premium reductions by the cantonal authorities can be requested if you have to enroll with a cantonal insurance agency.
7	Application to Doctoral Studies	https://www.unibas.ch/application
8	Checklist & Advice Student Social Services	Provides broad advice on topics such as disability, insurances, psychological topics, childcare etc. https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Social-Services-Healthcare.html
	<i>International Office >Student Exchange</i>	Provides information concerning exchange agreements and is responsible for the FCS/ESKAS scholarship program at the University of Basel.
	<i>Int. Office>Welcome-/Euraxess Center</i>	Provides check-lists and advice, guiding you and your partner/family through the months before, during and after your move to the Basel area. https://www.unibas.ch/welcome