Switzerland’s Capital University

Doctoral Studies
Switzerland: one of the three most innovative research countries in the world (Global Innovation Index 2015)

Bern: Swiss capital and UNESCO World Heritage site

University of Bern: 8 faculties, ~460 professors, > 2,600 doctoral students of a total of > 17,500 students

Research areas of excellence: fundamental & high energy physics, space research, climate change, dentistry, medicine, membrane biology, biomedical engineering, development & environment, world trade regulation, and cognition, learning & memory

State of the art research: in theology, law, economics, business & social sciences, humanities, human sciences, veterinary medicine, medicine, and natural sciences

Requirements: recognised master degree and solid background in your field

Doctoral studies last: three to five years

Fees for doctoral candidates: 200 CHF per semester

Registration fee: 100 CHF

Three types of doctoral studies: Graduate schools: structured program including course work / Doctoral program: including course work / Individual doctorate: traditional research project on your own with supervisor

Doctoral students – 7 steps to take: 1 look for supervisor / 2 discuss your research project with him or her / 3 look for funding / 4 check with admission / 5 apply and register / 6 contact welcome center / 7 move to Bern and start as doctoral student

Doctoral Subjects
> Archaeology
> Art History
> Biology
> Business Administration
> Central Asian Studies
> Chemistry and Molecular Sciences
> Classical Philology
> Computer Science
> Dental Medicine
> Earth Sciences
> Eastern European Studies
> Economics
> Education
> English Languages and Literatures
> French Linguistics and Literature
> Gender Studies
> Geography
> German Language and Literature
> Global Studies
> History
> Human Medicine
> Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies
> Italian Linguistics and Literature
> Judaism
> Language and Society
> Law
> Linguistics
> Mathematics
> Molecular Life Sciences
> Musicology
> Philosophy
> Physics
> Political Science
> Psychology
> Public Administration
> Religious Studies
> Science of Religion
> Slavic Languages and Literatures
> Social Anthropology
> Sociology
> Spanish Linguistics and Literature
> Sport Science
> Statistics
> Theatre and Dance Studies
> Theology (Old Catholic and Protestant)
> Veterinary Medicine

Graduate Schools
> Berner Graduiertenschule für Strafrechtswissenschaft
> Graduate School of the Humanities
> Graduate School for Cellular and Biomedical Sciences
> Graduate School for Health Sciences
> Graduate School Gender Studies
> Graduate School of Climate Sciences
> Graduate School of Economic Globalisation and Integration at the World Trade Institute
> Graduate School of the Arts
> International Graduate School North-South
> Swiss Graduate School for Cognition, Learning and Memory

Strategic Research Centers
> Albert Einstein Center for Fundamental Physics
> ARTORG Center for Biomedical Engineering Research
> Center for Space and Habitability
> Center for Regional Economic Development
> Center of Competence for Public Management
> Centre for Development and Environment
> Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research
> World Trade Institute

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