



UniBE international



Strategy paper

The University of Bern understands its role as supporting social development and finding solutions to current problems (Strategy 2021, p. 7). In doing so, it is able to live up to its own vision statement: knowledge generates value.

In the 21st century, this role must be played within the context of global complexity and competing ideas and perspectives. While some competence centers, institutes and committed individuals at the University have been working effectively in international contexts for a long time, the University as a whole is now orienting toward international cooperation. For this reason the University of Bern has nominated internationalization as one of five cross-sectional issues, and intercultural knowledge as one of five focal points in its Strategy 2021 document.

In the future, the University will focus on creating worldwide awareness of the achievements of its researchers and teaching staff and it will work on improving its own framework for international cooperation. Moreover incentives will be introduced to promote an international orientation in all of the interconnected areas of the University – research, teaching, advanced training, administration, and counseling.

The following are the University's internationalization aims:

Excellence in research and teaching at the University of Bern is recognized by the international scientific community.

The University of Bern is part of a well-connected network of partner institutions and academic colleagues.

The University of Bern takes part in debates on international science policy.

An education at the University of Bern prepares its graduates for distinguished careers in academia as well as for the global job market.

Teaching at the University is innovative, of the highest quality, and inspired by an internationally diverse body of students and academic staff.

The University of Bern facilitates intercultural experiences for its students and staff, both at home and abroad.

The University is attractive to both young talent and senior researchers from all over the world. Doctoral candidates and postdocs in particular stand to benefit from an outstanding environment for intellectual debate, afforded by the rich international and intercultural setting.

Communicative, multilingual support staff provide advice and administrative services to students and researchers when starting at the University.