Switzerland’s Capital University

Doctoral Studies
Advancing your career: postgraduate studies at the highest level

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, ~560 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