

Pioneer Fellowships

For the development of ground-breaking ideas – for tomorrow's entrepreneurs

The path from an idea to a marketable product is often long and difficult for young scientists. Setting up a company requires not just courage but sufficient start-up capital, a support network and access to essential infrastructure. For this reason, around 10 to 15 Pioneer Fellowships are awarded each year by an expert panel.



Boosting pioneering ideas

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Our goal

ETH Zurich wishes to maintain and expand the Pioneer Fellowship, which is largely funded by donations. This programme gives ambitious young scientists the opportunity to commercialise the results of their research, so that innovative products or services can be brought to market as rapidly as possible for the benefit of society.

Your support enables

- ambitious young researchers to develop entrepreneurial skills
- 10 to 15 Pioneer Fellows a year to receive starting capital of CHF 150,000, as well as coaching and access to infrastructure
- ETH to further expand the programme, allowing even more young entrepreneurs to benefit

Overview of all Pioneer Fellows

Pioneer Fellowship impact report 2021



"Supporting budding entrepreneurs at ETH Zurich and seeing how they develop highly innovative products means a lot to me. And I look forward to the ideas and successes of many more passionate entrepreneurs in the future."

Gerhard E. Schmid, Dipl. El.-Ing. ETH
Donor of the ETH Foundation



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