

Annual report 2024: Spurring excellence



ETH Professor Caroline Dorn is investigating what exoplanets are made of in order to learn more about their formation and development. Her group is part of the Centre for Origin and Prevalence of Life.

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Over 2,700 donors and partners supported ETH Zurich philanthropically in 2024. The ETH Foundation annual report provides insights into the wide-ranging support for projects and individuals over the last year – from exceptionally talented Master’s students to a fellowship programme for AI-based improvements to the health system and even robotics.

Numerous individuals, foundations and companies supported ETH last year with more than 3,500 donations,

bequests and legacies amounting to over 160 million Swiss Francs.

Targeted funding for groundbreaking projects

The contributions provided impetus for development in areas where society urgently needs innovation: for example, Marco Hutter received the Rössler Prize – made possible by the donor Max Rössler – for his groundbreaking research in the field of robotics. In collaboration with ETH, the Bosch Health Campus launched a fellowship programme for patient-centric AI-based solutions in healthcare, while funding from the Georg H. Endress Foundation allowed the Student Project House to be expanded with a Life Sciences Makerspace.

Investment in the future

Numerous donors, foundations and companies renewed their commitment to young talent. Support for students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds, outstanding Master's students and up-and-coming young entrepreneurs strengthens the economy and society in the long term by fostering well-trained specialists with diverse backgrounds and ambitions. At the same time, it provides a framework for a key aspect of philanthropy at ETH Zurich: personal interactions between donors and recipients, along with mutual inspiration that often bears fruit for many years, as illustrated by the various profiles in the annual report 2024.

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