

Ten years later: the paths of scholarship recipients



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In 2010, 28 Excellence Scholarships were awarded. What paths have those talented scholarship recipients taken since, and what are they achieving today?

We'd like to introduce you to a few of them here. It is thanks to the contributions of donors as well as partners that ETH Zurich is able to provide the best possible support for excellent young talent for business, science and society.

Annina Bracher, Switzerland

- Started a Master's degree in electrical engineering and information technology in 2010 (awarded ETH Medal)
- Master's degree in electrical engineering from Princeton University
- Doctorate in electrical engineering and information technology at ETH (awarded ETH Medal)
- Internship at ABB in Bangalore on the topic of the "Smart Electricity Grid"
- Graduate programme at Swiss Re
- Currently Senior Solutions Manager at Swiss Re



Anastasios Tsiavos, Greece

- Started a Master's degree in civil engineering in 2010 (awarded the SGEB Master's prize)
- Doctoral studies in civil engineering; research and teaching assistant at ETH Civil and Earthquake Engineer at Henauer Gugler AG
- Postdoctoral Researcher on the SAFER project (Seismic Safety and Resilience of Schools in Nepal) at the University of Bristol, investigating a low-cost strategy for the seismic protection of structures in developing countries
- Currently Lecturer at the Institute of Structural Engineering at ETH Zurich, teaching the new course "Seismic Evaluation and Retrofitting of Existing Structures" (rated 4.8/5 by students in the spring semester of 2020)



Laura Corman, France

- Started a Master's degree in physics in 2010 (awarded the Willi Studer Prize)
- Doctoral studies at the Laboratoire Kastler Brossel in Paris
- Postdoctoral Researcher at the Institute for Quantum Electronics at ETH Zurich, management of a team of doctoral and Master's students
- Now an R&D Systems Engineer at X-Rite Pantone in Regensdorf, a company that specialises in colour management solutions



Sayed-Rzgar Hosseini, Iran

- Started a Master's degree in computational biology and bioinformatics in 2010
- Doctoral studies at the Department of Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Studies, University of Zurich
- Research Associate at the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute
- Now a Postdoctoral Fellow in cancer research at the European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI) in Hinxton near Cambridge (UK)



Kaspar Etter, Switzerland

- Started a Master's degree in computer science in 2010
- Co-founder of the ETH spin-off Synacts in the field of digital identity
- Former staff member and then Head of Engineering at the ETH spin-off Shift Cryptosecurity, which manufactures a hardware wallet for cryptocurrencies
- Seminar leader for computer science with the Swiss Study Foundation
- Member of Global Shapers Zurich, a World Economic Forum initiative
- Initiator of the "Superintelligence" lecture series on the opportunities and risks of artificial intelligence
- Currently an IT security specialist and freelance author at ef1p.com



Michel Frei, Switzerland

- Started a Master's degree in architecture 2010, exchange year at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design during studies
- Previous vocational training as a structural draughtsman and basic studies in economics and law at the University of St.Gallen (HSG)
- During studies, member of the editorial team of the architectural journal "trans" of ETH Zurich, later author in the area of architectural criticism
- Currently Project Director and Associate with the architecture firm Herzog & de Meuron



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