13 Excellence students from 12 departments and 5 Pioneer Fellows exchanged ideas with donors at this year’s Meet the Talent. The event could finally be held in person once again and was hosted for the first time by new ETH Zurich Rector Günther Dissertori.

For the first time since 2019, this year’s Meet the Talent was able to be held on site again, to the great pleasure of all concerned. Visitors assembled in the Audimax and online were welcomed by Günther Dissertori, the new Rector of ETH Zurich. He was particularly delighted to meet the donors face to face and stressed just how valuable promoting talented early-career researchers is: “Your support, your benevolence and your trust allow young talent to harness their potential to the full – benefiting science, business and society.”

As always, the focus was on dialogue, with 13 Excellence Scholars from 12 departments and 5 Pioneer Fellows presenting their projects.

In animated discussions, the students and researchers talked to donors about their work, which ranged from the fundamentals of quantum mechanics through to laser-based weeding robots and sunlight activated anti-fogging materials for lenses.
As well as gaining an insight into ongoing projects, the visitors also had the chance to find out more about the planned “ETH Centre for Students & Entrepreneurs”, a place where exchange will also be at the forefront. The Centre intends to bring student and business initiatives together and give young people the space to try out their ideas, practise networked thinking and hone their personal and social skills at the same time.

Recording of the plenary part (in German)

ETH Centre for Students and Entrepreneurs