

Annual report 2014

Developing new ideas, growing together

In Focus Projects,
Mechanical Engineering
students learn to develop
products independently.
Péter Fankhauser, now
a doctoral student, led the
team developing Rezero,
a robot that balances on a
sphere (Ballbot).



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Dear Donors and Partners

What does it take to turn bold ideas into compelling projects? Innovators dedicated to pursuing them, time to allow them to mature, and the resources required to implement them. If all this comes together, quantum leaps can be achieved – as was shown last year by the establishment of the Wyss Translational Center Zurich. Here, engineers, clinicians and scientists will work together to develop new medical treatments, prototypes and innovative products, with the aim of significantly improving the lives of patients and healthy people.

Your support for new professorships, budding talents and ambitious research projects has unleashed a flood of ideas – ideas for tackling key global challenges such as nutrition, water scarcity, energy and healthcare; ideas that could scarcely have been realized without your support. By funding scholarships, you have opened the way for outstanding students to receive the best possible education at the ETH. The pioneering spirit of these young talents and their commitment to innovation generate ideas and projects with the potential to transform our lives.

Fortunately, ETH Zurich can rely on solid basic financing from the federal government. But additional funding from private donations can make a crucial difference, creating space to explore promising new approaches, to address important topics without delay and to nurture exceptional individuals. This gives researchers the freedom they need to bring their projects to fruition. Your contributions help to launch research activities and to intensify world class research in strategically important areas.

In 2014, over 2000 private donors, foundations and companies contributed a total of CHF 153 million to support research and talents at ETH Zurich. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our donors and partners for your confidence and commitment. We are also grateful to the Executive Board, researchers and staff of ETH Zurich for their collaboration.

This annual report provides an overview of the wide variety of unique projects and individuals that benefited from your support over the past year. The latter, like us, look forward – with your continued support – to developing new ideas and growing together in the future.



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Why provide support?



Promote pioneering spirit

Your support can turn innovative ideas into products that benefit society (see p. 26).



Nurture talents

Your donations foster potential and innovation among outstanding young talents (see p. 25).

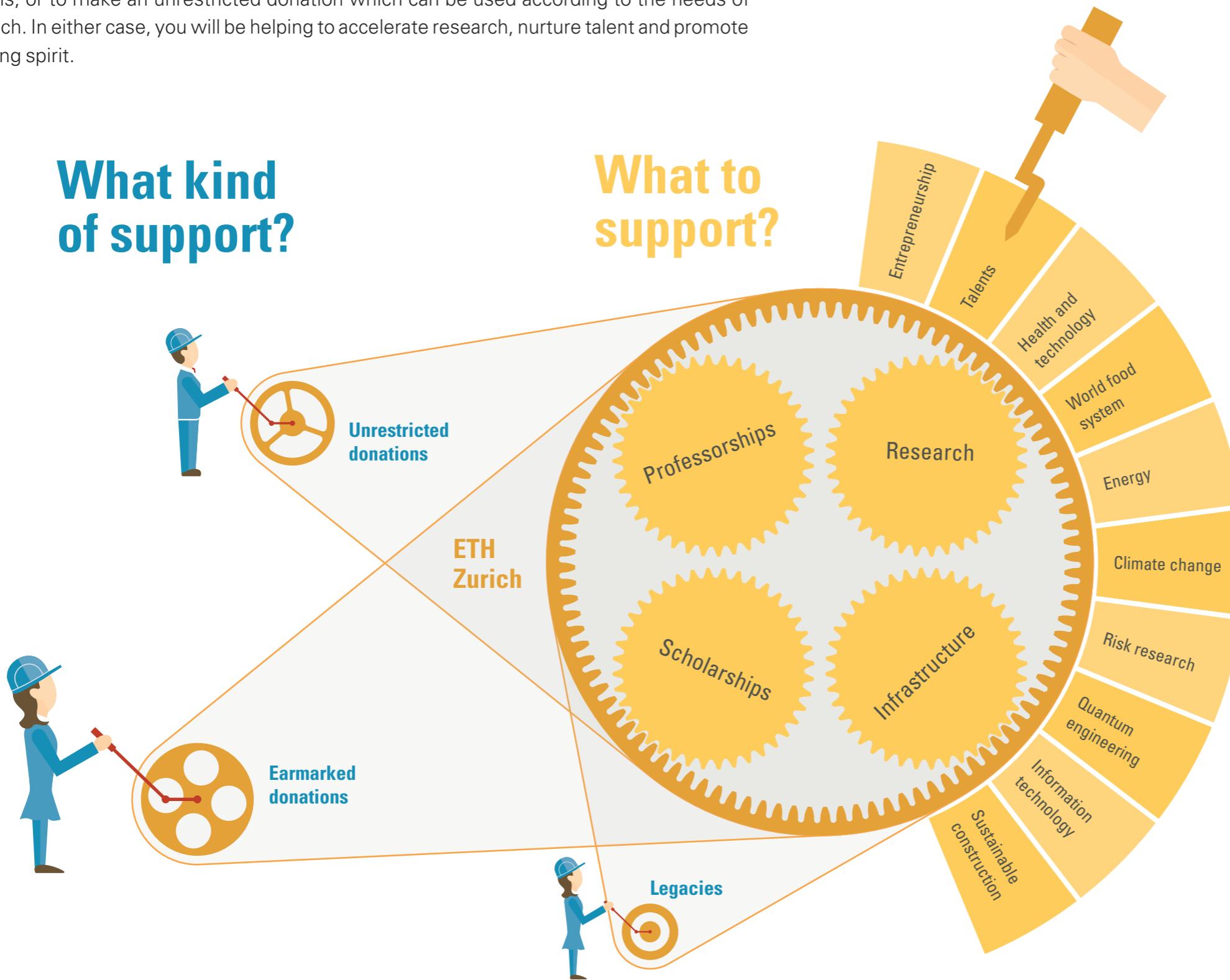


Accelerate research

Your commitment helps researchers to address key global issues more rapidly (see p. 16).

What kind of support?

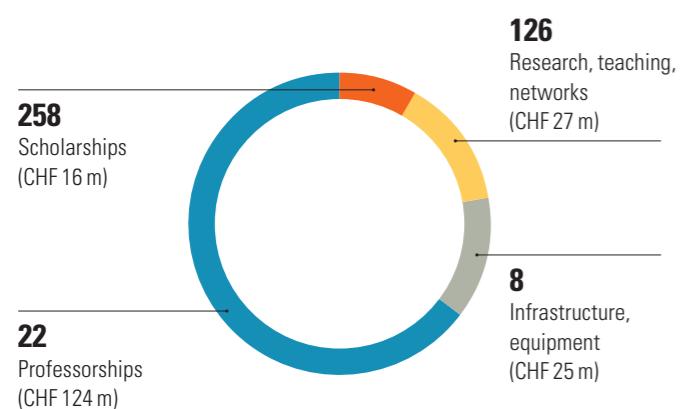
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Your donation makes a difference

With your support, we can jointly promote research, teaching and entrepreneurial spirit at ETH Zurich, thus contributing substantially to innovation and value creation. The ETH Zurich Foundation and its partners focus in particular on the institute's strategic priorities. Last year, over 2000 individuals, foundations and companies contributed a total of CHF 153 million to support research, talents and pioneers at ETH Zurich. The numerous donations from alumni and companies account for a significant proportion of this total.

Number of projects and amounts allocated (2003–2014)



Funded projects

Swiss SMEs support Excellence Scholars

Numerous donations from small and medium-sized Swiss enterprises have made a big difference: by funding Excellence Scholarships, partners such as Biotronik, Holinger, Fabrimex, Sensirion, Hardturm AG and RMS are fostering young talents and helping to secure Switzerland's position as a centre of innovation.

Fellows start work at ITS

Since it was opened in June 2013, four Senior Fellows and two Junior Fellows have been selected to work at the ETH Institute for Theoretical Studies. The ITS is an interdisciplinary centre promoting dialogue on fundamental questions among researchers in mathematics, physics and computer science. Additional Fellows are currently being sought. The establishment of the ITS was made possible by the Walter Haefner Foundation and Dr. Max Rössler.



Basic research in Switzerland is among the best in the world. However, it often takes a long time until the findings can be used to benefit patients. I want to help speed up this transfer with new models of interdisciplinary collaboration.

Dr. h.c. mult. Hansjörg Wyss, whose donation enabled the creation of the Wyss Translational Center Zurich



At the ITS, we're in close contact with colleagues from various disciplines at the ETH and other renowned universities. For researchers at the start of their career, this is a great opportunity.

Emily Clader, mathematician and Junior Fellow at the ITS

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A legacy to support science and technology

Dr. Alfred Spälti, who passed away peacefully on 13 November 2014 at the age of 97, had lived a long and fulfilling life. Having grown up in Rümlang and Effretikon, he began his studies in the Department of Electrical Engineering at ETH Zurich in 1935. Five years later, he became an assistant to Karl Kuhlmann, Professor of Theoretical Electrical Engineering, who supervised his doctoral thesis on "A vacuum tube device for the measurement of wattage, voltage and amperage".

A passionate engineer, he subsequently worked at Albiswerk Zürich AG, at Brown, Boveri & Cie (now ABB) and, for much of his career, at Landis+Gyr. Here, as Technical Director, he patented several of his inventions. At the same time, he was active for many years in the Swiss Physical Society, and even in his retirement he continued to travel the world as an official of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

Dr. Spälti first read about the possibility of making a legacy in favour of ETH Zurich in an article on the entrepreneur and ETH alumnus Branco Weiss. He then contacted the ETH Zurich Foundation to find out more about ways of providing support through his estate. These discussions led to a close and long-standing relationship between Dr. Spälti and the ETH Zurich Foundation. He was particularly pleased to visit the laboratory where he had carried out research himself during his student days. The ETH Zurich Foundation appreciates the confidence Dr. Spälti placed in it and the responsibility assigned through his legacy. In accordance with the donor's wishes, the newly established "Dr. Alfred und Flora Spälti Fonds" will be used to support science and technology, specifically in the fields of electrical engineering, energy research (including nuclear technology), telecommunications and physics.

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Seed Projects give us the freedom to explore and develop bold and "wild" ideas, rapidly and pragmatically.

Jennifer Rupp, Professor of Electrochemical Materials



Energy

Climate change and the integration of new forms of energy into existing distribution networks pose major challenges for our society. Sound knowledge and expertise from a variety of disciplines are essential to ensure the security of future energy supplies. This makes research and innovation in the energy sector more important than ever. Over the past few years, with its Electrical Energy Initiative, ETH Zurich has substantially expanded research and teaching in this sector, in collaboration with industrial partners. The portfolio of professorships established under the initiative – comprising six chairs – has recently been completed.

Funded projects

Three new chairs created

Thanks to generous investments from the private sector, ETH Zurich has established three new energy professorships: Ulrike Grossner, an internationally recognized expert in semiconductor materials, has been appointed Professor of Power Semiconductors. Professor Christoph Müller conducts laboratory-scale experiments designed to help meet the industrial challenges of efficient and sustainable electricity generation. And Professor Jürgen Biela, Head of the Laboratory for High Power Electronic Systems, develops systems for future energy distribution.

Seed Projects for visionary ideas

For the past two years, the ETH Zurich Foundation has been supporting bold and promising energy research projects thanks to donations from industrial partners and far-sighted individuals. In 2015, the second round of applications for Seed Project funding will be launched; all ETH Zurich Professors are eligible to apply for support to test innovative and unconventional ideas.

New Professor of Geothermal Energy and Geofluids

Martin O. Saar holds the first of two new chairs in deep geothermal energy established with the aid of generous donations from EKZ, First Advisory Group and the Werner Siemens Foundation. This initiative will strengthen ETH Zurich's research on Switzerland's geotechnically exploitable subsurface.



In partnership with the ETH Zurich Foundation, the Heidi Ras Foundation supports energy research at ETH Zurich. Nurturing young talents in this field is a priority for us, as their visionary ideas are important for society as a whole.

Marc Winzap, Heidi Ras Foundation

Health and Technology

In order to meet the major challenges facing our health system, there is a need for ambitious talents and entrepreneurship. The ETH Zurich Foundation is active in the areas of medical technology and personalized medicine. At ETH Zurich, more than 40 professors are now conducting research in medical technology alone. The Institute wishes to further expand these activities and strengthen its leading position as an international centre for medical technology. With an interdisciplinary infrastructure, research groups are increasingly collaborating in projects with industry, the University of Zurich and Zurich hospitals. The ETH Zurich Foundation is already supporting this initiative with six professorships, new infrastructure, facilities and a medical technology project fund. Additional support will include three new professorships and funding for Seed Projects in priority areas such as personalized medicine.

Funded projects

Support for Zurich Heart Project

The Zurich Heart Project is tackling heart failure – a pressing concern, as 1%–2% of the adult population in industrialized nations suffer from severe heart failure. Participating in the project are 17 professors, several clinicians and 35 postdocs and doctoral students at ETH, Zurich University, Zurich University hospitals and the German Heart Institute Berlin (DHZB). Thanks to generous donations, a team of scientists led by Professor Edoardo Mazza has started developing a hyperelastic hybrid membrane. In the future, up to ten interdisciplinary research projects are to be financed per year through a project fund.



Seed Projects in personalized medicine

The Center for Personalized Medicine, which opened in 2014, supports teaching and research in the field of genome-based healthcare. Last year, the ETH Zurich Foundation supported Seed Projects concerned with personalized weight loss strategies and the identification of new diagnostic biomarkers.

Chair of Rehabilitation Engineering

Zurich-based company Hocoma enabled the establishment of a new Chair of Rehabilitation Engineering. Professor Roger Gassert's research focuses on human-robot interaction and sensor-based systems for rehabilitation therapy.

Chair of Physical Activity and Health

Thanks to a generous donation from the Wilhelm Schulthess Foundation, ETH Zurich can now establish a new Chair of Physical Activity and Health. The chair is expected to be appointed by the end of 2015.

After our successful five-year collaboration with ETH Zurich, supporting a chair in the field of movement sciences was the logical next step. This will be beneficial not just for orthopaedic research but also for patients.

Franz von Meyenburg, President of the Wilhelm Schulthess Foundation



For me, the appointment to an associate professorship at the ETH was a dream come true. It means I can make an active contribution to innovations in rehabilitation engineering.

Roger Gassert, Professor of Rehabilitation Engineering



Thanks to the scholarship, my professional and academic skills have been significantly improved. The results of my research could ultimately lead to a high-quality rice that would benefit people in developing countries in particular.

Kulaporn Boonyavives, the holder of a Heinz Imhof fellowship, works in Professor Wilhelm Gruissem's Plant Biotechnology Laboratory.

World Food System

Under the World Food System initiative, launched in 2011, ETH Zurich and its partners are addressing key nutrition challenges at the local and global level. Researchers of the initiative that are members of the World Food System Center (WFSC) are working, for example, on extending the shelf life of fresh products, reducing cadmium levels in soils and exploiting the potential of buckwheat. Expertise is also to be developed in the areas of plant breeding and sustainable food production.



With the Coop Sustainability Fund, we promote new approaches to sustainable food production. And we support ETH Zurich's World Food System Center because the researchers are working on fundamental questions of nutrition and developing groundbreaking solutions which will benefit society.

Joos Sutter, Chairman of the Coop Executive Committee

Funded projects

Focus on resilient food systems

In 2013, Johan Six took up a new Chair of Sustainable Agroecosystems, established with generous support from Syngenta. Professor Six is currently leading a flagship research project on assessing and improving the resilience of food systems. The aim is to produce guidelines and a toolkit adapted to stakeholders' needs, possibly in the form of a freely accessible online database. Policymakers around the world will thus benefit from the findings of international case studies on food system resilience.

Summer schools in India and Switzerland

Last year, the WFSC organized two summer schools. In February, 19 doctoral students and postdocs focused on organic production systems during a two-week visit to India. In August, 24 students from 17 countries met in Switzerland to explore the challenges of organic production, animal welfare and fair-trade systems. The interdisciplinary and holistic approach to current global nutrition issues makes the summer school programme particularly valuable for students.

Scholarship for rice research

PhD student Kulaporn Boonyavives holds a Heinz Imhof fellowship. Her research is aimed at an improved understanding of the physiological processes involved in the fortification of rice with iron and other nutrients.

Security

More than 20 professorships at ETH Zurich are concerned with systemic risks, in areas such as energy and transport infrastructure, financial products and IT systems. The ETH Risk Center, established in 2011, is now a leading centre for integrated risk management. Its research on knowledge-based risk reduction should help society and industry to better manage risk portfolios and develop resilience-enhancing strategies. Further development of the Information Security Center is now a priority.



By supporting research and teaching in information security, Swisscom gains vital inputs and gets to know the top talent. This gives us a competitive edge, sharpens our focus on innovation and underlines our commitment to a secure Switzerland in the digital world.

Urs Schaeppi, CEO Swisscom



The Internet is becoming increasingly vulnerable, so it's high time it was reinvented – that's what all my research efforts are focused on.

Adrian Perrig, Professor of Information Security

Funded projects

ZISC – an international IT security hub

Our society is dependent on secure and reliable IT systems. The ETH Zurich Information Security and Privacy Center (ZISC), supported by industrial partners such as Kaba, has established itself as an international hub for security research. A generous donation from Swisscom made it possible to appoint Adrian Perrig to a new professorship in information security. Further development of information security research in collaboration with industrial partners and donors is a strategic priority for ETH Zurich. The short-term goal is to create an Open Lab to promote mutually inspiring exchanges between students, researchers, visiting professors and industry experts.

Seed Projects successfully launched

In 2014, four groundbreaking research ideas were supported within the framework of interdisciplinary Seed Projects. In each case, a PhD student or post-doc is being supervised by two professors from different disciplines. This year, another two Seed Projects will be funded in the areas of macroeconomics and collaborative networks.

Sustainable Construction

With the Sustainable Construction initiative, engineers and architects at ETH Zurich are jointly tackling new challenges in construction and in the handling of material flows. Urban water management is just one of many priority areas. Existing research and teaching expertise in sustainable construction is being strengthened not only by interdisciplinary projects but also by the establishment of new professorships – including the Chair of Soft Materials, which has been held by Jan Vermant since August 2014.



The generous donations allow critical mass to be achieved in research on highly relevant topics at ETH Zurich. And they create space to research the foundations of engineering, so that sustainable solutions can be found for the major challenges facing our society.

**Jan Vermant,
Professor of Soft Materials**

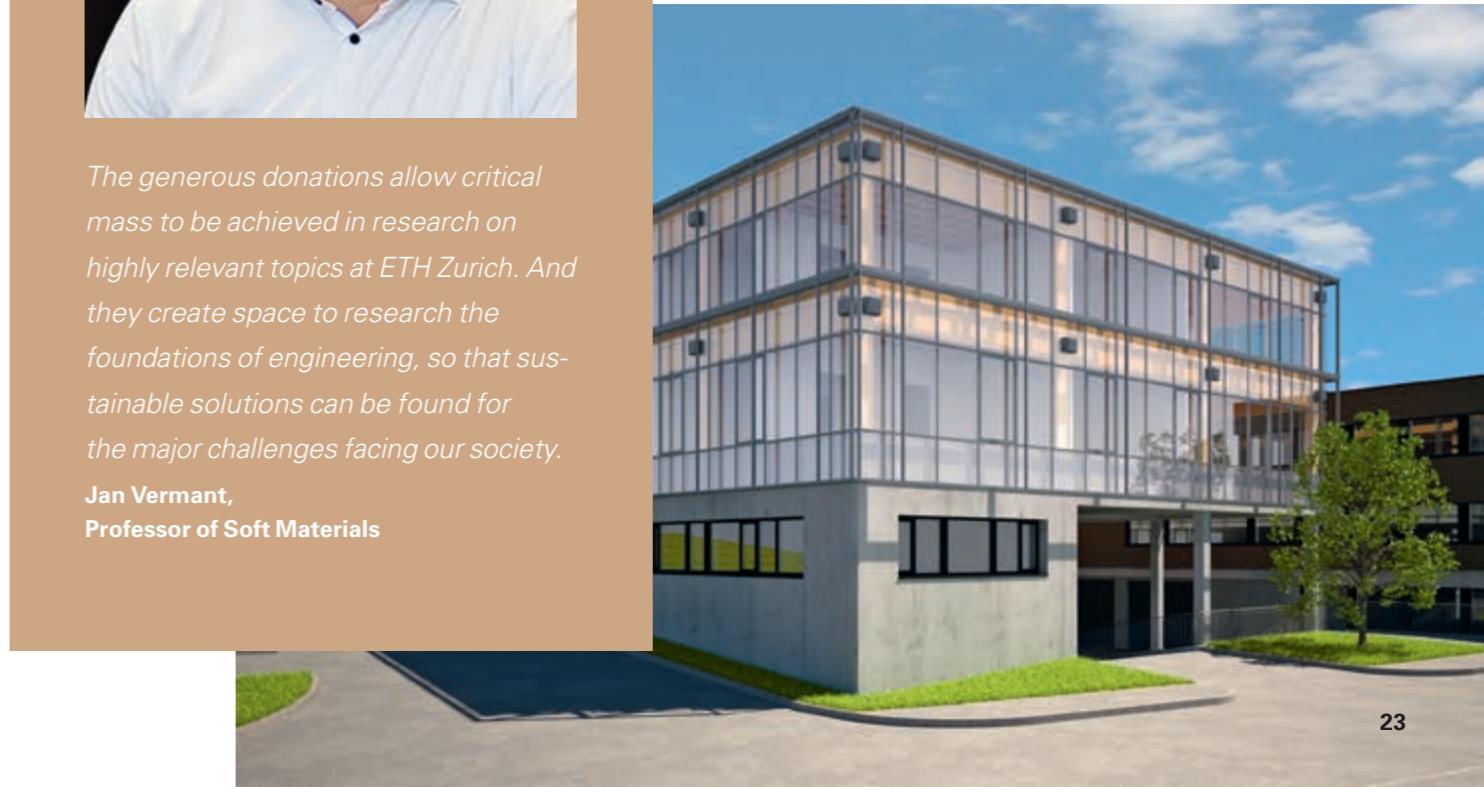


Water is a vital resource, and water supplies and sound wastewater management are fundamental to sustainable construction. That's the reason for our commitment to teaching and research on Urban Water Systems at ETH Zurich.

Dr. Andreas Flury, President of the Board of Trustees, Albert Lück Foundation

House of Natural Resources

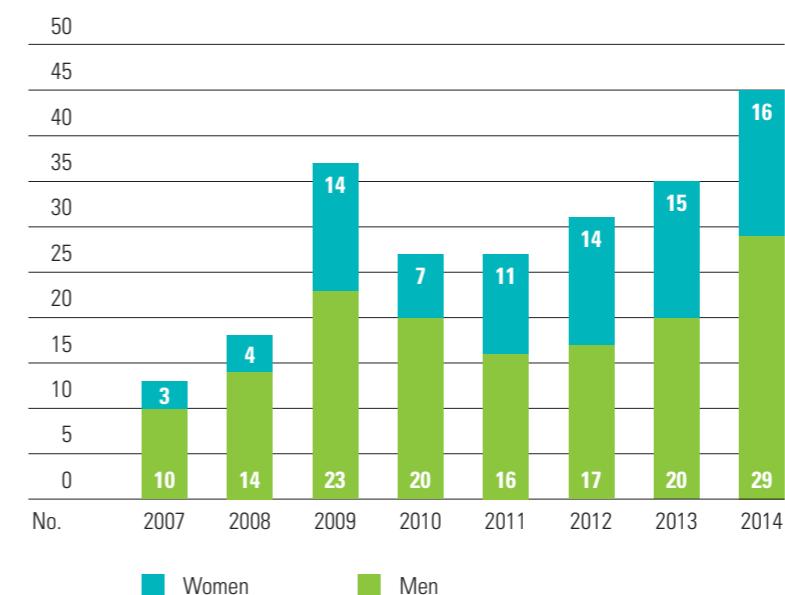
On the Hönggerberg Campus, work has begun on the construction of the House of Natural Resources – made possible partly by donations to the ETH Zurich Foundation. The building will be used to test new technologies and structural elements based on Swiss timber (hardwood); from May 2015, it will be available for research, teaching and presentations.



Talents

The Excellence Scholarship & Opportunity Programme (ESOP) allows top-performing students to pursue a Master's degree at ETH Zurich free from financial worries, leaving more room for thought. Bachelor's students from all over the world are eligible to apply for an Excellence Scholarship – irrespective of nationality or social background. What counts is talent, enthusiasm, dedication and an outstanding academic record. This programme is only possible thanks to generous donations from companies, foundations and private individuals. The level of support is gratifying: since ESOP was launched, numerous alumni have made regular contributions. The ETH Zurich Foundation has set itself the goal of funding 50 Excellence Scholarships per year. After all, talented young researchers are indispensable, not just for academia, but for Switzerland as an industrial centre and for the global economy.

Number of Excellence Scholarships awarded since 2007



In 2007, the programme began with 13 scholars; in 2014, scholarships were awarded to a total of 45 students from 16 countries – with Swiss students making up the largest group (15 scholarships). The number of applicants is growing year by year, and selecting the best candidates from this pool of talents is always challenging: applications are therefore reviewed both by the Excellence Scholarship Commission and by departmental admissions committees before the final decision on awards is taken by the ETH Rector, Professor Sarah Springman.



The analytical approach I learned at the ETH Zurich and the practice-oriented teaching were an excellent preparation for my professional life. Today, as a woman, engineer, mother and politician, I can see how crucial and valuable that preparation was. I support the Excellence Scholarship programme to promote the scientific and engineering talents of young women in particular.

**Cristina Zanini Barzaghi,
Dipl. Bau-Ing. ETH, Lugano City Councillor**

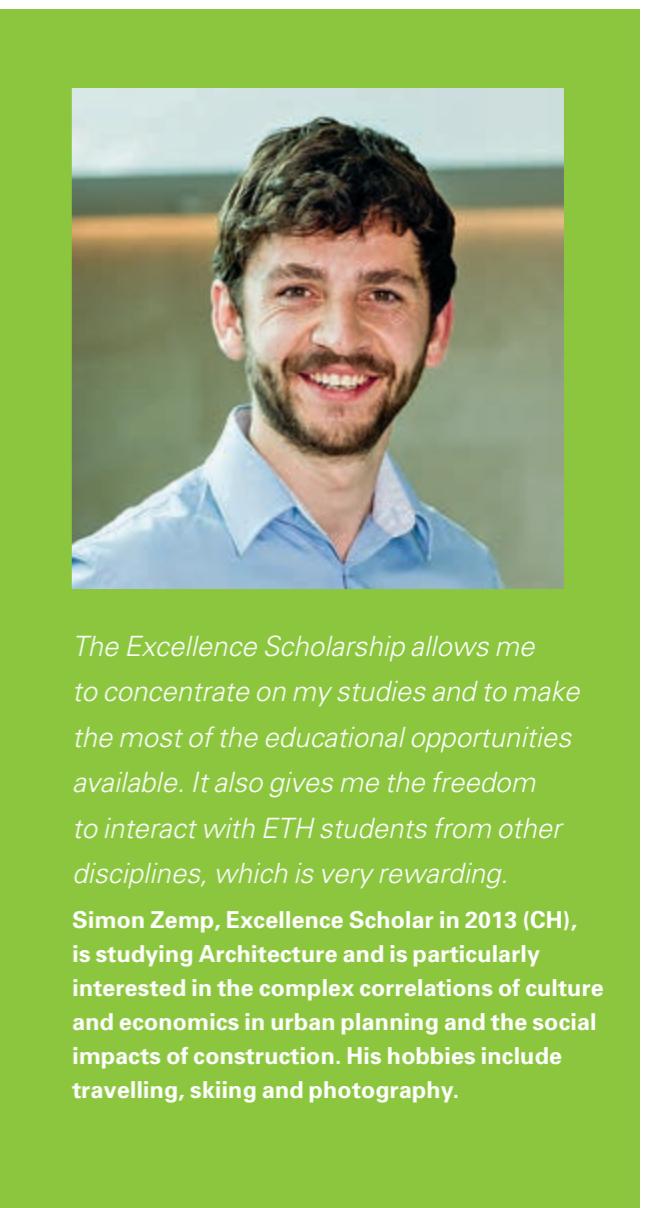


What I like about the scholarship programme is that it recognizes both outstanding performance and students' determination – which is just as important. These are exactly the type of young talents that Switzerland as an innovation centre needs.

**Felix Mayer,
Dr. sc. nat. ETH, Mathematics and Physics,
Co-CEO of Sensirion**



This scholarship opens the door to a successful engineering career. It offers a unique opportunity for me to study at an institute which is a world leader in the engineering field – and in a country with a reputation for innovation.
Cynthia Tan, Excellence Scholar in 2014 (US), is studying Mechanical Engineering and aiming to do a PhD at ETH Zurich. In her free time, she plays volleyball and enjoys watching Japanese comedies.

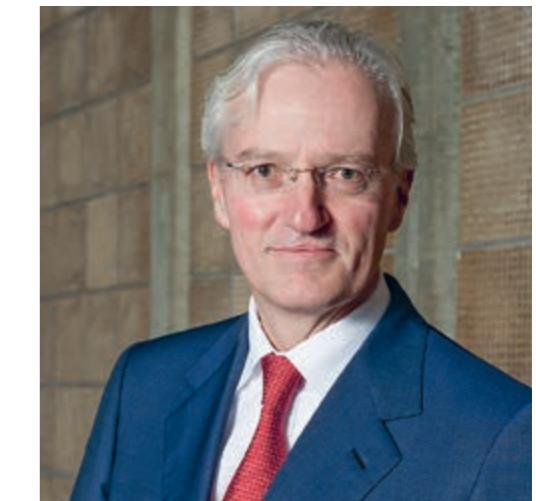


The Excellence Scholarship allows me to concentrate on my studies and to make the most of the educational opportunities available. It also gives me the freedom to interact with ETH students from other disciplines, which is very rewarding.
Simon Zemp, Excellence Scholar in 2013 (CH), is studying Architecture and is particularly interested in the complex correlations of culture and economics in urban planning and the social impacts of construction. His hobbies include travelling, skiing and photography.

Entrepreneurship

The Pioneer Fellowship programme enables young entrepreneurs to bring their ideas rapidly to the marketplace for the benefit of society. Talented researchers are granted the resources they need to turn their results into an innovative product or service, and to develop a sound business plan – smoothing the path to their own start-up and new job creation. Pioneer Fellowships are awarded in a competitive process: projects are evaluated twice a year by a jury consisting of ETH Zurich professors and selected industrial partners.

Pioneer Fellow Keith Gunura, CEO of noonee, sees good market prospects for the Chairless Chair, which relieves stress and strains for employees working in a standing position.



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.

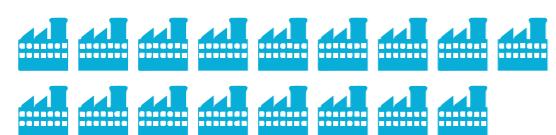
Gerhard E. Schmid, Dipl. El.-Ing. ETH

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Thanks to the Pioneer Fellowship, I can put my ideas for fast-charging lithium-ion batteries into practice more rapidly, focusing on industrial feasibility.
Dr. Martin Ebner, Pioneer Fellow and postdoctoral researcher at the Laboratory for Nanoelectronics



We support Pioneer Fellows because, on the basis of research results, they develop creative solutions meeting societal challenges. They combine scientific and commercial talent, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, in a unique way.

**Guido Braschler, Managing Director,
Accentus charitable foundation**

Outlook

As part of its efforts to promote innovative manufacturing technologies and materials, ETH Zurich is currently developing an international Quantum Engineering Center. As well as encouraging closer collaboration between industry, start-ups and ETH researchers, this initiative should provide direct benefits for society.



My season ticket for the 1939 National Exhibition has a symbolic significance for me: this event united the Swiss public and underlined our country's independence. The same is true of our ETH in this dynamic time: as a national institution of global renown, it embodies Switzerland's liberal values, is a pillar of education and research in this country and thus lays the foundation for a forward-looking economy.

Riccardo Jagmetti, former President of the Council of States and Emeritus Professor of Law at ETH Zurich

Funded projects

Student Project House – Science and Engineering Design Lab

In the future, more facilities should be available for students to develop prototypes and models. For independent student projects, ETH Zurich is therefore planning to establish a modern design lab – which should also promote creativity and personal development. The ETH Zurich Foundation is currently seeking partners for the realization of this ambitious project.

Manufacturing across Scales – from Nano to Macro

The Manufacturing across Scales initiative seeks to build bridges between industry and researchers at ETH Zurich. The initiative is concerned with, for example, innovative production processes, process planning, complex materials and production organization. To promote exploratory research, a new project fund is currently being developed with the aid of generous donations. At the same time, dialogue with industry is being intensified, with two Partnership Councils (information and networking events) being held last year.

Expansion of Quantum Engineering

Quantum mechanical phenomena have the potential to revolutionize information and communication technology. Fourteen research groups from the fields of Physics, Chemistry, Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering are already working on possible future applications of quantum engineering. The time is now ripe for the establishment of a Quantum Engineering Center to bring together experts from various disciplines and train engineers for the future. Thanks to enterprising benefactors, the foundations for the new centre have now been laid. Another important step is the establishment of a new Chair of Quantum Engineering.

Inaugural Cybathlon

ETH Zurich is organizing the first-ever Cybathlon, to be held in Kloten on 8 October 2016. At this championship, parathletes will compete in various disciplines using smart prosthetic legs, powered exoskeletons or brain computer interfaces. The Cybathlon should help to remove barriers between the public, users and developers. The ETH Zurich Foundation is currently seeking further partners for this event.



A Micro- and Nano-systems Group researcher in the cleanroom of the Binnig and Rohrer Nanotechnology Center in Rüschlikon.



Direct contacts with researchers

During the year, the ETH Zurich Foundation organizes events where benefactors have an opportunity to discover what their donations have made possible. Here, they can meet talented researchers and discuss the latest findings, technologies and developments with ETH professors.

1 For business leaders and academics, the ETH President's Conference offers not only exclusive insights into ongoing research, but also access to a unique network.

2 At the annual Meet the Talent event, supporters and beneficiaries of the Excellence Scholarship & Opportunity Programme can share their experiences.

3 ETH alumnus Jack Heuer – one of the great experts in the history of the Swiss watch industry – visited ETH Zurich last year to share his lifetime's experience with around fifty Excellence Scholars and Pioneer Fellows.

4 To promote dialogue between researchers and industry, the ETH Zurich Foundation held several Partnership Councils (information and networking events) last year.

5 Young entrepreneurs describe their business ideas and successful start-up projects.

Facts and Figures (consolidated)

Income statement	2014 in CHF	2013 in CHF
INCOME		
Financial contributions, not earmarked		
Financial contributions, not earmarked	723 000	1 137 934
Financial contributions, earmarked	152 469 463	89 900 887
Total financial contributions	153 192 463	91 038 821
Repayment of donations	-9 000 000	-13 200 000
Other income	72 304	14 980
TOTAL INCOME	144 264 767	77 853 801
EXPENSES		
Allocations of non-earmarked contributions	250 000	2 091 000
Allocations of earmarked contributions	15 836 368	22 851 759
Total allocations	16 086 368	24 942 759
Operating expenses	2 068 282	1 490 742
Intermediate result	126 110 117	51 420 300
Financial income	11 508 039	13 277 216
Financial expenses	-305 240	-3 863 684
Depreciation	-31 836	-10 575
Extraordinary income	327 792	240 666
Fund result (earmarked fund)	-129 329 973	-55 059 867
ANNUAL RESULT	8 278 899	6 004 056

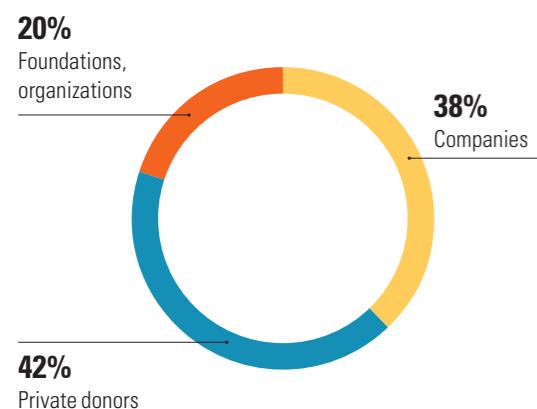
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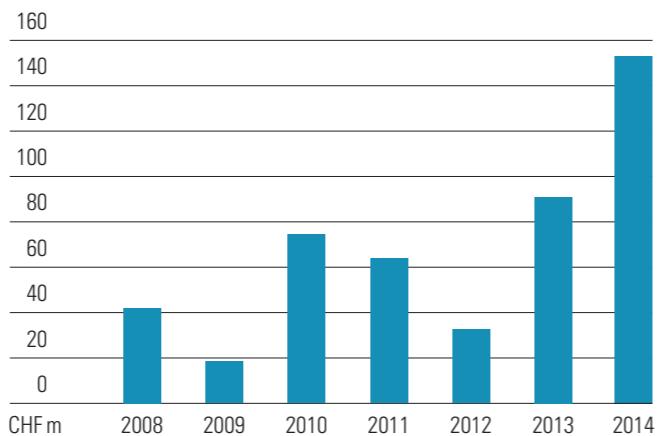
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Origin of funds 2003–2014



Donations 2008–2014



Balance sheet

	2014 in CHF	2013 in CHF
ASSETS		
Total current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	8 197 846	13 934 197
Securities	141 160 639	118 773 557
Short-term receivables from donors	60 757 417	55 792 000
Other receivables/prepaid expenses and accrued income	949 713	1 274 586
Total non-current assets	237 073 130	130 292 116
Fixed assets under construction	11 100 000	2 250 000
Other long-term receivables	55 000	55 000
Receivables from donors	225 721 888	127 974 138
Fixed assets	196 242	12 978
TOTAL ASSETS	448 138 745	320 066 456
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Short-term liabilities	164 854	62 617
Short-term liabilities from allocations	18 644 277	16 473 982
Short-term loan obligations	10 000 000	0
Deferred income	162 662	186 700
Non-current liabilities	70 160 000	91 945 077
Long-term loan obligations	0	10 000 000
Long-term liabilities from allocations	70 160 000	81 945 077
Fund capital (earmarked funds)	301 325 515	171 995 542
Organizational capital		
Paid-in capital	50 000	50 000
Internally generated unrestricted capital	39 352 538	33 348 482
Annual result	8 278 899	6 004 056
TOTAL LIABILITIES	448 138 745	320 066 456

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The ETH Zurich Foundation set up the company Immobilien ETHZF Ltd and granted it a loan of CHF 17.1 m to create the HCP building on the Hönggerberg campus. The company has transferred responsibility for construction and operation of the building to ETH Zurich, and has placed the new office and seminar space at the disposal of ETH Zurich. Chairman of the Board: Dr. Donald Tillman
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For me, it's important to know the researchers who receive support from my fund. The best way of achieving that is to work together with the ETH Zurich Foundation. I'm delighted that this enables me to maintain my close links with ETH Zurich – which have existed for over 30 years.

Jörg Hugel, Emeritus Professor of Electrotechnical Developments and Systems at ETH Zurich, and founder of the Else and Friedrich Hugel Fund

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