



Step by step - Preliminary information for International PhD candidates at the University of Basel

(with no claim to completeness)

1	Finding a Supervisor at the University of Basel	<p>Check before contacting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Do you possess a Master's degree (or equivalent)? (ii) Do you have excellent skills required for the research cooperation you plan? (iii) Does the professor who will supervise you work in your field? (iv) Do you have the necessary language skills required for the research?
2	General Requirements for Doctoral Studies at the University of Basel	<p>Admission as a doctoral candidate requires in general a master's degree from a <u>higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel</u>. The doctoral degree regulations of the individual faculties (see <u>doctoral disciplines</u>) include additional provisions for the admission and subject-related requirements concerning equivalence and supervision.</p> <p>https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Admission/Admission-to-Doctoral-Studies.html</p>
3	Supervision and Financial Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Each PhD-candidate must find an academic supervisor for their research project. (ii) The professor must agree to supervise and support the candidate during the whole research stay. (iii) The financing of your doctorate must be clarified with your supervisor in advance.
	<i>Scholarships</i>	<p>ESCAS https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbfi/en/home/bildung/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships-for-foreign-scholars-an.html https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/funding/search</p>
	<i>PhD vacancies</i>	<p>https://www.myscience.ch/jobs; https://www.academics.ch/ https://www.findaphd.com/search/phd.aspx?CID=CH; https://www.myscience.ch/jobs/phd_in_switzerland https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/</p>
4	Entry Visa & Permits	<p>Please check - mandatory > https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Visa---Residence-Permit-.html</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Proof of sufficient financial resources to cover the cost of living in Switzerland: https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Visa---Residence-Permit-.html ii) working constraints can be put in place by the authorities.
5	Costs of Living	<p>Sample budget for living costs > see minimum budget for a student: https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Budget-Advice.html</p>
	<i>Accommodation</i>	<p>No university accommodation is provided: therefore please check https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Student-Life/Accommodation.html https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/Administration-Services/The-President-s-Office/International-Office/Welcome-Center/Moving-to-Switzerland/Living-Situation/Finding-Housing.html</p>
	<i>Insurance</i>	<p>Be aware of your insurance obligations: https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/Administration-Services/The-President-s-Office/International-Office/Welcome-Center/Life-in-Basel/Insurance.html https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Insurance.html</p> <p>Double-check if you are authorized to apply for exemption with the KVG, if your foreign insurance is accepted: https://www.kvg.org/en/application-and-request-for-exemption-online-residents-content---1--3097--1277.html</p> <p>An option for persons with a monthly income of less than CHF 3500.-: www.swisscare.com Premium reductions by the cantonal authorities can be requested if you have to enroll with a cantonal insurance agency.</p>
6	Application to Doctoral Studies	<p>https://www.unibas.ch/application</p>
7	Checklist & Advice <i>Student Social Services</i>	<p>Provides broad advice on topics such as disability, insurances, psychological topics, childcare etc. https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Social-Services-Healthcare.html</p>
	<i>International Office</i> > <i>Student Exchange</i>	<p>Provides information concerning exchange agreements and is responsible for the FCS/ESKAS scholarship program at the University of Basel.</p>
	<i>Int. Office</i> > <i>Welcome-/Euraxess Center</i>	<p>Provides check-lists and advice, guiding you and your partner/family through the months before, during and after your move to the Basel area. https://www.unibas.ch/welcome.html</p>