



Study tour of the Canadian Quality Network for Universities to Switzerland

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Where Switzerland (Bern, Zurich, Lausanne, Geneva, Olten, Basel)



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Program

Sunday, 25/03/2018

Bern

Individual arrival and transport by Swiss Rail to hotel

Hotel Schweizerhof

Bahnhofplatz 11, 3001 Bern

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www.schweizerhof-bern.ch

14:00 – 16:00

Optional: Guided city tour of Berne, UNESCO World Heritage Site, www.bern.com

Not only is the City of Berne the Capital of Switzerland, it's also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At the heart of Berne is its beautiful Old Town with six kilometres of arcades that offer shelter or shade to visitors strolling through the city. The famous Clock Tower formed the city gate.

Start: Hotel Schweizerhof (lobby)

Guide: Ms Ursula Pfister, tel. +41 (0)31 328 12 38

Topics: Walk through the city of Bern with visits to the Bear Park & the Clock Tower

19:00 – 21:30

Welcome Dinner

Hotel Schweizerhof Bern

Salon (Private Room)

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Monday, 26/03/2018
Bern

Morning	Breakfast at Hotel
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8:30 am	Meet in Lobby Followed by Transfer
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09:00 – 12:00	<p>Welcome by Martina Weiss, Secretary General, Rectors' Conference of Swiss Higher Education Institutions, swissuniversities</p> <p>Welcome by Susan Bincoletto, Ambassador of Canada to Switzerland and Liechtenstein</p> <p>Introduction on the Swiss research and innovation landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mauro Moruzzi, Ambassador & Head International Division, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI, www.sbf.admin.ch• Martina Weiss, Secretary General, Rectors' Conference of Swiss Higher Education Institutions, swissuniversities, www.swissuniversities.ch• Angelika Kalt, Director, Swiss National Science Foundation, SNSF, www.fns.ch• Annelise Eggimann, CEO, Swiss Innovation Promotion Agency, Innosuisse, www.innosuisse.ch <p>Short introduction by each Swiss institution followed by discussion</p> <p>Venue: swissuniversities, Room 002 Effingerstrasse 15, 3001 Bern</p>
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12:00 – 13:30	Standing lunch at swissuniversities with participants of the morning session
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13:45 – 14:15	Walk from swissuniversities to the University of Bern
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14:15 – 16:00	<p>University of Bern, www.unibe.ch</p> <p><i>The University of Bern is proud of its long heritage in teaching and research and of the many minds it helped to reach their potential. This mission continues today under its motto of "Knowledge creates value", bringing social and economic benefits not just to its home canton, Bern, but also to Switzerland and the world at large. With roots dating back to the 16th century, the University continues to reign majestic as one of Switzerland's largest public university in country's capital, Bern. Its achievements resonate worldwide and it is counted among the world's best universities, clocking in at 110 in the 2018 Times Higher Education World University rankings. With notable strengths in climate science, space research and medicine, Bern provides the full range of study programs and research as a comprehensive university.</i></p> <p>(See separate program)</p> <p>Venue: University of Bern, Hochschulstrasse 6 (UniH6), Room 101</p> <p>Contact: Zoë Ghielmetti, Internationale Relations, Executive Director, +41 31 631 34 70</p>
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18:15	Meet in Hotel Lobby Followed by Transfer
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18:45 – 21:00	Canadian Embassy Reception , Ristorante Verdi, Gerechtigkeitsgasse 7, 3011 Bern
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Tuesday, 27/03/2018
Zürich

Morning	Breakfast at Hotel
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7:10 am	Meet in Lobby Followed by Transfer
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7:32 – 8:28	Transfer by public transportation
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9:00 – 12:00	<p>ETH Zürich, www.ethz.ch</p> <p><i>Freedom, responsibility, an entrepreneurial spirit, and an openness to the world - the values of Switzerland are the foundation of ETH Zürich. Since 1855, this university of science and technology has been a centre of knowledge and innovation. Situated in the heart of Europe, forging connections around the world, ETH Zurich pioneers effective solutions to the global challenges facing humanity.</i></p> <p><i>ETH Zurich's 500 professors and 20,000 students from more than 120 countries generate innovation in areas ranging from data science to robotics and from nanoscience to cutting-edge medical technology. Switzerland's advanced economy benefits from the nearly 100 patents, 200 inventions, and 25 spin-off companies emerging from the university every year. ETH Zürich also upholds a commendable track record of scientific excellence with 21 Nobel laureates, including Albert Einstein, and regularly ranks among the world's top universities.</i></p> <p>(See separate program)</p> <p>Venue: ETH Zürich, Building ML Sonnegastrasse 3, 8006 Zürich (Entrance Tannenstrasse)</p> <p>Contact: Anders Hagström, Director Global Education Affairs, ETH Global, +41 76 233 19 60</p>
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12:00 – 12:30	Transfer from ETH Zürich to Restaurant Bellavista
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12:30 – 13:15	<p>Lunch at Restaurant Bellavista Hönggerbergring 47, 8093 Zürich</p>
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13:15 - 13:30	Transfer from Restaurant Bellavista to NCCR Digital Fabrication (Pick up by Tanja Coray directly at Restaurant Bellavista)
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13:30 – 15: 30	<p>National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) Digital Fabrication, http://www.dfab.ch/</p> <p><i>Initiated in 2014, the National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR) Digital Fabrication aims to revolutionise architecture through the seamless combination of digital technologies and physical building processes. Over 60 researchers from six different academic disciplines collaborate to develop ground-breaking technologies for tomorrow's construction. Their research allows Switzerland to take a leading position within the global field of digital fabrication. The NCCR Digital Fabrication is the first NCCR focused on architecture and construction funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). Initiated at ETH Zürich, it is partnered with EPF Lausanne, Empa and the Berne University of Applied Sciences.</i></p> <p>13:30 – Arrive at ETH Hoenggerberg > HIB building 13:40 – Welcome + brief introduction to the D-ARCH and ITA, and the NCCR programmes 14:00 – Overview of the NCCR Digital Fabrication 14:30 – Tour of the Arch_Tec_Lab and Robotic Fabrication Lab (4 info stations)</p>
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	15:15 – End of tour and time for questions 15:30 – End of visit
	Venue: HIB E 25 / Stefano-Frascini-Platz 1 CH-8093 Zurich Contact: Tanja Coray, Communications Officer, +41 79 768 00 16

15:30 – 16:15	Transfer from NCCR Digital Fabrication to the University of Zurich
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16:15 – 18:30	<p>University of Zurich, www.uzh.ch</p> <p><i>University of Zurich (UZH) is Switzerland's largest university, with a current enrolment of over 25,000 students. Made up of seven faculties covering more than 100 different subject areas, University of Zurich offers the most comprehensive academic program in the country.</i></p> <p><i>UZH is ranked among the world's top universities. Numerous distinctions – including twelve Nobel Prizes – highlight the University's international renown in the fields of medicine, immunology, genetics, neuroscience, structural biology and economics. As a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), UZH is one of Europe's most prestigious research institutions.</i></p> <p><i>The University of Zurich places great emphasis on promoting young academics by encouraging and supporting them in their scholarly pursuits and preparing them for international careers. In addition, the University of Zurich initiates and sustains academic exchange of the highest quality through close cooperation with ETH Zurich and other higher education institutions both in Switzerland and abroad. A modern infrastructure and its location in the cultural and economic metropolis of Zurich ensure that the University of Zurich is an attractive and stimulating place for its staff and students.</i></p> <p>(See separate program)</p> <p>Venue: Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich KOL-E-13 (SenateRoom)</p> <p>Contact: Dr. Evi Fountoulakis, International Relations Office, +41 78 674 84 46</p>
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18:30 – 18:45	Transfer to restaurant
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18:45 – 21:00	<p>Reception with the representatives of the University of Zurich</p> <p>Venue: Restaurant UniTurm Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich</p>
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21:32 – 22:28	Return with train to Bern
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Wednesday, 28/03/2018
Lausanne, Geneva

Morning	Breakfast at Hotel
7:30 am	Meet in Lobby Followed by Transfer
7:30 – 9:15	Transfer by private bus to EPFL
9:15 – 11:30	<p>Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, EPFL, www.epfl.ch</p> <p><i>EPFL is Europe's most cosmopolitan technical university with students, professors and staff from over 120 nations. A dynamic environment, open to Switzerland and the world, EPFL is centered on its three missions: teaching, research and innovation. EPFL works together with an extensive network of partners including other universities and institutes of technology, secondary schools and colleges, industry and economy, political circles and the general public, to bring about real impact for society.</i></p> <p>(See separate program)</p> <p>Venue: Innovation Park Building E (QIE)</p> <p>Contact: Caroline Cherpillod, Academic visits coordinator, +41 79 911 93 58</p>
11:30 – 12:30	Standing lunch with the representatives of EPFL
12:45 – 14:30	Transfer by private bus to CERN
14:30 – 17:30	<p>Visit to the European Organization for Nuclear Research CERN, www.cern.ch</p> <p><i>CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, is one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research. Its business is fundamental physics, finding out what the Universe is made of and how it works. At CERN, the world's largest and most complex scientific instruments are used to study the basic constituents of matter — the fundamental particles. By studying what happens when these particles collide, physicists learn about the laws of nature.</i></p> <p>(See separate program)</p> <p>Venue: Rte de Meyrin, Entry B, Building 300, 1217 Meyrin</p> <p>Contact: Ms. Wendy Korda, Cern Chief of Protocol, tel. +41 (0)22 767 61 40</p> <p><i>Important notice: Due to security reasons the participants must wear flat and closed shoes and follow the security instructions. Please read carefully the security instructions attached.</i></p>
17:45 – 18:00	Transfer by private bus to Geneva Airport train station
18:32 – 20:26	Transfer by train to Bern - dinner on board

Program

Thursday, 29/03/2018
Olten, Basel

Morning	Breakfast at Hotel
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8.10 am	Meet in Lobby Followed by Transfer
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8.34 – 9:00	Transfer by public transportation to Olten (Meeting with Jeannette Merguin on platform 9)
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9:15 – 11:30	<p>University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland, FHNW, www.fhnw.ch</p> <p><i>FHNW is one of Switzerland's leading universities of applied sciences and arts, actively involved in teaching, research, continuing education and service provision – both innovative and practice-oriented. Its broad range of degree programmes, hands-on concept, innovative, application-oriented research and global network make FHNW a diversified and appealing educational institution, a sought-after partner to industry and an attractive employer in northwestern Switzerland.</i></p> <p>(See separate program)</p> <p>Venue: FHNW, School of Business Riggenbachstrasse 16, 4600 Olten</p> <p>Contact: Jeannette Merguin, Executive Assistant International Relations, +41 79 475 31 29</p>
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11.30 – 13.00	Lunch with the representatives of FHNW at Restaurant Arte
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13:30 – 13:55	Transfer by public transportation to Basel
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14:30 – 16:45	<p>University of Basel, www.unibas.ch</p> <p><i>The University of Basel is being Switzerland's oldest university and boasts a comprehensive coverage of all areas of study, including its own university hospital. The University ranks among the world's top 100 universities and is strongly focused on research, especially in life sciences, nanotechnology, computer sciences/physics/mathematics, chemistry and biomedical engineering. The University of Basel is strongly embedded in the world-leading local life sciences & medtech cluster and has recently announced new large public-private cooperation projects. The university is also putting great efforts into increasing its impact on society and supports the creation of start-ups actively.</i></p> <p>(See separate program)</p> <p>Venue: University of Basel, Innovation Space Gewerbstrasse 24, 3rd floor, 4123 Allschwil</p> <p>Contact: Christian Schneider, Head of Innovation & Industry Partnerships, +41 79 429 23 39</p>
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16:45 – 17:40	Apero with the representatives of the University of Basel
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17:40	Transfer Walk to bus stop
17:53 – 18:08	Take bus to Basel SBB
18:31 – 19:24	Train to Bern

20:00

Closing dinner at Kornhauskeller
Kornhausplatz 18, 3011 Bern

NOTES

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Your Gateway to Switzerland
www.aboutswitzerland.org

Tourist information
www.myswitzerland.com

SBB, Swiss Railway System
www.sbb.ch

Swiss Travel System
www.swisstravelsystem.com



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