The New UZH Teaching Fund (ULF) – a Key Measure for the Implementation of the Strategic Initiative “Future of Education at UZH”

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Background: Challenges for the Higher Education System

01 transformative & engaged: shaping the future of society
02 accessible & transparent: disclosing actions and results
03 openminded and transdisciplinary: eliminating boundaries
04 connective and transnational: joining forces
The Initiative “Future of Education at UZH”

1. Teaching & Learning Innovations
   - The UZH Teaching Fund

2. University alliance for teaching & learning
   - Una Europa
   - Building strong partnerships in teaching & learning with other partner universities

3. Lifelong learning & bridges into the university
   - Outreach-Cycle
   - Micro-Credentials by Una Europa

4. Management & support processes for T & L
   - Digitization of administrative processes
   - Enhance information & support processes for students

5. Campus development & teaching spaces
   - Pilot projects that provide new insights into contemporary teaching and learning settings.

“Future of Education at UZH”
The curricula are research-based and in line with learning objectives.

The study programs actively make use of the opportunities offered by digital transformation for individualized knowledge and competence acquisition.

Student engagement is actively encouraged.

Students have the opportunity to integrate interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary courses into their studies.

Students are given the opportunity to gain diverse internationalization experiences.
The UZH Teaching Fund as a Key Measure to Promote the Initiative «Future of Education at UZH»

- Five funding lines allow for addressing the different thrusts of the UZH curriculum
- New funding lines provide resources for the (further) development of study programs
- All funded projects are supported by a team of experts from the educational development unit, including didactical, legal as well as administrative advice
- All projects are supported in their dissemination strategy to make innovative ideas in teaching and learning visible and transferable within and beyond the UZH
- Volume of the fund has been tripled compared to previous Teaching Fund.
# open_innovation

## Goals
Promote disruptive and experimental innovation on the course level

## Eligibility
All UZH instructors

## Output
10-15 projects p/a

## Award criteria
- Innovation
- Effectiveness
- Sustainability
- Quality of design
- Student involvement

## Examples
- Crowd water app
- Religion in video games
- “pimpf” – how pediatrics works in the middle of practice
program_innovation

Goals
(further) development of (flagship) study programs
support (didactical) consolidation phase of big structural reforms

Eligibility
Study program directors

Output
2-3 projects p/a

Award criteria
- Innovation
- Effectiveness
- Sustainability
- Quality of design
- Student involvement
- Fit with UZH curriculum
- International visibility of study program in relevant communities
- Attractive to students with high engagement levels

Examples
- Develop and introduce a new study program in biodiversity
- Enhance the integration of methods training in the political science curriculum
transdisciplinary_innovation

Goals
Strategic development of the portfolio of the School for Transdisciplinary Studies (STS) (course and study program level)

Eligibility
Instructors as well as designated study program directors

Output
3-4 projects p/a

Award criteria
- Innovation
- Effectiveness
- Sustainability
- Quality of design
- Student involvement
- Fit with STS-quality criteria
- Strong focus on inter-/trans-disciplinarity and its reflection
- Attractive to students with high engagement levels

Examples
- Introductory week to sustainable development
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**Goals**
- Participate and develop teaching activities within UNA Europa
- Embed options for international experiences in curricula
- Promote international co-creation in teaching

**Eligibility**
- Instructors as well as study program directors

**Output**
- 2-3 projects p/a

**Award criteria**
- Innovation
- Effectiveness
- Sustainability
- Quality of design
- Student involvement
- Activities within UNA Europa (partners)
- Fit with UZH global strategy
- Promote of UZH as an attractive place to study
- Consideration of student needs

**Examples**
- Participate in Una Europan Joint Bachelor „Europe and the World“
- Welcome course for international students
focus_innovation

Goals
- Promote innovations along strategic priorities
- Promote anchoring/broadening of innovations that are relevant across the university

Eligibility
Vice-president Education and Teaching

Output
2-3 projects p/a

Award criteria
- Strategic relevance for UZH as an institution

Examples
- STATS4All
- Deterioration of students' exam performances
- Accessibility and inclusion of students with disabilities
Challenges

1. Find and promote the «right» projects
2. Provide Support the large number of projects and their dissemination
3. Measurement of impact
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