

Continuing education

The relaunch of the career after a break may require to update your expertise or specialise in a new direction. Continuing education or further education is not only offered at ETH Zurich but there is a huge offer of courses to choose from beyond what ETH Zurich is offering. It ranges from comprehensive MBA-programmes to more specialised CAS and DAS-programmes to brush-up courses of a few hours and days only. We guide you through the jungle of offers and provide helpful information so that you can pick the right course.



Professional fulfilment is important – we work with you so that you can continue your professional career in Switzerland.

www.facultyaffairs.ethz.ch/dualcareer

Mark Mescher, Senior Scientist at ETH Zurich: "ETH offers a tremendous environment for scientific research, and it also provides strong support for couples with dual careers."

youtube.com: Dual Career at ETH Zurich – a professional chance for both – professors and their partners

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Dual Career Advice
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Dual Career Advice of ETH Zurich Dual Career Support

ETH Zurich strives at hiring outstanding professors from all over the world. Not only experience but also research shows that people with a high education often have partners with an equally high education who put emphasis on their career – this particularly applies to women! Whereas in the past, universities tended to hire mostly men as professors and whereas their wives back then agreed to follow their husbands and to give up their own careers for the sake of his, this changed completely in more recent years. Hiring an outstanding professor today means working also with his or her partner to allow them a smooth continuation of their career despite an international move. ETH Zurich is strongly committed to dual career couples whatever the background and career of the partner.

Our aim

We want that partners are not forced to end or considerably slow down their professional careers after the international move, but continue it according to their track record and plans.

Since our focus is on the successful hiring of professors, every professional commitment a partner had is a career we take seriously and support. We provide assistance to:

- Dual career couples and support the partner in continuing his or her scientific career at a Swiss university or university of applied sciences
- Partners who aim at continuing their careers in a Swiss or international corporate company
- Partners who wish to relaunch their careers after a career break due to parenthood
- Partners who wish to change their careers and follow continuing education

Dual Career Couples

Scientists partner with scientists, couples form at work and during the education, this applies also to the professors ETH Zurich hires. ETH Zurich is responsive to dual career couples and aims at enabling both partners to continue their careers. We do this by contacting professors at ETH Zurich and outside who work in the same field as the second hire and introduce the partner to the relevant community. This allows the second hire to present his/her research and palmaris, develop projects that can be carried out and link to ongoing projects. Since (outside) funding might not be available at the very beginning, the president of ETH Zurich can co-finance a temporary position for a second hire for an initial period.

Employment and careers

The strategies for finding a job in industry and corporate companies are different in each country. There are many explicit and implicit aspects which need to be considered when searching for a job in Switzerland and we help you with these. We assist in revising CVs and cover letters to suit the Swiss job market and guide you through a typical Swiss application process (*see application guide of the ETH Zurich Career Center). We further organise a variety of workshops aimed at helping newcomers understand the way in which recruitment works, how a convincing LinkedIn-profile is created and how a new network can be created and tapped into. All partners also have access to the International Dual Career Network Zurich-Zug-Schaffhausen (www.idcn.info) which is an excellent introduction to the major employers in the Greater Zurich Area.

*Application Guide: www.ethz.ch/application-guide



Relaunch the career after a career break

Partners who dedicated time to the upbringing of children often consider the international move as a great opportunity to relaunch their career. Once the children are happily settled in their respective schools, partners have the motivation and energy to think about their professional life. We coach you in the process of redefining your career, fixing goals and planning the next steps and support you with local addresses and information if you wish to start your own business.

Valérie Sudret-Donnizaux, Purchase Project Manager at Marionnaud Switzerland: "The IDCN Events I attended in Zürich were a great help in my job research as I could meet recruiters, get personalized advice and also start building a professional network in Switzerland. It is also about sharing experiences between all spouses-partners, learn from one another and make friends. I definitely recommend it to all newcomers."

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