

We look forward to welcoming you to Zurich – a truly liveable, family-friendly, international city in the heart of Europe.

The Official Zurich City Guide: www.zuerich.com



For further information on our services visit www.facultyaffairs.ethz.ch/dualcareer

Prof. Andrew deMello (UK): "We love Zurich as a family, ETH is a home for science that we do and is a wonderful place and we really enjoy every minute of it."

youtube.com: ETH Zurich - a smart choice for science and family

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Dual Career Advice of ETH Zurich Integration Support

We at ETH Zurich are proud of our reputation as one of the world's leading universities and pleased that we are an international institution that is home to excellent academics from around the globe. Currently, more than two-thirds of the newly appointed university's faculty are non-Swiss. Our office at ETH Zurich assists international faculty members and their families from the first stages of their recruitment, through the logistics of an international relocation and on to becoming happily integrated into life in Switzerland.

Our aim

We want your move to ETH Zurich and to Switzerland to be a success.

We are available to discuss any concerns you might have, yet we focus our services on three key areas. We provide assistance with:

- the careers of the partners of ETH faculty,
- finding a flat or house in Zurich, and,
- understanding the options for childcare and schooling in Zurich.

Partner Careers

We know that partners may have to leave employment in order to move to Switzerland. We offer career counselling for partners, and introductions to potential employers both in and out of academia. We help revise CVs and cover letters to suit the Swiss job market and organise a variety of workshops aimed at helping newcomers understand the way in which recruitment works in Switzerland. All

partners also have access to the Dual Career Network Zurich-Zug-Schaffhausen (IDCN).

International Dual Career Network: www.idcn.info

Finding a Home

In order to give families some time to explore Zurich and decide where to live, ETH offers temporary accommodation in furnished apartments. Our office explains how house hunting in Zurich works and points you in the direction of useful websites. If you wish for additional, professional, help we put you in touch with agents who can help you to find your new permanent home.

Real Estate Marketplace: www.homegate.ch

Schools and Childcare

Switzerland has an excellent free state (public) education system. There are also a large number of fee-paying (private) international and bilingual schools in Zurich. We will sit down with you and explain the Swiss education system and after-school care services and help you to choose the right school for your children. If your children are pre-school age, we will help you to register for a childcare place at an ETH nursery and answer any questions you might have about childcare provision. You may wish to look at ETH Zurich's Hello Kids portal, which provides further information about childcare in and around Zurich.

Elpida Constantinou (Cyprus): "It was the best decision we made, I think there are absolutely no regrets with that. We are very happy to be in Zürich and if I think of all the places where we have lived, I can't think of another place, a place other than Zürich where I would be happier to live as a family". [youtube.com: ETH Zurich - a smart choice for science and family](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



Zurich Schools: www.stadt-zuerich.ch/schulen
ETH Zurich, Hello Kids: www.ethz.ch/hellokids

Integration

The Swiss often refer to 'integration'. Integration does not mean losing your cultural identity, but understanding the way Swiss society works and becoming a part of it. For many international families, this may involve learning German and we offer financial support for German lessons. We can also provide an overview of the Swiss health insurance, social security and taxation systems. We have a database of experts we trust who can advise you and ensure that you have the insurance coverage that suits your family. However, we understand that being happy in a new country is not just about the practicalities; it is also about meeting people and forming new friendships. We are sure that you will meet people outside of the ETHZ community, but we do have an informal partners' network, the DCA-ETHZ network, to help you on your way. The network has a monthly newsletter, where new members introduce themselves and where there are announcements of social events and workshops that may be of interest. Members of the network are encouraged to make any suggestions for gatherings and offer tips and tricks for life in Zurich.