

With over 2800 students, Zurich University of the Arts is one of Europe's largest arts and design universities. ZHdK offers degree and research programmes in design, film, fine arts, music, dance, theatre, transdisciplinary studies and art education.

Cooperation of Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) and Zurich University of Teacher Education (PHZH) with the Academy of Fine Art, Design and Architecture Stuttgart (ABKS).

Call for Applications: PhD in Art and Design Education with a focus on teaching methods (Fachdidaktik)

Doctoral candidates will typically have completed an MA in Art Education or in Teaching Methods in Art and Design or will hold an equivalent degree. The programme runs for three years.

Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) and Zurich University of Teacher Education (PHZH) offer a wide range of teacher training programmes in art and design, extending from pre-primary to upper secondary school. With our respective BA und MA courses, we train future art educators for every educational level and all types of schools within the Swiss education system.

The new collaborative doctoral programme in Switzerland devised by the three partners aims to provide the "missing link" within the education system. The envisaged doctoral programme will not only facilitate a complete career for young academics in the field of teaching methods in art and design education, but also provide a more substantial and robust research basis for this vital field of knowledge within teacher education.

Together, the three partner institutions encompass the entire school system from pre-primary to up-per-secondary schools. Whereas all three institutions cover the intermediate level (K6-9), only PHZH educates teachers for the pre-primary and primary sectors, whereas ZHdK and ABKS share a strong focus on upper-secondary schools. This means that doctoral candidates from all school levels can be accommodated within the doctoral programme in teaching methods in Art and Design Education, yet with different institutional "homes" and combinations of supervisors.

A majority of the doctoral research in teaching methods of Art and Design Education will be located at the intersection of the scientific community of the partner institutions and beyond, as well as of the in-school community of practitioners, thereby reflecting the programme's foundation on practical research. Consequently, doctoral candidates will be closely linked not only to national and international researchers but also to trends and legislation affecting Art and Design Education within the Swiss school system.

The programme's scope and activities guarantee meaningful participation from members of all partner institutions in terms of their expertise and specific methodologies. Also, its setup is tailored to accommodate the anticipated group of ten participants and ensures that a majority of the work done by doctoral students enrolled at ZHdK can be carried out locally in Zurich. From the perspective of the participants, the geographical proximity of the programme partners will enable doctoral candidates to benefit from both the programme's international scope and its diversity of experts, institutions and institutional cultures. They will be equipped with both subject-specific and cross-functional qualifications and be able to establish a professional network.

The outline should include the following points:

- Motivation letter
- Description of the planned research including information as regards the basic research question, its relevance and topicality, project targets and methodology
- Certificate of the degree on which the admission is based

Start of the programme: January 2018

Please submit your application and supporting documents via the link below. Application deadline: 30 November 2017. For further information please contact promotion.fachdidaktik@zhdk.ch.

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