



## Step by step - Preliminary information for International PhD candidates at the University of Basel

(with no claim to completeness)

1	<b>Check before contacting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Do you possess a Master's degree (or equivalent)?</li> <li>(ii) Do you have the excellent skills required for the research cooperation you plan?</li> <li>(iii) Does the professor who will supervise you work in your field?</li> <li>(iv) Do you have the necessary language skills required for the research?</li> </ul>
2	<b>Finding a Supervisor at the University of Basel</b>	To find a suitable supervisor check <a href="http://www.forschdb2.unibas.ch">www.forschdb2.unibas.ch</a> for project keywords and contact the principal investigator or browse the websites of the departments <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/en/Faculties-Departments~type=0bb42b8c-8f48-4ffa-ba46-82792f2c026f~.html">https://www.unibas.ch/en/Faculties-Departments~type=0bb42b8c-8f48-4ffa-ba46-82792f2c026f~.html</a>
3	<b>General Requirements for Doctoral Studies at the University of Basel</b>	Admission as a doctoral candidate requires, in general, a Master's degree from a <a href="#">higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel</a> . The doctoral degree regulations of the individual faculties (see <a href="#">doctoral disciplines</a> ) include additional provisions for the admission and subject-related requirements concerning equivalence and supervision. <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Admission/Admission-to-Doctoral-Studies.html">https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Admission/Admission-to-Doctoral-Studies.html</a>
4	<b>Supervision and Financial Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Each PhD-candidate must find an academic supervisor for their research project.</li> <li>(ii) The professor must agree to supervise and support the candidate during the whole research stay.</li> <li>(iii) The financing of the doctorate must be clarified with the supervisor in advance.</li> </ul>
	<i>Scholarships</i>	ESKAS <a href="https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/en/home/education/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships.html">https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/en/home/education/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships.html</a> <a href="https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/funding/search">https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/funding/search</a>
	<i>PhD vacancies</i>	<a href="https://www.myscience.ch/jobs">https://www.myscience.ch/jobs</a> ; <a href="https://www.academics.ch/">https://www.academics.ch/</a> <a href="https://www.findaphd.com/search/phd.aspx?CID=CH">https://www.findaphd.com/search/phd.aspx?CID=CH</a> ; <a href="https://www.myscience.ch/en/jobs/phd_in_switzerland">https://www.myscience.ch/en/jobs/phd_in_switzerland</a> <a href="https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/">https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/</a>
5	<b>Entry Visa &amp; Permits</b>	Please check - mandatory > <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Visa---Residence-Permit-.html">https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Visa---Residence-Permit-.html</a> (i) Proof of sufficient financial resources to cover the cost of living in Switzerland (ii) working constraints can be put in place by the authorities.
6	<b>Costs of Living</b>	Sample budget for living costs > see minimum budget for a student: <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Budget-Advice.html">https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Budget-Advice.html</a>
	<i>Accommodation</i>	No university accommodation is provided: therefore please check <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Student-Life/Accommodation.html">https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Student-Life/Accommodation.html</a> <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/Administration-Services/The-President-s-Office/National-and-International-Cooperation/Welcome-Center/Moving-to-the-Basel-Area/Living-Situation/Finding-Housing.html">https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/Administration-Services/The-President-s-Office/National-and-International-Cooperation/Welcome-Center/Moving-to-the-Basel-Area/Living-Situation/Finding-Housing.html</a>
	<i>Insurance</i>	Be aware of your insurance obligations: <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/Administration-Services/The-President-s-Office/National-and-International-Cooperation/Welcome-Center/Life-in-Basel/Insurance.html">https://www.unibas.ch/en/University/Administration-Services/The-President-s-Office/National-and-International-Cooperation/Welcome-Center/Life-in-Basel/Insurance.html</a> <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Insurance.html">https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Insurance.html</a> Double-check if you are authorized to apply for exemption with the KVG, if your foreign insurance is accepted: <a href="https://www.kvg.org/en/application-and-request-for-exemption-online-residents-content---1--3097--1277.html">https://www.kvg.org/en/application-and-request-for-exemption-online-residents-content---1--3097--1277.html</a> An option for persons with a monthly income of less than CHF 3500.-: <a href="http://www.swisscare.com">www.swisscare.com</a> Premium reductions by the cantonal authorities can be requested if you have to enroll with a <b>cantonal</b> insurance agency.
7	<b>Application to Doctoral Studies</b>	<a href="https://www.unibas.ch/application">https://www.unibas.ch/application</a>
8	<b>Checklist &amp; Advice Student Social Services</b>	Provides broad advice on topics such as disability, insurances, psychological topics, childcare etc. <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Social-Services-Healthcare.html">https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Social-Services-Healthcare.html</a>
	<i>International Office &gt;Student Exchange</i>	Provides information concerning exchange agreements and is responsible for the FCS/ESKAS scholarship program at the University of Basel.
	<i>Int. Office&gt;Welcome-/Euraxess Center</i>	Provides check-lists and advice, guiding you and your partner/family through the months before, during and after your move to the Basel area. <a href="https://www.unibas.ch/welcome">https://www.unibas.ch/welcome</a>