

Information for project mobility students from Ukraine

Valid for academic year 2023/24

All prerequisites and admission requirements apply as listed on this website. Exceptions or additional services for students with a protection status "S" are listed on page 2. Relevant for application is the eligibility for protection status "S". The exceptions and additional services will remain in force for the Academic Year 2023/24, provided that the Swiss authorities decide to keep protection status "S" activated.

Protection status "S" entails additional security and flexibility compared to other types of residence:

- faster process, less documentation needed
- not dependant on enrollment (if you complete or discontinue your studies)
- possibility to take up employment without delay (after your studies or within certain limits besides your studies)
- social security and health insurance coverage
- no requirement for proof of sufficient financial means
- right to be provided with accommodation

"Experience@ETH"

• Transition to a different type of residence permit (e.g. as a student) is possible but probably not the other way around.

Note: This status is governed by the authorities. Please address questions regarding the protection status "S" to them.

"Experience@ETH" vs. project mobility studies

Possibility to gain work experience in an academic environment as an intern. It is open to persons who have not yet completed their studies and includes a standard internship salary (CHF 2,600/month). It is full-time employment and it is not possible to combine "Experience@ETH" employment with a student status. The standard duration is 6 to 12 months. The employment contract should be arranged via hosting institutes and HR partners.

Project mobility studies

Mobility stay for students on Bachelor's and Master's level doing a thesis project or research related to their studies. Project duration is a minimum of 91 days and a maximum of 365 days. It is possible to do a limited amount of coursework besides the project (max. 10 ECTS credits per semester) if the project supervisor agrees and the exam scheduling allows for it. Hosting supervisors are allowed to provide students with a scholarship of up to CHF 2000 per month if they have such funding available.

Opportunities offered by ETH institutes are published on <u>#Science for Ukraine</u> and in <u>this document</u>. In addition, you can refer to our general information on <u>how to find a supervisor</u>. You need to apply directly to potential supervisors. Please inquire with your supervisor whether they offer "Experience@ETH" work experience or a thesis/research projects for project mobility students, or if either option is possible.

Students with protection status "S", please note: The information below overrules any other information you will receive on these specific issues during the application process or your enrollment as a project mobility student.

Application documents for project mobility studies (where different from the regular application process)

- All of the application documents must be submitted as listed on the <u>website</u>. If you have problems to obtain some of the required documents, please contact <u>projectstudent@ethz.ch</u>.
- Additional document: Confirmation of protection status "S": Upload a scan together with your passport. If you have not yet received status "S" but are eligible for the status, you can still apply.

Application deadline and starting the process

Applications will be accepted after the official deadline but the application and enrollment process will require at least several weeks. Applications will be handled in the order in which they are submitted. **Start your application here.**

Fees

Project mobility students do not pay tutition fees.

Scholarships from supervisors

If your ETH supervisor has funds available, they are allowed to support you with a <u>scholarship</u> of up to CHF 2000 per month – please check directly with your supervisor if that is the case. Note that scholarships must be <u>declared to the authorities</u> and – depending on the amount – may reduce the social security benefits a person is entitled to receive. (Note: If your supervisor has agreed to fund you with more than CHF 2000 per month, they must use the "Experience@ETH" route and you cannot apply as a project mobility student.)

Visa and registration with the authorities for persons with protection status "S"

- You do not need to apply for a visa beforehand.
- Upon arrival in Switzerland, please register with the nearest federal asylum centre. For Zurich, consult the information on this website (information leaflet available in English, Ukrainian and Russian). It is recommended to pre-apply using this form (in German and Ukrainian). We recommend informing the authorities that you intend to or have already been accepted to study at ETH Zurich (or in Basel, if you are a student of D-BSSE) so that you are allocated to the Canton of Zurich or a neighbouring Canton.
- With protection status "S", you have immediate health insurance coverage. (Questions regarding this will be answered by the authorities.)

Language courses, activities and learning resources for students and researchers from Ukraine

The Language Center of University Zurich and ETH offers different formats for German as well as English. Consult this website to learn about the details.

Support and community

- <u>Points of contact for mobility students</u> including advisory and counselling services
- Discovery semester VSETH (buddy programme by the umbrella organisation of all students at ETH)
- Solidarity with Ukraine group on the ETH Point community platform