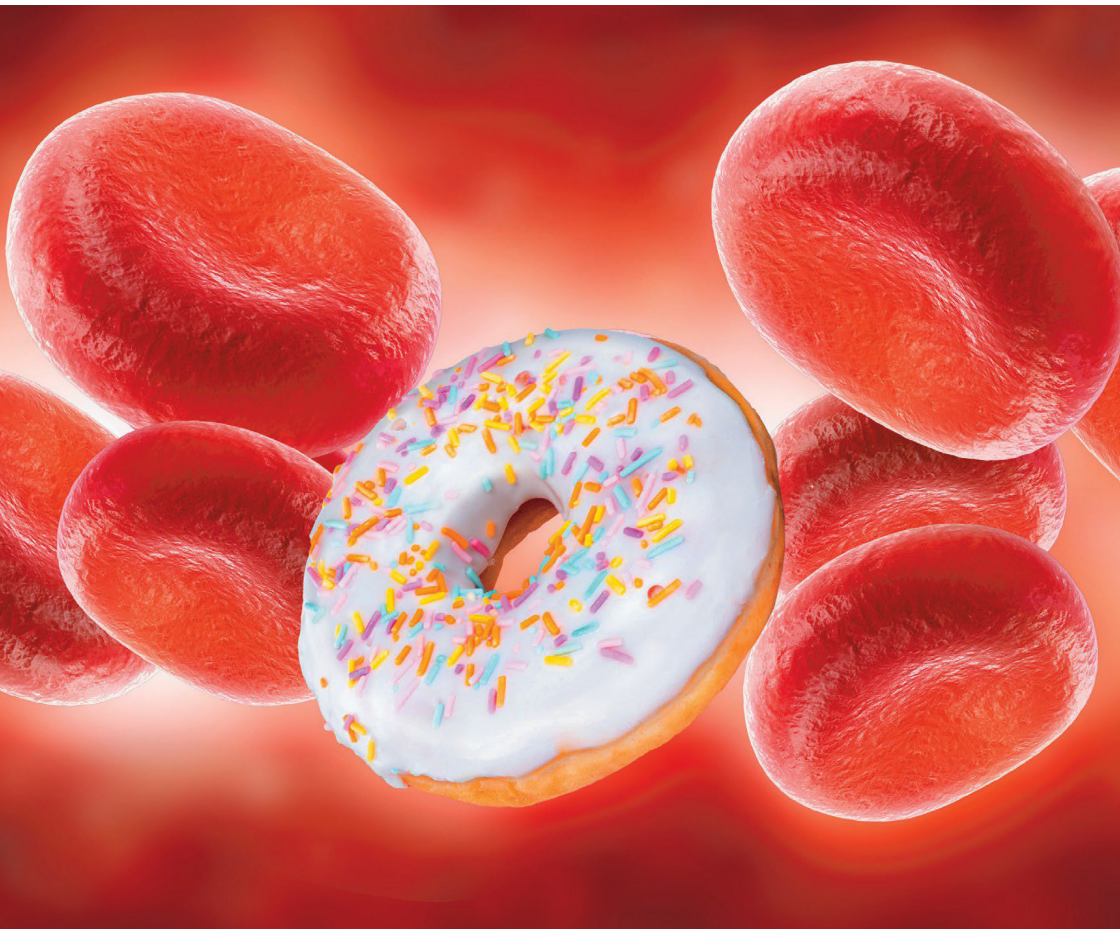


Focus on Health

Graduate School for Health Sciences (GHS)



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Organization and Curriculum

The GHS offers research-oriented curricula on psychological and physiological factors that determine the health of individuals and groups in their social contexts and physical environments.

The GHS is an interdisciplinary program jointly organized by the **Faculties of Medicine, Human Sciences** and **Vetsuisse** and offers research PhD programs addressing questions rooted in both basic and applied research fields.

The extensive pool of academic experts and resources enables GHS candidates to develop into highly qualified researchers or professionals.

Depending on the field of research, the candidates are assigned to one of the **three Expert Committees (FK)** with the following fields of expertise:

FKI: Individual factors, public health and methodologies for health sciences research

FKII: Clinical Neurosciences

FKIII: Clinical Sciences: clinical career & patient-oriented research (50:50 model)

Diagrammatic representation of the GHS structured PhD timeline			
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4*
PhD research project			
Attending courses			
Presenting own work at GHS symposium and at national and international conferences			
Acquiring transferable skills			
Doctoral Agreement	1 st exam (written)	2 nd exam (oral)	
	1 st Progress Report	2 nd Progress Report	3 rd Progress Report
		PhD thesis preparation and submission	PhD thesis preparation and submission

*In the Clinical Sciences expert committee, the PhD duration is 4-6 years.

There are 3 application deadlines a year: **January 10th** , **May 1st** and **September 1st**

Advantages for candidates	Advantages for supervisors
• Comprehensive, internationally competitive training in the theory and practice of experimental research • In-depth specialist knowledge of the individually selected research area • An expert supervision committee that provides the best possible support for your individual thesis project • An interdisciplinary platform that facilitates communication and collaboration among candidates and their supervisors • The choice of courses, including transferable skills, tailored to individual interests and specific needs • The advantage of special workshops to obtain core PhD qualifications • The possibility to get travel grants to participate in national and international conferences • The opportunity to be integrated in scientific networks and to take scientific responsibility for your project	• The possibility to be involved in additional academic activities as requested by the university • Shared responsibility for the mentoring tasks with a pool of other experts within a thesis committee, boosting collaboration chances • Networking in a wide and interdisciplinary environment • Increase in the number of publications in case of tenure track • Substantial administrative support in case of problems e.g. for the organization of the defense • Opportunity to provide the best-specialized input for candidates: chance to contact and involve external specialists for the defense to increase support possibilities • Guarantee of a reliable and consolidated structure for your PhD candidates with e.g. with defined deadlines • Possibility to extend the expertise in specific areas within your research group, allowing participation in courses in different disciplines at national and international institutions

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