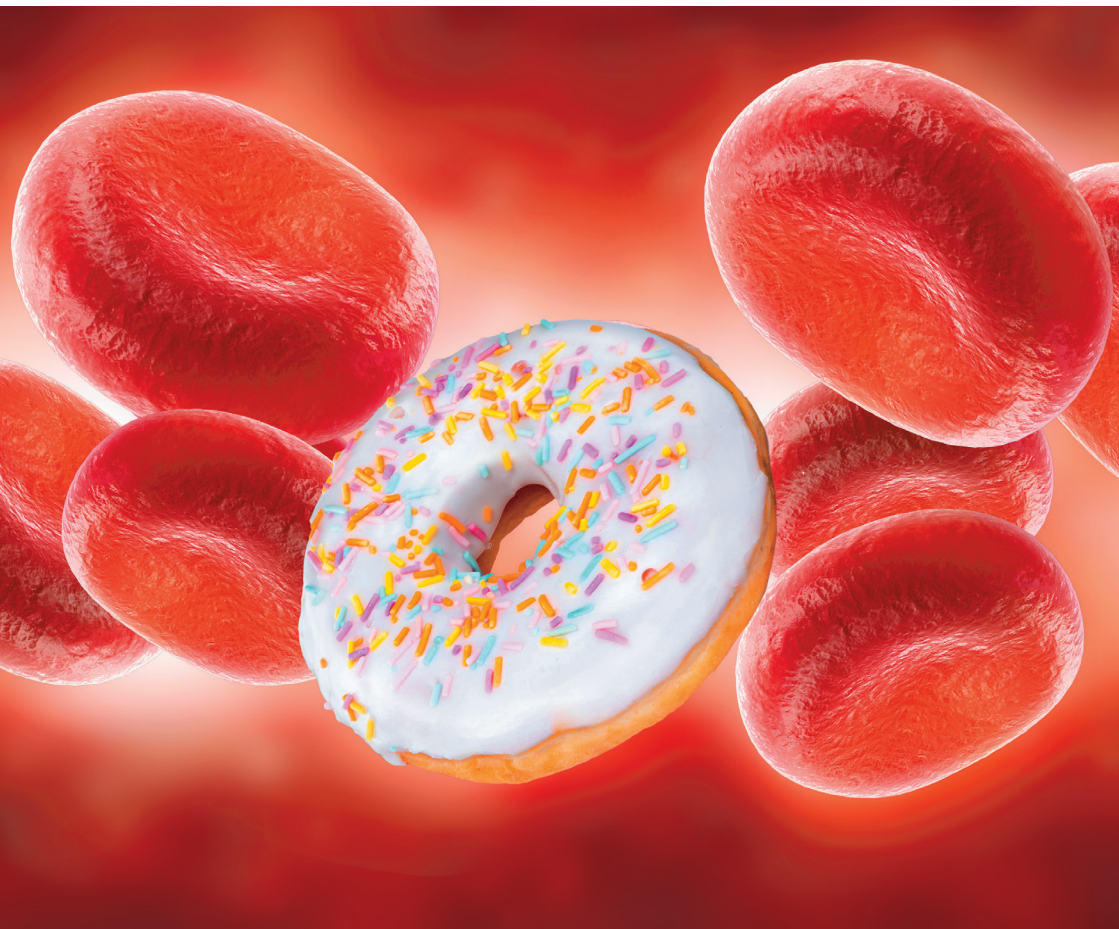


# Focus on Health

Graduate School for Health Sciences (GHS)



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## Organization & 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 the GHS students 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** with the following fields of expertise:

- **Preventive and social medicine, public health, medical education, psychology, rehabilitation, clinical research & others**
- **Neurosciences**
- **Clinical Sciences: clinical career & patient-oriented research (50:50 model)**

Diagrammatic representation of the GHS structured PhD

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. exam (written)	1. progress report		2. exam (oral)	2. progress report
							3. progress report
						PhD Thesis preparation and submission	
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\* In the Clinical Sciences committee the PhD duration is from 4-6 years

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

Advantages for students	Advantages for supervisors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprehensive, <b>internationally competitive training</b> in the theory and practice of experimental research</li><li>• <b>In-depth specialist knowledge</b> of the individually selected research area</li><li>• An expert supervisory committee that provides the best <b>possible support</b> for your individual thesis project</li><li>• An <b>interdisciplinary platform that facilitates communication</b> and collaboration among PhD students and their supervisors</li><li>• The choice of <b>courses</b>, including transferable skills tailored to <b>individual interests and specific needs</b></li><li>• The advantage of special <b>workshops</b> to obtain <b>PhD core qualifications</b></li><li>• The possibility to <b>get travel grants</b> to participate in national and international conferences</li><li>• The opportunity to be <b>integrated in scientific networks</b> and to take scientific responsibility for your project</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The possibility to be involved in <b>additional academic activities</b> as requested from the University</li><li>• <b>Shared responsibility for the mentoring tasks</b> with a pool of other experts within a Thesis Committee, boosting chances for <b>collaboration</b>.</li><li>• <b>Networking</b> in a wide and interdisciplinary environment</li><li>• <b>Increase publications</b> in case of tenure track</li><li>• <b>Substantial administrative support</b> in case of problems e.g. for the organization of the defence</li><li>• <b>Provide the best specialized input for students:</b> opportunity to contact and involve external specialists for the defence to increase support options</li><li>• <b>Financial aid</b> (congresses, courses, expert invitations)</li><li>• <b>Guarantee of a reliable and consolidated structure</b> for their own PhD students e.g. with defined deadlines</li><li>• Possibility to <b>extend the expertise in specific areas within their own research group</b> allowing participation in courses of related disciplines in national and international institutions</li></ul>

For further information please check our website [www.ghs.unibe.ch](http://www.ghs.unibe.ch)

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