



Fact Sheet

Inge Strauch Visiting Professorship 2019 – 2022

The University of Zurich encourages the faculties to step up their efforts to invite outstanding women visiting professors.

What is the goal?

UZH aims to achieve a balanced representation of women and men at all levels and in all functions, and wants to increase the proportion of female professors in particular. The Inge Strauch visiting professors serve as role models for junior academics at UZH.

What is the Inge Strauch visiting professorship?

Between 2019 and 2022 the faculties can appoint an Inge Strauch visiting professor (http://www.prof.uzh.ch/de/ihre_professur/gastprofessuren.html). The appointee must be a woman, and the usual rules for visiting professorships apply. The visiting professors will be invited to UZH for a period of two to six months, during which time they will be involved in research and teaching activities. Moreover, each visiting professor will hold a public lecture about her research and will also take part in a framework program in line with the aims of the visiting professorship.

The Executive Board of the University provides each faculty with up to CHF 90,000 for the professorship from the UZH strategic reserves. Of this amount, CHF 5,500 is earmarked for the purpose of organizing the framework program. Visiting professors at UZH are generally in pay category 24/level 03.¹ In exceptional cases, the faculties can seek permission for a higher pay category from their vice president.² Any funds remaining after the visiting professorship are forfeited.

Who was Inge Strauch?

Prof. Dr. Inge Strauch (1932 – 2017) conducted research on individual sleeping patterns and dreaming, and her psychophysiological studies significantly refined our scientific understanding of dreaming.

Inge Strauch was appointed to the University of Zurich in 1976 as full professor of clinical psychology. She was the first female full professor at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and held the position of Vice President for Research and Teaching from 1992 to 1998. As a member of the Executive Board of the University, she was instrumental in establishing the unit that later became the Office for Gender Equality. As Vice President, she was also involved in moving the University in the direction of becoming an autonomous institution. After her professorial retirement in 1999, Inge Strauch went on to be President of the Senior Citizens' University for five years.

How to proceed?

The faculties select a visiting professor in accordance with their regulations and submit an application for a visiting professorship ("Merkblatt Gastprofessorinnen und Gastprofessoren", http://www.prof.uzh.ch/de/ihre_professur/gastprofessuren.html).

The faculties inform the Office for Gender Equality about their plans no later than upon submission of their application.

¹ Total salary costs for pay category 24/ level 03 for full-time employment during six months amount to CHF 84,400.

² The program budget will not be increased beyond CHF 90'000. The faculties can either shorten the duration of the visit or use own funds to finance higher pay categories.

The Professorships Department is responsible for taking the administrative steps required for the employment of the visiting professors.

The faculties, the visiting professors, the Gender Equality Commission and the Office for Gender Equality jointly specify and carry out the framework program.

For more information: http://www.gleichstellung.uzh.ch/en/politik/gastprofessur_inge_strauch.html

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