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GSMHS Update for PhD programs Quarterly #1

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Aim and Agenda

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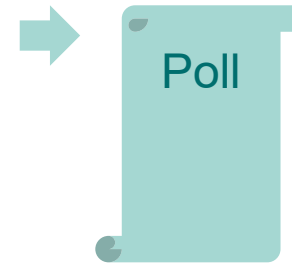
- Inform you about our activities, 4x per year
Past, Present, Future
- Get your feedback, comments, support, relevant topics from your experience

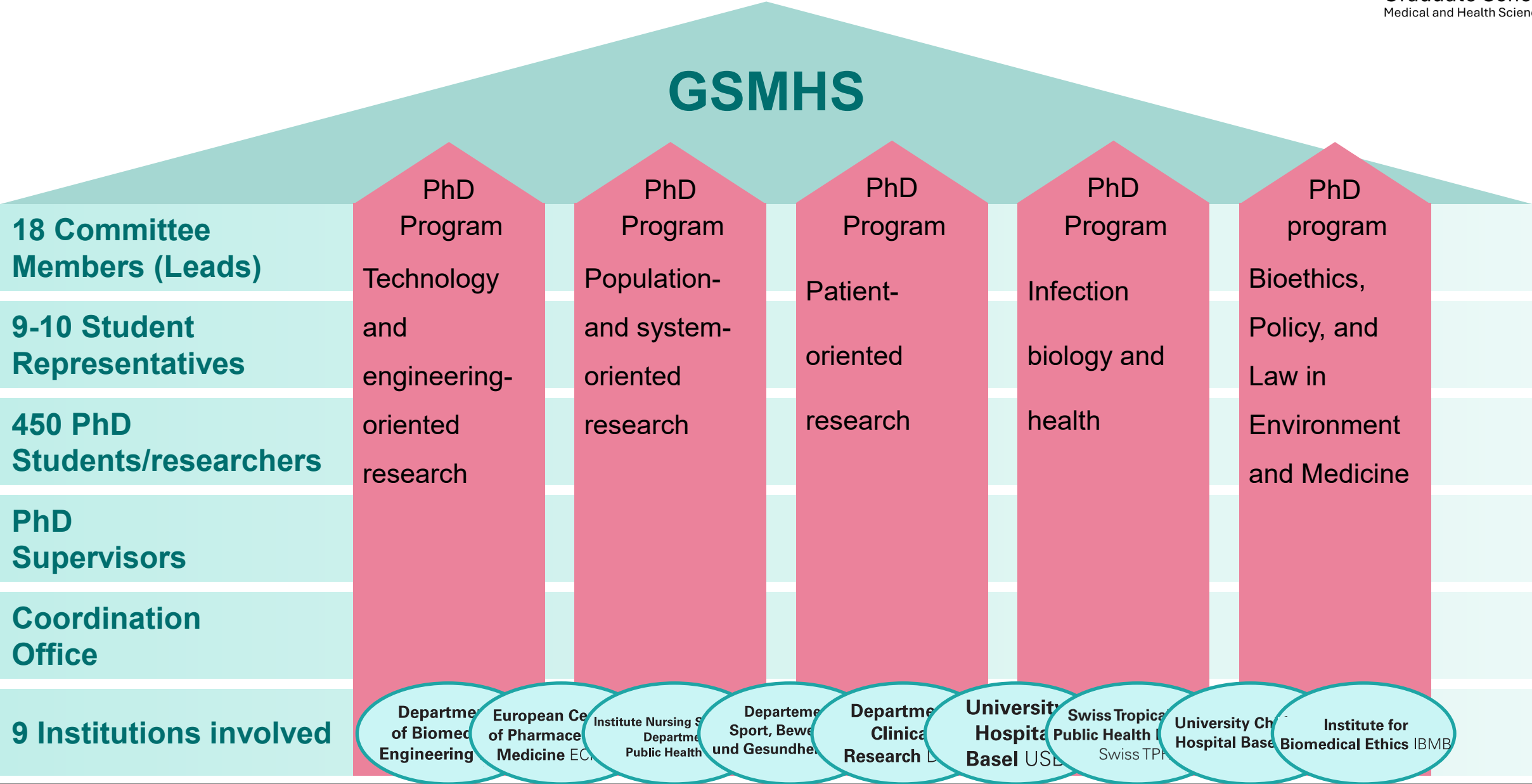


- Any other expectations?

Agenda

1. 20min Presentation: Past, Present, Future
2. 25min Discussion





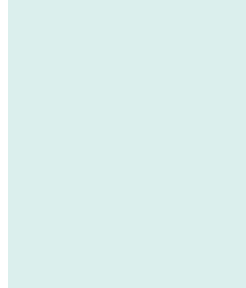
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Vision & Goals of the Coordination Office

Enable PhD researchers in medical and health sciences to

- **Start** their pathway
- **Develop** themselves
- **Connect** with each other
- **Finish** according to plan
- Be prepared for their **career** after the PhD

Goals:

- **Governance**, ensuring PhD students are on track
- **Curriculum** is organized
- **Communication**, PhD students feel well informed

"We **accompany our PhD** candidates during their PhD journey, between admission and defense of their doctoral thesis."

"**Inspiring environment** for PhD students in medicine, health sciences, infection biology, bioethics, policy and biomedical engineering."

"Our **focus is on training, networking and career** development."

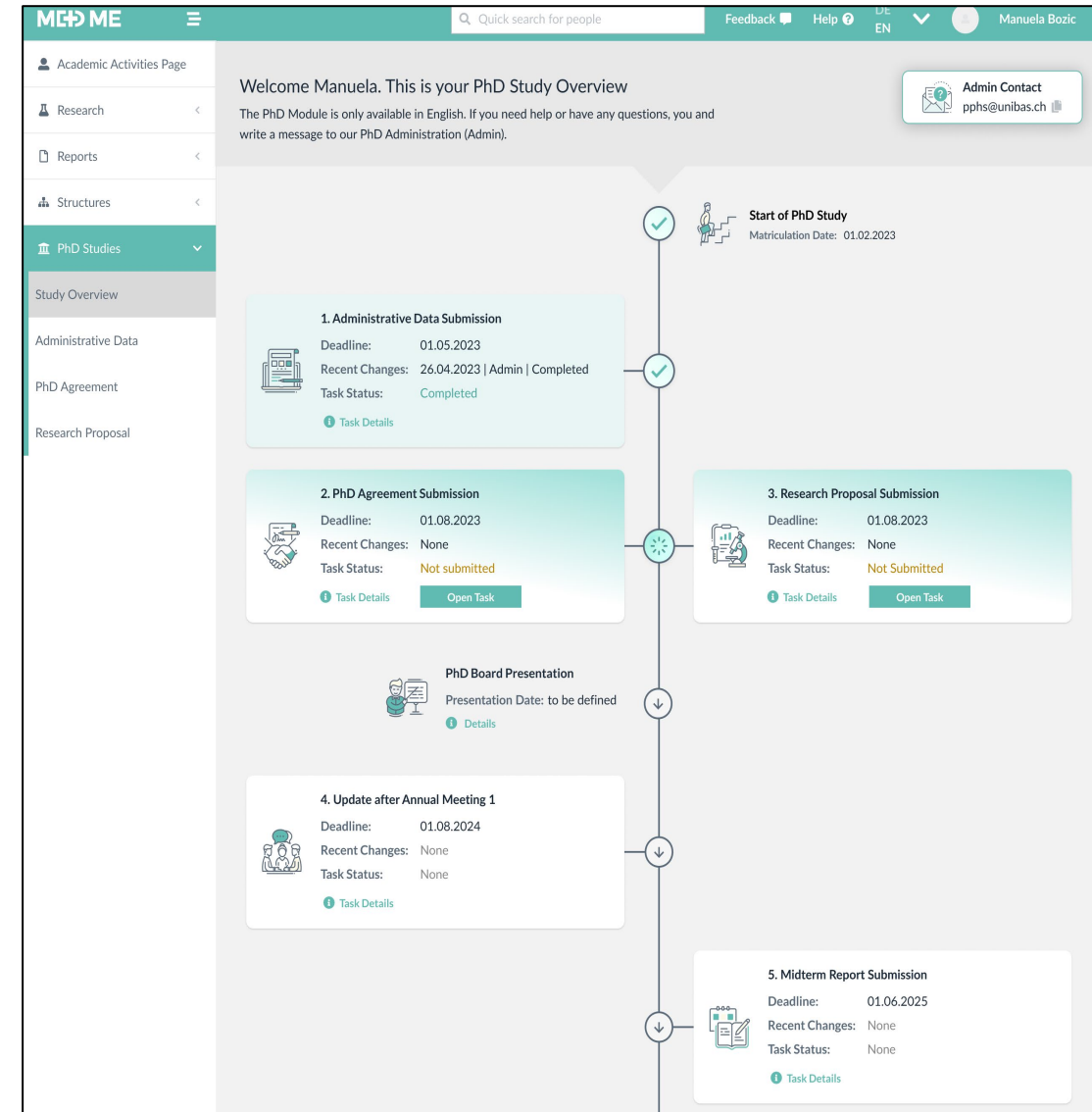
Budget

PhD program	Receiving 2026-2029	Planned 2026	Open 2026
Patient-oriented Research	49'000/y + 25'000 = 221'000 CHF	56'000	20'000
Population- and System-oriented Research	64'000/y + 32'000 = 288'000 CHF	72'000	20'000
Infection Biology and Health	22'000/y. + 19'608 = 107'608 CHF	27'000	5'000
Technology and Engineering-oriented Research	51'000/y. + 25'500 = 229'500 CHF	57'000	15'000
GSMHS	258'000/y + 129'000 = 1'161'000	290'000	70'000
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PhD tracking in UNiverse

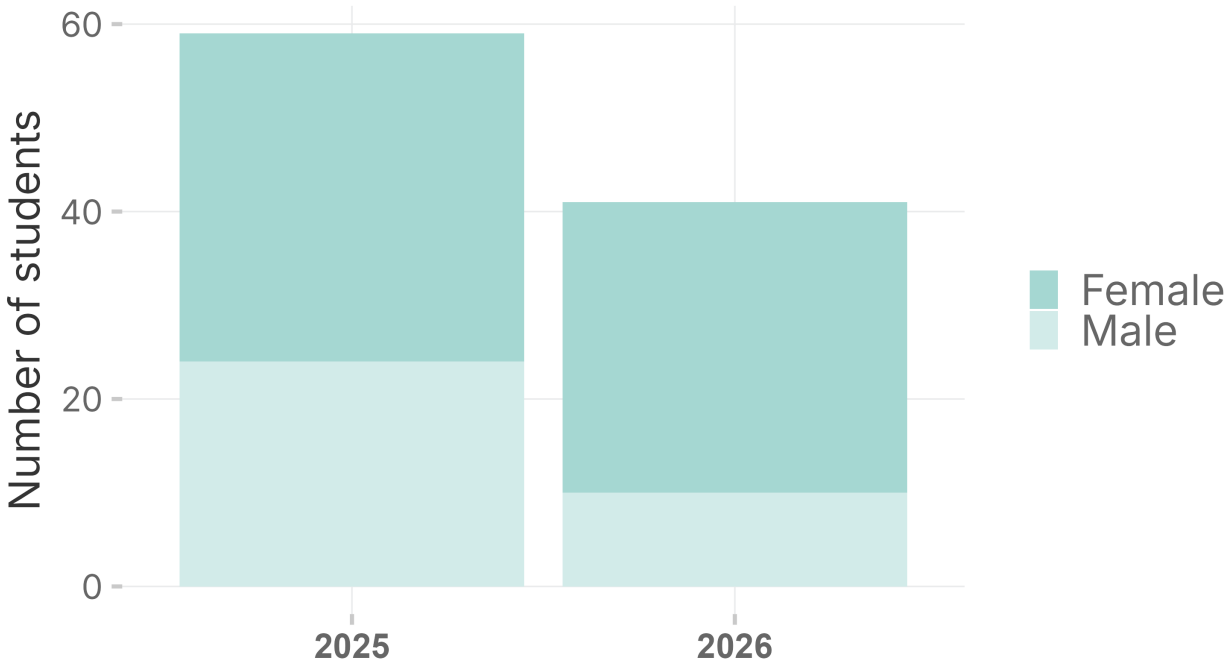
Monitoring of PhD education on Universe

- The PhD student gains an immediate overview of their own process.
- PhD supervisors can view their PhD students' status.
- The administration can support the PhD process with this semi-automated platform.

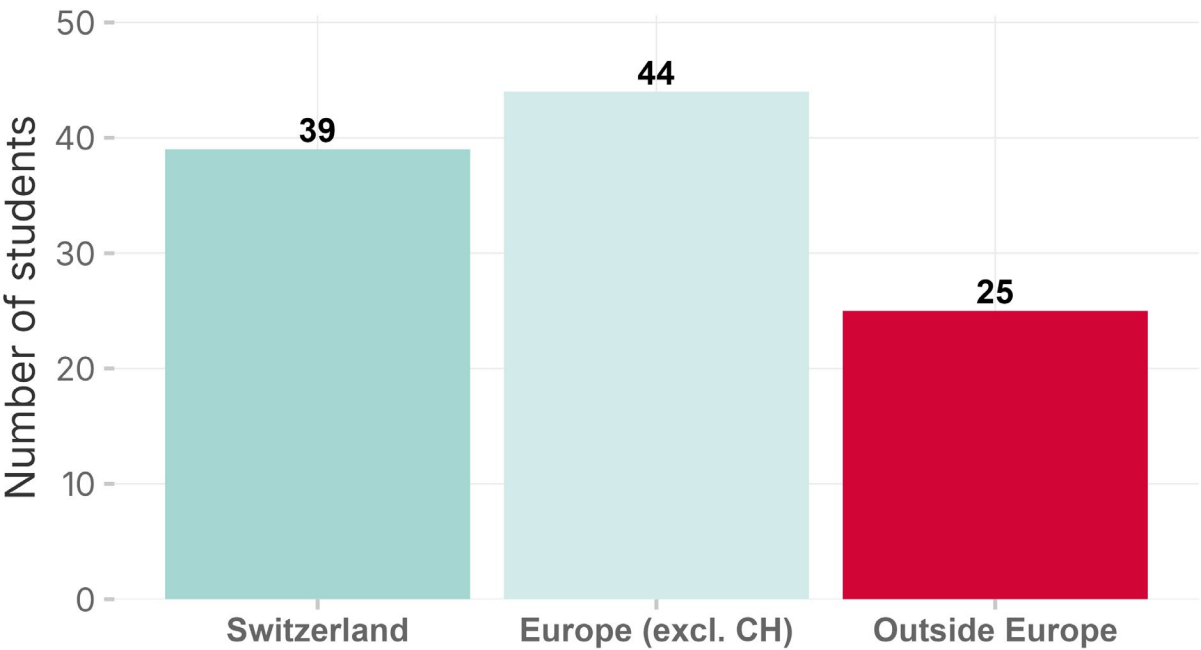


Current numbers and student origin

Students per start year



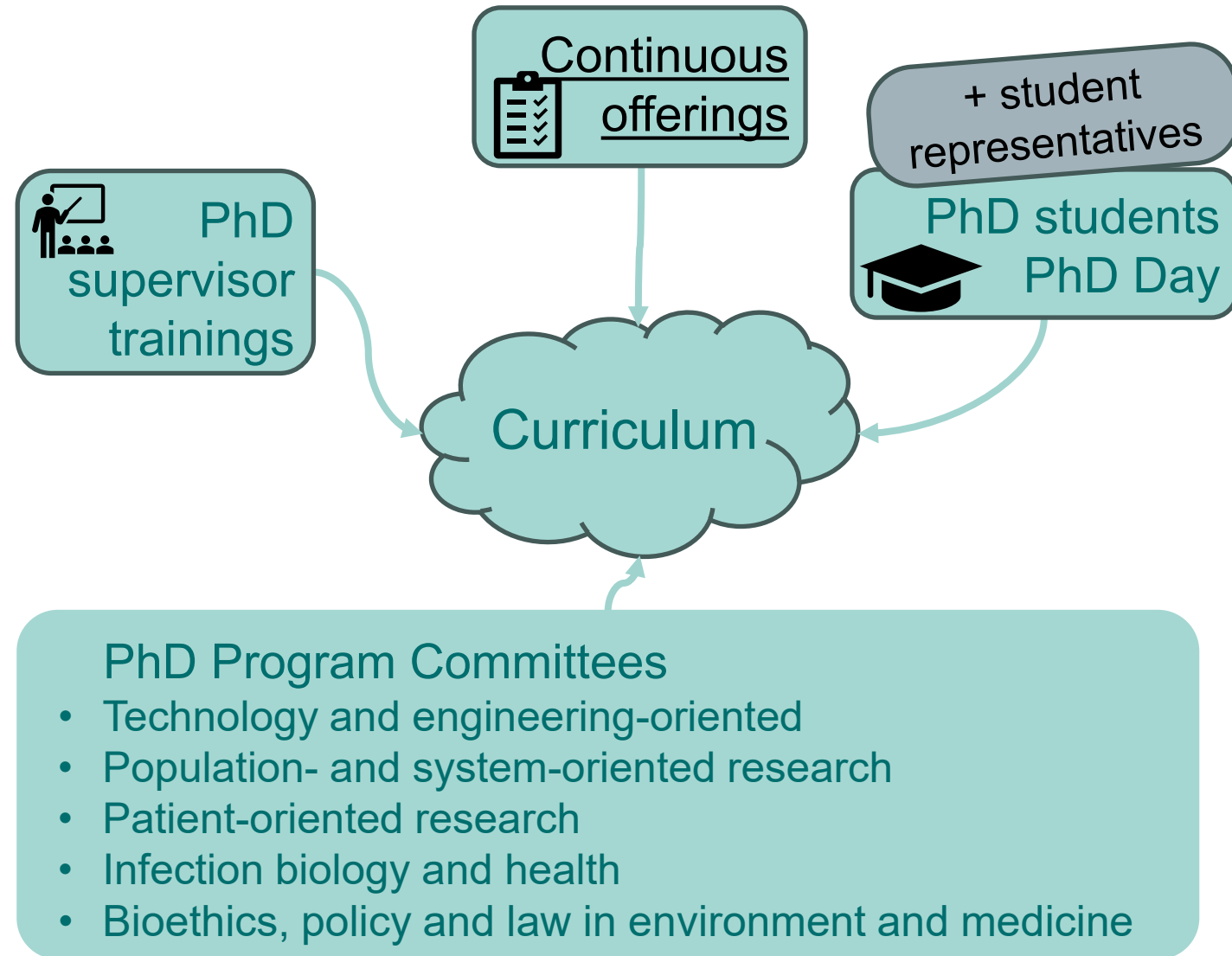
Nationality



Curriculum for PhD students' education

Goals:

- Min 18 ECTS per year, 50% online, 50% onsite
- Domains covered
 - Methods and Science
 - Scientific Writing
 - Scientific Integrity
 - Science communication
 - Data management
- PhD supervisor training 1x per semester



Feedback by PhD students during PhD Day

- **Career** development during and after the PhD
 - **Supervisor** responsibilities and expectations – how to strengthen your supervisor relationship
 - **Social activities** - your needs and wishes
 - **Courses and events** - your benefits, wishes, and needs
 - **Communication channels** for PhD relevant topics & activities - feeling well informed?
- + a mini-qualitative study: **Level-specific challenges faced by PhD students**
- 25 Interviews from beginner, mid-level, final-year doctoral students and alumni of the PhD Program Health Sciences (PPHS) and the Graduate School of Medical and Health Sciences (GSMHS)

Future activities 2026 and beyond

How relevant do you find these offerings for PhD students from your experience?

1 (not relevant)  10 (highly relevant)

- Courses Science and Methodology
 - **New:** Seminar on translational medicine in technology/engineering
 - **New:** Advanced Meta-Analysis
 - **New:** Advanced Trial Designs
- Courses Scientific Writing
 - **New:** Community of Practice for using AI in scientific writing
 - **Writing retreat** fall 2026 organized by PhD students
- **Inform PhD supervisors** more often about
 - Our offerings
 - Upcoming tasks, e.g. semester start and course planning for their PhD students
 - Tools for effective supervision
- **Invite your expert** – another call in fall?
- Career development
 - **New:** Mini-workshop **Writing the CV** (as part of Meet to Write)
 - **New:** Workshop **How to transition to industry**
 - **New:** Workshop **Networking & LinkedIn**
- **New:** **GSMHS LinkedIn** channel
 - Fostering career development
 - Supporting networking
 - Adding another communication channel for announcing our offerings
- **New:** **Landing the PhD**
 - More information and support for PhD students in their last year (e.g. guidance, peer-to-peer mentoring, ...)

Discussion

- Fill in the poll – what future activities do you find highly relevant today?
- Comments?
- Suggestions?
- Further relevant topics or ideas?

