

SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus (IGC)

What IGC is about

The SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus provides PhD students with

- State-of-the art training in public health methods and topics
- Cost-free access to PhD courses offered by the IGC (only a processing fee of 30 CHF per course applies)
- Access to courses offered by partners of the IGC at reduced course fees
- Broad access to the inter-university multidisciplinary SSPH+ research and teaching faculty
- Guidelines for what constitutes a high quality PhD track in public health relevant sciences
- Unique networking opportunities with other PhD students and SSPH+ junior and senior scientists all across Switzerland

Eligibility Criteria

PhD students who meet the following conditions are welcome to apply to become a member of the SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus

- PhD students must be formally registered and approved as a PhD student in one of the SSPH+ partner universities
- The primary supervisor of the PhD student must be a [SSPH+ Faculty Member](#)

Academic Board

- The SSPH+ IGC Academic Board sets the priority tasks of the IGC and is responsible for the content and quality of courses offered in the Graduate Campus.

Student Body Representatives

- Representatives of the student body take part in the Academic Board meetings and bring in students' suggestions and questions.

SSPH+ Certificate in Public Health

Note: SSPH+ does not award doctoral titles or degrees. This is the sole authority and responsibility of the university at which the student is enrolled. Universities award PhD degrees according to their own regulations, which PhD students need to follow.

- After successful graduation as a PhD student at one of the universities carrying the SSPH+ Foundation, SSPH+ IGC can provide the SSPH+ Certificate in Public Health under the conditions outlined below.

The student has:

- earned a total of minimum 18 ECTS or more
- successfully attended courses in the following 4 study fields
 - Epidemiology
 - Social and behavioral sciences in health research
 - Health systems research
 - Transferable skills and other public health relevant courses

A minimum of 2 ECTS is required for each field.

- The SSPH+ Certificate in Public Health can only be awarded after the student has handed in a copy of his/her final PhD diploma of his/her university.