**Cooperation of the Vetsuisse Faculty of the University of Zurich (VSF UZH) with the Graduate School for Cellular and Biomedical Sciences (GCB) of the University of Bern**

Candidates with a degree in Veterinary Medicine can complete a PhD program at the Vetsuisse Faculty of the University of Zurich in cooperation with the Graduate School for Cellular and Biomedical Sciences of the University of Bern (GCB) and receive the title **Dr. sc. med. vet**, for details see *Doktoratsordnung* (<https://www.vet.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:8d88c6d5-2ae6-446d-b1f4-f25d8642f620/DoktoratsordungPhD2017.pdf>).

1. **Application**PhD candidates of the Vetsuisse Faculty Zurich must register at the University of Zurich. Before submitting the application to the GCB, a preliminary interview must be held at the VSF UZH with Prof. Thomas Lutz ([tomlutz@vetphys.uzh.ch](mailto:tomlutz@vetphys.uzh.ch)).  
   Application at GCB follows the procedure as described at the GCB website under step 2: <http://www.gcb.unibe.ch/application_and__admission/application/index_eng.html>, and include a confirmation of the pre-evaluation by Prof. Thomas Lutz.
2. **Doctoral program**The achievements of PhD students enrolled at the UZH are evaluated by the GCB and formally registered by the VSF UZH. The PhD students are responsible for ensuring that the information flows to the UZH and GCB and they have to report the passed and failed courses once per semester to the dean's office of the VSF UZH (see §10 of *Doktoratsordnung)*.  
   The students from Vetsuisse Zürich are registered at the University of Bern as doctoral candidates with Performance Agreement (Leistungsvereinbarung); therefore, all achievements can be registered within KSL/CTS of University of Bern.
3. Upon admission to the GCB, you will additionally receive a campus account of the University of Bern, which will enable you to access your profile on the CTS/KSL platform of the University of Bern, where your courses and examinations will be administered. For more details on CTS/KSL, see the GCB website [«Courses and Examinations»](https://edit.cms.unibe.ch/unibe/portal/center_gradschools/gs_cb/content/e126775/e475940/index_eng.html?preview=preview) .
4. **Thesis submission and PhD defense**PhD students enrolled at the UZH can **follow steps Steps 1 to 9** according to the guidelines on the GCB website (<http://www.gcb.unibe.ch/phd_program/phd_degree/index_eng.html>) with the following exceptions:  
   **Step 3:** Frontpage, see template of University of Zürich on page 2.  
   **Step 5:** Proof of payment of examination fee of CHF 500.–, to be paid to ZKB, IBAN: CH51 0070 0110 0001 0959 4, "PhD Promo" KST 5000000/413900)  
   **Step 8:** Deposit copies: 6 for VSF UZH   
   **Step 10:** After receiving the thesis defense record, GCB will submit the signed study sheet to the dean's office of the VSF UZH.   
   The PhD Degree is awarded by VSF UZH

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