

SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus (IGC)

What the IGC is about

The SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus (IGC) offers PhD and MD students a comprehensive and collaborative training environment in public health. Members benefit from:

- **State-of-the-art training** in public health methods and topics
- **Cost-free access to IGC PhD courses** (a processing fee of 30 CHF per course applies)
- **Reduced fees** for courses offered by IGC partner institutions
- **Broad access to the multidisciplinary SSPH+ research and teaching faculty** across Switzerland
- **Guidelines and orientation** for high-quality PhD training in public health–related sciences
- **Unique networking opportunities** with fellow PhD/MD students and SSPH+ junior and senior scientists from multiple universities

Eligibility Criteria

PhD and MD students are eligible to apply for membership in the IGC if they meet the following requirements:

- They are formally **registered as PhD or MD students** at one of the **SSPH+ partner universities**.
- Their **primary supervisor** is a [SSPH+ Faculty Member](#).

Academic Board

- The **SSPH+ IGC Academic Board** sets the strategic priorities of the IGC and oversees the **content and quality** of all IGC course offerings.

Student Body Representatives

- Student and postdoctoral representatives participate in Academic Board meetings, where they contribute **suggestions, questions, and input** on behalf of the student community.

SSPH+ Certificate in Public Health

Important Note:

SSPH+ does *not* award doctoral degrees. Degree conferral is the exclusive responsibility of the student's home university. PhD students must comply with their university's doctoral regulations.

After successfully completing their PhD at a university belonging to the SSPH+ Foundation, students may request the **SSPH+ Certificate in Public Health**, provided they meet the following conditions:

The student has:

- Earned a **minimum total of 18 ECTS**.
- Successfully completed courses in all **four required study fields**, with at least **2 ECTS per field**:
 - Epidemiology
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences in Health Research
 - Health Systems Research
 - Transferable Skills and Other Public Health–Relevant Courses

The certificate can only be issued once the student submits a copy of their **final, officially awarded PhD diploma** from their university.