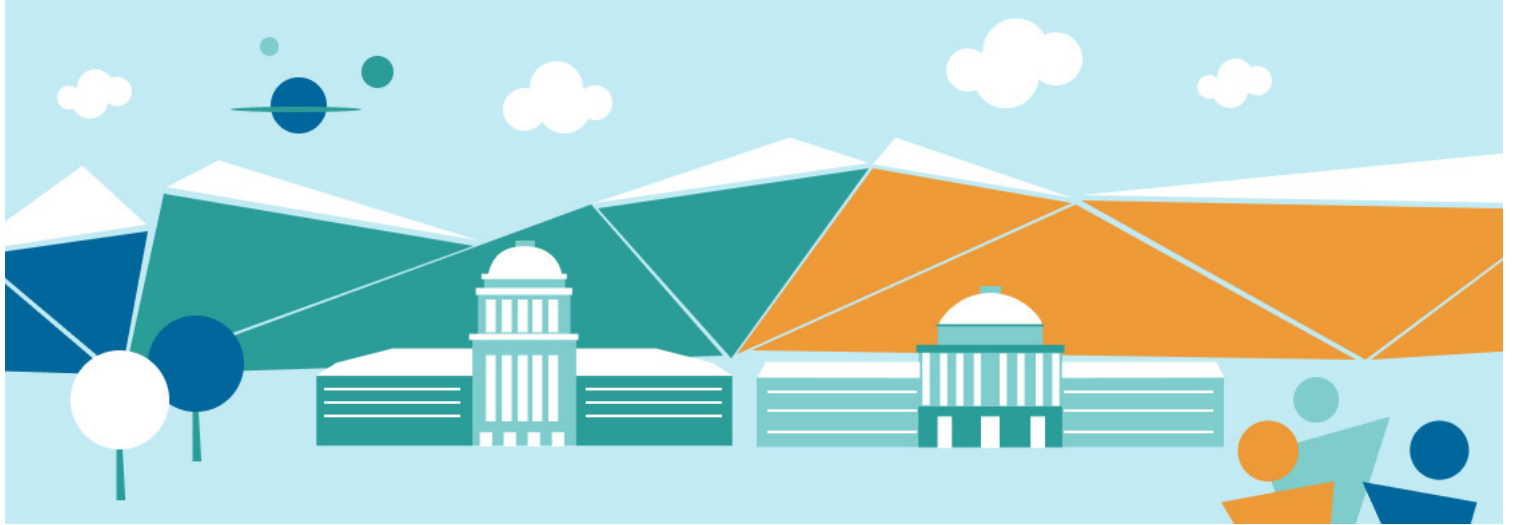




Citizen Science Zurich & Graduate Campus



Citizen Science Winter School 2025, January 19 – 24

Participation, Power and Perspective

Opening Research through Citizen Science

What does it mean to **open science to public participation**? How does Citizen Science enable us to practice **diversity in knowledge production**? How can it **challenge our notions of expert knowledge**? How can Citizen Science contribute to **solving societal challenges**? And how can it **transform the scientific landscape**?

Citizen Science refers to scientific research processes in which the public ("citizens") is engaged at various levels and for different reasons. From linguistics to public health, it is a form of public participation found in many disciplines, including inter- and transdisciplinary settings. Maybe you have heard of Community Based Research, PPI(E), Action Research, Civic Science? Citizen Science is an umbrella term encompassing a wide range of approaches and methodologies. Some projects work closely with the community whose concerns are being researched, fostering empowerment in the process. Others leverage participatory

methods to obtain or analyze large or hard-to-access information. Activities range from small-scale local projects with defined target groups to large-scale international projects where everyone can participate.

Goals

In this Winter School of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich, Switzerland, you will identify and develop crucial skills and competencies needed to plan and conduct a Citizen Science project, whether you are an academic researcher, practitioner or a citizen scientist. In doing so, you will:

- immerse yourself in debates around Citizen Science
- get to know different Citizen Science approaches, their methods and tools, their possibilities and limits
- be able to decide how participatory approaches can be useful for your own research project
- gain insights into local Citizen Science projects
- get to know criteria for planning and conducting high-quality Citizen Science projects
- work on your own project plan and engage in extensive peer learning

Participant requirements

The program is primarily designed for doctoral candidates, postdocs, and Citizen Science practitioners who aim to develop a project or idea, as well as those who are further along in the planning and implementation phase. If you are an advanced professional working in the field of Citizen Science, we encourage you to explore Citizen Science Zurich's other opportunities for further training and networking instead.

We strive for a diverse group of participants with various disciplinary backgrounds and a keen interest in participatory research with societal relevance. Sessions will be conducted in English, so fluency in both spoken and written English is essential.

Participation costs

The fee of 290 CHF (including tax) covers access to 5 days of lectures and practical coursework, accommodation, and catering (lunch, coffee breaks, and dinner). In cases of special financial burden (e.g., for single parents), we offer a participation fee reduction of 100 CHF for a limited number of applicants. The participation fee must be paid by December 2, 2024. Participants will be responsible for managing any reimbursement from their institution, if applicable.

Disclaimer

At the time of publishing this call, face-to-face meetings in and international travel to Switzerland are possible. However, we have learned from past years that public health measures may change on short notice. We will adhere to regulations and recommendations by the Swiss Government and the Canton of Zurich. Consequently, we reserve the right to make changes to the program and format. Please understand that such changes do not entitle participants to a refund.

How to apply

Applicants are requested to provide the following material:

1. a motivation letter which outlines your interest in the Winter School and the experience and skills you can contribute (max. 1 page)
2. your current CV
3. a short abstract indicating the current status of your doctoral thesis (max. 350 words). **Please make sure that your abstract is presented in a language that is accessible to people from other disciplines.** For practitioners, please hand in a short description of your project or work and how it relates to citizen science (max. 350 words).

Please apply online via www.citizenscienceschool.uzh.ch by September 16th, 2024, 23:59h.

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