

RANKING OF SWISS UNIVERSITIES : TRANSPARENCY AND RELATIONS WITH THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY

In Switzerland, many academic institutions maintain ties with the tobacco industry, sometimes discreetly. This infographic highlights the extent of these relationships and ranks institutions according to their level of transparency and whether or not they have collaborations with the tobacco industry. In this ranking, the institution in 1st place is the one that meets the assessed criteria the least; conversely, the lower an institution is ranked, the more it meets the assessed criteria.

	Ranking*	Institution	Answer	Provision of documents	Points
COLLABORATION	1	Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz FHNW	⊗	⊗	3
	2	Haute école spécialisée de Suisse occidentale HES-SO	✓ ⊗ ¹	⊗	2.5
	3	Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana SUPSI	✓	⊗	2
	3	Universität Luzern UniLU	✓	⊗	2
	4	Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne EPFL	⊗ ²	✓	1.5
	5	Eawag - das Wasserforschungsinstitut des ETH-Bereichs	✓	✓	1
	5	Eidgenössische Materialprüfungs- und Forschungsanstalt Empa	✓	✓	1
	5	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich ETH	✓	✓	1
	5	Hochschule Luzern HSLU	✓	-	1
	5	Paul Scherrer Institut PSI	✓	✓	1
	5	Universität Bern UniBE	✓	✓	1
	5	Universität St. Gallen HSG	✓	✓	1
	5	Universitätsspital Basel USB	✓	✓	1
	5	Université de Fribourg Unifr	✓	-	1
	5	Université de Neuchâtel UniNE	✓	✓	1
	5	Zürcher Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften ZHAW	✓	-	1
NO COLLABORATION	6	Universität Basel UniBAS ³	✓	-	0.5
	7	Berner Fachhochschule BFH	✓	-	0
	7	Centre hospitalier universitaire vaudois CHUV	✓	-	0
	7	Eidgenössische Forschungsanstalt für Wald, Schnee und Landschaft WSL	✓	-	0
	7	Fachhochschule Graubünden FHGR	✓	-	0
	7	Hôpitaux universitaires de Genève HUG	✓	-	0
	7	Inselspital Bern	✓	-	0
	7	Kalaidos Fachhochschule	✓	-	0
	7	Ostschweizer Fachhochschule OST	✓	-	0
	7	Università della Svizzera italiana USI	✓	-	0
	7	Universität Zürich UZH	✓	-	0
	7	Universitätsspital Zürich USZ	✓	-	0
	7	Université de Genève UNIGE	✓	-	0
	7	Université de Lausanne UNIL	✓	-	0
	7	Zürcher Hochschule der Künste ZHdK	✓	-	0

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institution refused to provide any information regarding its possible links with the tobacco industry

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institutions refused to provide the documents relating to their collaboration with the tobacco industry

52%

of the institutions surveyed have collaborated with the tobacco industry

* The score is based on three criteria:
 – whether the institution responded to our request
 – whether it provided the requested documents
 – whether it reported having collaborations (or not)
 We assigned 1 point for refusal to provide information, 0.5 for an incomplete answer, and 0 for a complete answer.
 For documents, 1 point was assigned for a refusal and 0 if they were provided or if there were no documents to provide.
 For collaborations, 1 point was assigned if a collaboration existed, 0.5 for a link without a direct collaboration, and 0 when no link was identified.

1 Complete answer, except from the École hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL), which provided an incomplete response

2 Incomplete answer

3 Link without direct collaboration

More information at:
transparencyandtruth.ch/en/ressource/the-tobacco-industry-swiss-universities/