



## **Mission Statement**

### **Purpose**

The Main Library of the University of Zurich, as central information provider on the Irchel Campus and on the Careum Campus, provides members of the university, the University Hospital and the Careum Bildungszentrum für Gesundheitsberufe with media in all forms.

Work areas for self study and flexible training as part of lectures promote the independent use of the information sources.

The Main Library of the University of Zurich is a public library. The Main Library University of Zurich coordinates the electronic information resources which are available in the university's network: the library catalogue (information network of the University of Zurich), databases, electronic journals and publications.

The Main Library of the University of Zurich enforces the Open Access Strategy of the University of Zurich and operates the Zurich Open Repository and Archive (ZORA).

The library's services are coordinated with the Zentralbibliothek Zürich and the ETH-Bibliothek, as well as with other Swiss academic libraries.

### **Aims**

The Main Library of the University of Zurich strives towards client oriented, effective and efficient information management.

The library acts innovatively and proactively and provides a stimulating learning- and research atmosphere.

A clear and consistent presentation, open, friendly conduct and fair opening hours ensure unhindered access.

The resources are managed economically and ecologically soundly.

The Main Library of the University of Zurich is evolving into a digital library by means of the newest technology, with local support and internationally-networked electronic information sources.



## **Organisation**

The Main Library of the University of Zurich belongs to the Academic Services Division of the University of Zurich.

For the strategic management of the Main Library of the University of Zurich, and for library science at the University of Zurich, the university's management appointed a library commission.

The Main Library of the University of Zurich comprises three branch libraries: HBZ – Study Center, HBZ – Medicine Careum, HBZ – Science, as well as the departments IT/Cooperation Libraries, E-Media and Open Access.

Teamwork with clear allocation of duties, competence and responsibility lead to efficient and effective services. Comprehensive internal communication is the basis for a tolerant work climate.

Public relations as part of marketing, which is aimed at effective client support, anchors the services, products and the aspired position of the library with its clients.

## **Personnel**

The staff members of the Main Library of the University of Zurich are competent and take responsibility for their duties.

Their conduct is governed by independence and cooperation. Staff- and supervisor feedback are used as regular instruments for personnel development.

The Main Library of the University of Zurich promotes the professional development of its staff; professional further education is an important part of their work.