Mission Statement
PhD studies of the Program in Ecology primarily involve research projects in one of the internationally acclaimed research groups at University of Zurich and ETH Zurich. To enhance student’s PhD experience, the program offers research training in the interdisciplinary field of ecology, general skills training for academic and non-academic excellence and opportunities to interact with other doctoral students.

Courses, Seminars, Summer Schools
The program offers yearly graduate schools, courses on subject specific matters, methods and transferable skills. Research seminars foster international collaborations and the exchange of experiences among doctoral students and experts from different fields of ecology:

- Ecological Theory / Animal Movement Ecology
- Environmental Humanities
- R4All: A Recipe for Success with R
- Mixed-Effects Modelling with R and ASReml
- Scientific Writing / Teaching Field Practica
- Graphical Abstracts
- Postdoc Funding and Career Management
- Zurich Interaction Seminar

Application
Applicants must hold a Master’s degree or equivalent from an University. Invited candidates will be interviewed by the principal investigators and open PhD positions will be offered based on availability and the candidates profile. Candidates that already have a PhD position can apply directly to the program coordinator.

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Subject
Matters
- Collect at least 3 ECTS credits for courses on subjects related to your PhD work:
  - Yearly Graduate Schools
  - Journal Clubs
  - Scientific Writing

Methods
- Collect at least 3 ECTS credits for courses on methods related to your PhD work:
  - Statistics with R
  - Computational Biology

Transferable
Skills
- Collect at least 3 ECTS credits for transferable skills related to your later career:
  - Postdoc Funding and Career Management
  - Scientific Drawing

Research
Seminars
- Collect at least 2 ECTS credits for collaboration and exchange:
  - Zurich Interaction Seminar
  - Present at International Conferences

Teaching
- A minimum of 100 (maximum 420) teaching hours:
  - Teaching assistance
  - Supervision (max: 50 hours accountable)
  - Public outreach