

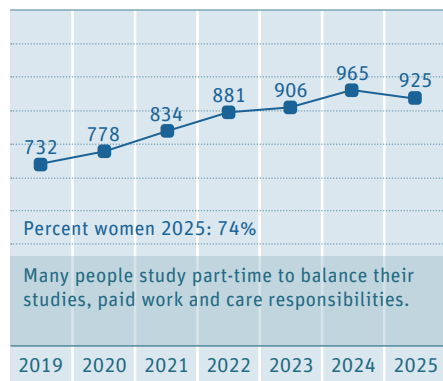


Bern University
of Applied Sciences

Social Work at Bern University of Applied Sciences

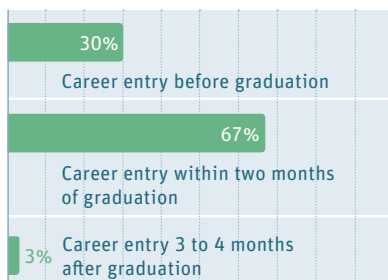
We fulfil the fourfold legal performance mandate covering education for professional qualification, applied research, consulting services and continuing education – at university level. As a partner for education and social issues, we promote equal opportunities and social welfare. This is our contribution to social cohesion. We are guided by the need to improve the well-being of all and of social welfare.

Bachelor's and master's students



Post-Degree Employment

Graduates with a bachelor's degree typically secure employment that requires a UAS qualification **within four months of completing their studies.**

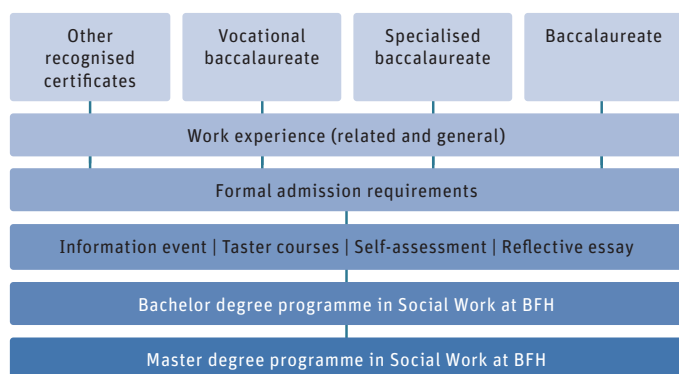


Applied Research

We conduct research on the following topics:

- Poverty, social assistance and social welfare law
- Work, the labour market, and labour market integration
- Empowerment, inclusion, participation, diversity
- Supporting child and youth development
- An ageing society and social work with older adults
- Health and quality of life in advanced age
- Conflict management and resilience
- Leadership and efficacy in social organisations
- Digital transformation and social work
- Competence, practice, and professional identity in social work

Education pathways towards a degree programme



Continuing Education

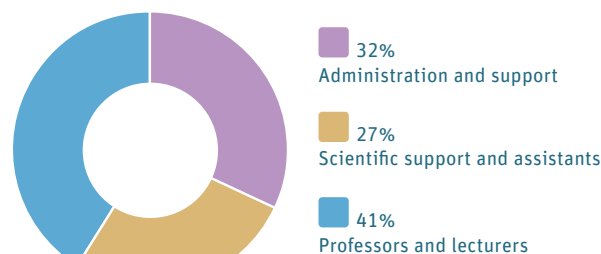
We have been providing practice-oriented continuing education in social work for **over 50 years.**

"I learnt a lot on the continuing education programme."

90% of the 2025 CAS graduates agree or somewhat agree with this statement.

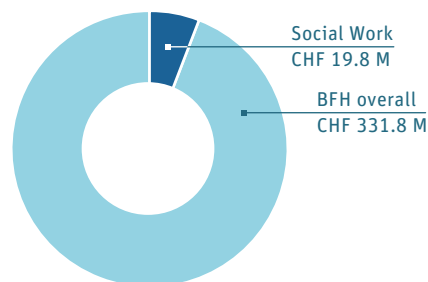
Staff (as of May, 2026)

Total staff: **150**
Percent women: **66%**



Finances

Gross expenditures by department including teaching, research, continuing education, and service 2025



Income in CHF millions:

- Third-party funds: 6.6
- School fees: 1.6
- Other income: 0.1

A major revenue source is the federal and other cantonal governments (8.2 M CHF).

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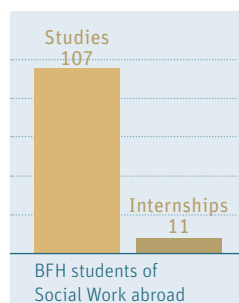
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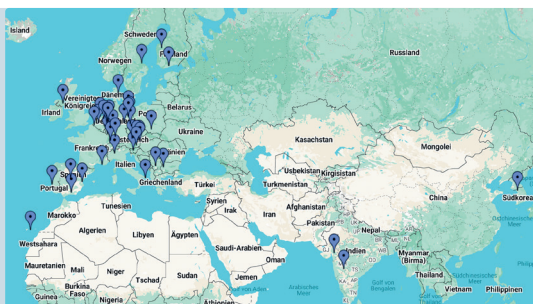
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International Exchange (Academic year 2025/2026)



The School of Social Work has official **partnerships with 50 other universities**, primarily in Europe.



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