

World Food System Summer School  
**Food Systems in Transition**

8 to 23 August 2020 | Rheinau, Switzerland



# Our Food System Needs You

**The question of how to feed the world while considering human health, the environment and social wellbeing is one of the defining challenges of our time. From changes in land use to dietary shifts, contemporary transitions in the food system have profound implications around the globe.**



Join the World Food System Summer School and connect with a community of motivated and like-minded students, researchers and practitioners from around the world to explore how to build sustainable food systems in times of rapid change.

Our 2020 summer school will be hosted on the “Gut Rheinau”, one of Switzerland’s largest and oldest organic farms. Experience food systems and production first hand, being immersed in a sustainable, socially integrative food system.

During this summer school you will:

**Discuss** challenges, opportunities and innovations in food systems across disciplines, sectors and scales.

**Collaborate** with producers, leading research institutes, industry players, policy makers and civil society representatives.

**Learn** how to apply a food systems perspective, considering environmental, social, political and economic issues.

**Create and innovate** by exchanging ideas and working on case studies to address contemporary challenges of the world food system as part of a diverse, interdisciplinary team.

**Critically reflect** on the role of organic production systems and agroecology to contribute to global food and nutrition security, together with a network of global changemakers.

**Experience** first-hand the realities of sustainable production systems in a global context.

This immersion learning experience integrates lectures, group work, case studies, workshops, excursions, art and includes guest speakers and evening social and cultural activities. You will also



have the chance to do hands-on work on the organic farm.



## Organizers

The course is organized by the World Food System Center at ETH Zurich. The Center works toward a vision of a healthy world through sustainable food systems. Our 45 professorial members from different departments engage in interdisciplinary research, education and outreach together with partners from a variety of sectors.

ETH Zurich, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, is one of the leading international universities for technology and natural sciences. It has more than 21,000 students from over 110 countries and 500 professors.

## Partners and Contributors

The course involves a diverse group of contributors from academia, industry, policy, development cooperation and civil society organizations.

## Support

The World Food System Summer School is generously supported by the Mercator Foundation Switzerland. Their contribution aims to explore the role and potential of agroecology and organic production systems to contribute to global food security and sustainable food systems.

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## Eligibility

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a university education program (Minimum 3rd year Bachelor, Master's or PhD) or have recently graduated from one of these programs (up to 5 years since graduation).

Successful applicants will have a strong interest in food system challenges and solutions, interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaboration, inter-cultural exchange and bring relevant experience.

The course will be conducted in English. We welcome applicants from all countries and disciplines.

The application process is competitive and all applicants must submit a full application. This also applies to applicants from ETH Zurich.

## Duration

The course will run for two weeks, between 8 and 23 of August 2020 in Rheinau, Switzerland. If selected, you must attend for the entire course period. Please note that this is a full-time program. It is not possible to study or work along the summer school.

## Recognition

ETH Zurich accredits successful completion of the course with 4 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) points and a certificate of completion. Acknowledgment of the points in your study programs at your home institution is your own responsibility.

## Fee

The course fee of 750 Swiss Francs (CHF) per student covers the cost for all board, lodging, local travel and activities during the program, all of which are arranged by the course organizers. You are responsible for paying and organizing your visa (if required), health insurance and your transportation to and from Rheinau, Switzerland.

## Application

To apply, you must complete and submit an online form, your curriculum vitae, a motivation essay and provide a reference. Please visit the following website for further details:

[www.worldfoodsystem.ethz.ch/education/summer-schools/upcoming.html](http://www.worldfoodsystem.ethz.ch/education/summer-schools/upcoming.html) →

Your complete application must be submitted by 22 March 2020, 12 PM CET

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