

CAS Research Data Stewardship

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The Certificate of Advanced Studies in Research Data Stewardship consists of a compulsory core curriculum of three modules, followed by a certification module depending on the chosen orientation.

CORE MODULE 1 – RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT: BACKGROUND, GENERAL INFORMATION AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

CORE MODULE 2 – VISIBILITY OF ACTIVITIES AND NETWORKING

CORE MODULE 3 – ADVISORY AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Cursus The Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Research Data Stewardship represents 300 hours:

- 3 core modules (77 hours of teaching + 148 hours of personal work).
- 1 certification module to choose from:
 - Transdisciplinary Orientation
 - (7 hours of coaching + approx. 68 hours of personal work)
 - Biology and Medical Sciences Orientation
 - (28 hours of teaching + approx. 47 hours of personal work)
 - Social Sciences and Humanities Orientation
 - (28 hours of teaching + approx. 47 hours of personal work)

Certification Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Research Data Stewardship, delivered by the University of Lausanne, with 12 ECTS credits.

Organising entity Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lausanne (UNIL), in collaboration with:

- Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences (FORS)
- University of Teacher Education, State of Vaud (HEP Vaud)
- University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland (HES-SO)
- Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (SIB)
- University of Geneva (UNIGE)
- University of Zurich (UZH)
- Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)

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Admission requirements

- Hold a bachelor's or master's degree from a Swiss or foreign university (HEU), from a University of Applied Sciences (HES), or another title deemed equivalent by the Steering Committee, and
- Have a minimum of 2 years of professional experience in research or in a field related to the CAS.

Registration Admission on file to submit to Formation Continue UNIL-EPFL. Fill in the online registration form and upload your CV, a letter of motivation, and copies of the most recent or highest-level diplomas.

Registration deadline December 12, 2025

Number of participants is limited.

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