

Welcome guide

Institute of Geological Sciences, University of Bern

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Welcome

We would like to welcome you to the Institute of Geological Sciences and we hope that your stay at our institute will be both rewarding and enjoyable. This document (information package) has been prepared to assist you upon arrival and it is hoped that it will also serve as a useful resource during your stay. It contains general information for MSc students, PhD students, Post-Docs, and scientific, technical and administrative staff on organisational aspects of our institute. Moreover, it provides some practical information on the university and on living in Bern and Switzerland in general.

Disclaimer: Although the information in this document is as accurate as possible, in the event of discrepancies, it does not replace or supersede any official information from the University of Bern, or any branch of the Bernese or Swiss Government, etc.

Please email us to notify us of any errors, or if you would like to make a suggestion or a contribution to the information presented here (info@geo.unibe.ch).

Institute of Geological Sciences: history and structure

The historic roots of the University of Bern go back to 1528, when a Higher School was founded for the purpose of educating the clergy of the Reformed Church. In the course of the next centuries this School was gradually transformed into a more general higher education system that included humanities, law and mathematics. In 1805 the Bern government reorganised its educational system into an Academy with four faculties. One of these faculties was the Philosophical Faculty that included humanities and natural sciences. In 1834 the existing Academy was transformed into a University.

The first representative of Earth Sciences in Bern was Bernard Studer who became Professor in 1825 and taught mineralogy, palaeontology and physical geography. Over the years the number of MSc and PhD students and staff in Earth Sciences increased and in 1921 two institutes existed: “The Institute of Geology-Palaeontology” and the “Institute of Mineralogy-Petrography”. In 1931 both institutes moved to their present location in the Baltzerstrasse. The two institutes merged into the “Institute of Geological Sciences” at the beginning of 2002.

The Institute of Geological Sciences consists of the administrative and technical services (including public relations) (referred to in German as “Zentraldienste”), and seven scientific groups:

1. Exogene Geology Group
(Prof. Fritz Schlunegger)
2. Isotope Geology Group
(Prof. Klaus Mezger)
3. Laboratory for Chemical and Mineralogical Crystallography
(Prof. Thomas Armbruster)
4. Petrology Group
(Prof. Martin Engi)
5. Rock-Water Interaction Group
(Prof. Larryn Diamond)
6. Quaternary Geology Group
(Prof. Christian Schlüchter)
7. Tectonics Group
(Prof. Adrian Pfiffner)

The Institute of Geological Sciences is at Baltzerstrasse nos. 1 and 3.

www.geo.unibe.ch

The Laboratory for Chemical and Mineralogical Crystallography resides at Freiestrasse 3, CH-3012 Bern
www.krist.unibe.ch/.

The daily affairs of the Institute of Geological Sciences are managed by the:

- Executive Board (“Direktorium”)
- Institute Council (“Institutsrat”)
- Director of the Institute (“Geschäftsführer”)

The Executive Board consists of those having a full professorship (“ordentliche Professoren”; currently seven persons). It is responsible for financial and infrastructure planning, etc. The Executive Board selects from its own ranks: (1) an examination coordinator (“Prüfungsleiter”), (2) a coordinator for the curriculum, and (3) a coordinator for the administrative and technical services.

The Institute Council consists of:

- Professors (“Ordentliche Professoren” and “Titularprofessoren”)
- Teaching/Research Associates (i.e. “PrivatdozentInnen” with a “Habilitation”) including those from the Laboratory of Chemical and Mineralogical Crystallography
- one delegate of the Teaching / Research Assistants (“OberassistentInnen”, “AssistentInnen”), PhD students and Post-Doctoral researchers
- one delegate of either BSc or MSc students
- one delegate of the technical and administrative personnel

The Institute Council meets at least once per semester and its activities include planning the curriculum and forming working groups on institute-related matters.

The Director of the Institute is appointed by the Executive Board and serves for two years (re-election possible).

Once a semester an Institute Assembly (“Institutskonferenz”) is held to which all students and institute members are invited. The aim of this meeting is to communicate institute-relevant matters and to discuss issues brought up by members of the institute.

For further details on the organisation of the Institute of Geological Sciences, refer to the “Satzungen für das Institut für Geologie” available – in German – from the secretary’s office.

The Institute of Geological Sciences is part of the Faculty of Science. This faculty comprises five major disciplines (“Fachbereiche” in German): Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics – Statistics - Computer Science, and Geosciences. The latter discipline includes both the Institute of Geological Sciences and the Institute of Geography. Faculty Meetings are regularly held during the semester and are attended by full professors and delegates of the five disciplines. Students, Teaching / Research Assistants and Teaching / Research Associates of the Geosciences have each one delegate in these meetings.

The Institute of Geological Sciences is also part of the BeFri Department of Earth Sciences. This Department coordinates lectures in Earth Sciences between the participating Universities of Bern and Fribourg. The BeFri Department also offers a common MSc degree in Earth Sciences. The BeFri Council meets regularly and consists of Professors, Teaching/Research Associates (PrivatdozentInnen), and one delegate of students and Teaching / Research Assistants for each university. A BeFri Department Meeting is held once a year to which all students and assistants, associates and professors are invited. Further information on BeFri is available at [Bern-Fribourg Master in Earth Sciences](#)

Further information concerning the Institute of Geological Sciences can be found in English and German on the Institute’s homepage www.geo.unibe.ch.

This website contains amongst others information on the organisational structure, research groups, members of the institute, publications, seminars, excursions, short courses, completed theses, job openings, etc. The website of the Institute is continuously updated.

Map

A map of the main building in Baltzerstrasse can be found at:

[Maps Bühlplatzareal \(University of Bern\)](#)
[Map Institute of Geological Sciences](#)

Opening hours

The Institute of Geological Sciences is open Monday-Friday from 07.30 – 17.30. A magnetic strip-card ("badge") is required to enter the institute after working hours and on weekends. It can be obtained upon request from the secretary's office.

Secretary's office

The secretary's office (room 021) forms part of the "Central Services" and consists of three secretaries, all of whom work part-time. A form describing who does what and when is available from the secretary (as yet only in German: "Arbeitsaufteilung der Sekretariate am Institut für Geologie")

Requests for services from the technical staff

For certain services provided by the technical staff, forms have to be filled in and signed by the responsible academic staff member. Forms can be obtained from the secretary's office for:

- computer hardware and software services
- preparation of thin sections
- jobs for the mechanical workshop

Library

The library of the Institute of Geological Sciences is located in the "[Fachbereichsbibliothek](#)" better known under its abbreviation FBB, Baltzerstrasse 4.

Opening times of the FBB are: Monday-Friday 08.00-19.00 and Saturday 08.00-16.00 (In July the FBB library is closed on Saturdays). If the entrance door is locked

(generally after 17.30 and on Saturday), ring the door-bell.

A user-card can be obtained from the information desk located in the FBB library at a cost of Sfr. 22. Take along an ID (passport or driver's licence) to register. The FBB has a large collection of earth science related journals, books, reprints, maps, videos, CD-Roms and DVDs which can be borrowed free of charge. In general, most media (except maps and atlases) can be borrowed for a period of four weeks with an optional, extra 8 weeks. Be sure that you return your media in time, as penalties (in Swiss francs) for late returns are high. If you have a university e-mail address, media can be ordered and extended (if not reserved by someone else) online from the Universities of Basel, Bern, Lucerne, St. Gallen and Zürich, and from the ETH Zürich. For further info see:

www.ub.unibe.ch/content/recherche/

There is a charge for media ordered from other universities (check for [prices](#) with the information desk of the FBB). To order media on-line use your library card ID number and your password (which initially consists of the first five letters of your last name; make sure to change your password as soon as possible).

The user card also entitles you to borrow media from other university libraries in Bern, such as the Zentralbibliothek, the main library located in the old part of town

www.ub.unibe.ch/zb

Online database searches can be made through the university computer network directly from your computer in your office or at the FBB.

www.ub.unibe.ch/content/recherche

On-line databases in the earth sciences include Current Contents Connect, GEOBASE, GeoRef (since 1785), Journal Citation Reports, JCR, Science Edition, and Oxford Reference Online

Articles, maps and books can be copied directly in the FBB library (you can get an "institute copy card" from the information desk – this does not apply to BSc and MSc students; ask the institute's secretary's office to transmit your name to the library). The library has a color-photocopying ma-

chine (max. A3), and several B&W photocopying machines (max. A3). In addition, an A3 colour scanner is available.

An introduction into the use of the library is given on demand.

www.ub.unibe.ch/fbb/content/dienstleistungen

Suggestions for new journals, books and other media can be made on a pink slip, available from the information desk of the FBB.

Furthermore, the FBB library offers:

- Reading corner with newspapers and magazines (including the latest issues of Science and Nature)
- Macintosh pool room (>20 computers)
- PC pool room with 20 PC computers for teaching (reservations at FBB information desk)
- Renting of laptops (Fr. 5.- / day)
- Group rooms, for small meetings, located on the first floor; they can be reserved at FBB information desk

Computers and software

There are strict guidelines for the use of computers and software at the university. See separate form available from secretary's office (i.e., a notice from the rector concerning use of soft- and hardware: *only in German: "Weisungen über die Benutzung der Informatikmittel an der Universität Bern"*).

A leaflet with general instructions concerning computer graphics, scanning, creating and printing of A0 posters can also be obtained from the secretary's office.

Standard manuals (e.g. Microsoft Office, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, End-Note) can be borrowed from Ulrich Linden for short-term use. Please do not store them in your office. Manuals should be available to all.

For any other hard- and software related issues, contact the two computer specialists of the Institute:

Ulrich Linden (linden@geo.unibe.ch) and Werner Zaugg (zaugg@geo.unibe.ch)

by filling in a form (available from secretary's office) or, for urgent matters, by contacting them personally or by sending them an e-mail. You can order software at reduced prices over this link:

www.id.unibe.ch/content/services/software/software_fuer_studierende/

Beamers and laptop

Beamers and laptops are installed in the main lecture halls. Extra beamers and laptops are available for short-term internal and external use. Please make reservations for laptops and beamers in the secretary's office (room 021). Please return borrowed material immediately after use.

Mail

There are two rates for outgoing mail: *A* (priority mail) and *B* (economy mail). For budget reasons, all mail within Switzerland is to be sent by economy mail (*B*). Mail abroad can be sent either *A* or *B*. The sender's name must be written on the envelope.

Incoming mail is distributed every morning to the mailboxes in room 013.

Courier service

For particularly urgent matters the services of DHL or FEDEX can be solicited. Forms and information are available from the secretary's office. Prior to ordering a courier, please inform the secretary's office of how you wish to pay for the service. Be aware that the main entrance of the institute is closed after 17:30.

Telephones

All Institute telephone numbers are of the form 031 631 xx xx.

To call another telephone within the University, just dial the last four digits of the phone number.

To call outside the University but within Switzerland, first dial 0 and then the *entire* number, e.g. 031 123 45 67. As the Institute must pay for all telephone costs out of its annual budget, it is desirable to avoid calls to mobile telephones (much more expensive!).

For international calls dial 111 and give the number you wish to call to the receptionist. The cost (expensive) is charged to the Institute.

For private calls, either ask the receptionist at 111 how much your call has cost and pay directly at the institute's secretary's office, or better (cheaper), dial 0 and use your private calling card. Better still, use a voice-over-internet connection such as *Skype*.

A directory named "Geoscience Switzerland", which contains contact information (websites, e-mail, phone, fax numbers) of all public and private earth science related institutions in Switzerland, is published and updated annually. A copy is available at the secretary's office, and further copies can be obtained from the "Platform of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (scnat), Schwarztorstrasse 9, CH-3007 Bern. See also:

www.geosciences.scnat.ch

Fax

A fax machine is located at the secretary's office – room 021 (fax number: 031 – 631 48 43). To send a fax, first dial 0 and then the entire number. For private faxes: pay directly at the secretary's office.

Scanners

An A4 flat-bed scanner is located in room 015. This scanner also allows to scan

transparencies (including slides). A multi-slide scanner (24 x 36 mm) is in room 013.

Copying machine

A black-and-white copying machine is located in room 013, access with code number; a colour copying machine (A3 and A4) can be found at the FBB Library, Baltzerstrasse 4.

Plotting and printing facilities

Colour and black-and-white printers (up to A3) are installed at several places throughout the Institute (e.g. in room 013) and can be accessed through the computer network. Large posters can be printed on the A0 plotter at the "Informatikdienste", Gesellschaftsstrasse 6. Contact Ulrich Linden (linden@geo.unibe.ch) for the procedure.

www.id.unibe.ch/content/ressources/plotter

Office material for employees

Office material, CDs, etc. can be obtained from the secretary's office (room 021) during reception opening hours.

Safety instructions

Emergency phone number: **144**

The "EKAS Form" summarises who is responsible for what concerning safety at the institute.

www.geo.unibe.ch/Organisation/sicherheit/sdienst.htm

A first-aid kit is located in the secretary's office (room 021).

About 20 safety helmets and vests (e.g. for excursions, visits to quarries, tunnels, etc.) are available; Safety instructions for field work can be obtained from Prof. Martin Engi.

Field equipment

Hammers, compasses and field books can be obtained from the student organisation (GMF):

www.geo.unibe.ch/gmf/Website/Shop.html

Measuring tapes, hand-lamps and a diamond-tipped rock-corer can be borrowed from the Institute. More elaborate surveying equipment is also available.

Field transportation

Buses and cars for field excursions can be reserved through the secretary's office (Sarah Antenen). Students and institute members who drive vehicles during field excursions and who receive a fine for speeding must pay the fine personally. The Institute of Geological Sciences accepts no responsibility for speeding fines.

Meeting rooms

Rooms for meetings at our institute can be reserved through the secretary's office (Tabea Zimmermann). In addition, meeting rooms for small groups are located on the first floor of the FBB library, Baltzerstrasse 4 (reservations can be made at the FBB information desk).

Continuing education

Courses are regularly offered by the University, e.g. courses related to teaching, internet, website, etc.

“Cours de troisième cycle” (CUSO) regularly offers high-level earth-science related courses mainly aimed at PhD students, post-docs and scientific staff.

Invited talks for the entire Institute (“Kolloquia”) are held during the semester on Monday afternoons from 16:15-17:15. In addition, research groups have their own seminars during the semester.

www.geo.unibe.ch/veranstaltungen

Employee Meetings

A formal discussion between each employee and his or her immediate supervisor (“Mitarbeitergespräch”) takes place once a year, in order to talk over career and work issues. Forms and guidelines are available from the secretary's office.

Organizations and associations

Several organisations and associations exist within the Institute of Geological Sciences and the University of Bern:

GMF (“Geologisch-Mineralogische Fachschaft”), is an organisation for earth science students: www.geo.unibe.ch/gmf.

SUB is for students of the University of Bern: www.sub.unibe.ch.

MVUB is for PhD students, teaching / research assistants and associates:

www.mvub.unibe.ch.

Association of research / teaching associates (PrivatdozentInnen):

www.dozentenclub.ch/

For technical, administrative and scientific staff: Personalverband, Gewerkschaft of the Canton Bern.

Leave (holidays, sick leave, military leave)

Please mark your absences (in advance) on the list in the secretary's office. At the end of each year you must fill in and sign your leave form. New: by October 31st each year you must deliver your “Absenzenkontrolle” (Secretary's office).

Sick leave: if you are ill, please notify the secretary's office or your supervisor immediately.

Military service (only for Swiss): a “Merkblatt zur Militärdienstverschiebung an der Universität Bern” is available at the secretary's office.

Places to eat near the institute

Mensa: Subsidized meals are available for students and PhD candidates who have a "Legi"-ID, and for staff members who have a "Dozentenausweis"-ID. These IDs can be obtained by filling out a form at the secretary's office and having it signed by the Director of the Institute.

www.mensaunibe.zfv.ch/d/business.asp?kat=4

Other places to eat are located throughout the Länggass area (e.g. MappaMondo, Migros restaurant, Casa d'Italia). A take-away pizzeria is located near-by on Bühlstrasse.

www.laenggasse.ch/restaurants.php

Festivities

Once in a while, it is time to party. Certain festivities can be held on the premises of the institute, but require permission from the Executive Board. A written request has to be made that includes a safety concept (especially with regard to the opening and closing of the institute's entrances after working hours) and who is responsible (see House Rules = Hausordnung).

Starting your MSc

Information brochure: [Information on Studies and Applications for Admission](#)

MSc thesis subjects proposed by professors and research/teaching associates are available on the institute's homepage:

www.geo.unibe.ch/master

It might also be that you have a good idea for a MSc thesis and can convince a staff member to supervise you. However, before you start your MSc thesis you need to make an appointment with the Examinations Coordinator ("Prüfungsleiter"), who will check if you have fulfilled all requirements to start a MSc. In addition, you will have a personal briefing with the supervisors of your MSc thesis, who will also advise you on classes and courses to take. If your thesis includes fieldwork, the costs will be partially met by the Institute (up to SFr. 1200 and with certain limitations; check separate leaflet). When you start your MSc studies contact the computer administrators (Ulrich Linden & Werner Zaugg), who will provide you with an Institute e-mail address and a login account.

As soon as you have been assigned an office space, please ask the secretary's office to issue you a magnetic strip-card ("badge"), which allows you to enter the main door of the Institute after working hours.

The Institute of Geological Sciences will pay the reproduction costs of three copies of each MSc thesis, i.e. one copy can be printed at the Institute and the other two copies should be photocopied. You will have to pay for any further copies.

MSc procedure and regulations

The procedure and regulations can be found at:

- [Studienplan](#)
- [Registration for examination](#)
- [Dean's office](#)

(unfortunately, only available in German...)

To do at the end of your MSc

- Personal debriefing by supervisors of MSc thesis
- If appropriate, a representative selection of thin sections and samples must be placed into the institute's collection
- Payment of unsettled printing costs
- GIS Lab: return borrowed equipment and data carriers; erase data and backups, and deactivate login
- Library: return all borrowed media
- Empty your office space (desk, etc.)
- Return your strip-card ("badge") and/or keys

Starting your new position (PhD, Post-doc, and other staff)

Either before or upon your arrival in Bern, the Executive Board will allocate you an office, and the secretary's office will arrange:

- Office keys
- Name tag on office door
- Magnetic strip-card ("badge"), allowing access to building after working hours
- A personalized card allowing discount meals at university mensas
- Registration on Institute's website
- IT authorisation and e-mail account
- Insertion of your name in University/Institute phone directory

On your first working day you will receive:

- Job description
- Welcome package prepared by the University; this package includes a useful brochure with information on working times, salary regulations, holidays, insurances, pension fund, continuing education, etc.

- Instructions on the use of IT at the University of Bern ("Weisungen über die Benutzung der Informatikmittel an der Universität Bern)
- Organigram of the University, Institute and Research Groups
- Telephone directory of the Institute
- Information on places to eat (student-cafeterias, restaurants)
- Institute regulations (including safety instructions)
- List of tasks handled by the various secretaries.

Rights and duties as a PhD student

In general, it is a good idea to discuss with your supervisor your list of responsibilities, and preferably agree upon them in writing, as in any normal contract of employment. Consider the following questions before talking to your supervisor:

- what are the expected general tasks to be performed within your research group, expressed as percentage or maximum number of hours per week on average. Although there must be room for flexibility, it will be beneficial to have guidelines, preferably in writing.
- There is a trial period: How much notice is one expected to give to terminate the contract? (see your work contract). This practice is in accordance with Swiss laws.
- Is there any freedom to pursue continuing education, either related or not related to the research work?
- Are there any limitations or constraints as to when you can take your holidays (e.g., not during the semester), or as to the maximum days of holiday you are allowed to take at one time?

Part of your contract is a description of your responsibilities ("Pflichtenheft") as an employee ("assistant") of the Institute of Geological Sciences. It generally includes teaching assignments. These responsibilities may be defined as a percentage of time or as a maximum number of hours per week to be dedicated to this work. Once this document is completed and

agreed upon, it will be kept in your personal file at the Secretary's office.

Conditions of Employment for PhD students

Depending on your research grant your position is funded by, the financial conditions of your PhD position may vary. PhD positions at the Institute of Geological Sciences are generally either funded by the Canton of Bern or by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF). In any case, ask for the conditions of your funding to be specifically explained in order to avoid any uncertainties (e.g., whether you receive an additional 13th month salary or not). The SNF regulations for PhD students can be found at www.snf.ch/

Each PhD student must be enrolled at the University ("immatriculiert") at all times.

PhD submission and examination procedure

A number of guidelines and regulations have to be followed to submit your PhD dissertation. Accepted languages are English, German, French or Italian. Published articles can be used as (part)s of the dissertation. It is important to follow the required format.

Guidelines and regulations can be obtained from the Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences:

- [Reglements](#)
- [Admissions Office](#)
- [Registration for examination](#)
- [Dean's office](#)

(at the moment only available in German, currently being updated). Address: Phil. nat Fakultät. Sidlerstrasse 5, 3012 Bern. Check opening hours before visiting.

PhD dissertations can be published for free on the internet. The dissertation has to be submitted on a CD in PDF-format to the Universitätsbibliothek. The library will place the dissertation free of charge on its web-server. Further information at:

www.ub.unibe.ch/content/bibliotheken_sammlungen/digitale_sammlungen/

At the end of your PhD:

- Personal debriefing by supervisors of PhD thesis
- If appropriate, a representative selection of thin sections and samples must be deposited in the Institute's collection
- Payment of unsettled printing costs
- GIS Lab: return borrowed equipment and data carriers; erase data and backups, and deactivate login
- Library: return all media
- Return strip-card ("badge") and keys

Accommodation

If you are a MSc student you can become a member of the Student Association, SUB, and you can check their lists of available accommodations for free. You can also get their lists via e-mail. If you're not a MSc student, but have started a PhD, you can still get access to this list after paying the SUB a contribution of CHF 20 for six months. Further information at: www.sub.unibe.ch/dienstleistungen/wohnen

SUB Wohn- und Dienstleistungsbüro
(all information in German...)

Brigitte Megert,
Lerchenweg 32, 3000 Bern 9,
wost@sub.unibe.ch
www.sub.unibe.ch
Telefon 031 631 54 11,
Telefax 031 631 35 50
Opening times, Mo 14 - 17 Uhr;
Di, Mi, Do 11 - 17 Uhr.

Another site : www.wgzimmer.ch
(for "Wohngenossenschaft" or "WG", i.e. if you would like to share an apartment).

Check also the "Stadtanzeiger" (www.anzeigerbern.ch), a free daily newspaper (delivered at your doorstep... that is, if you have one), with advertisements of available accommodation.

Language Classes

MSc lectures will generally be held in English (if attended by non-German speaking MSc students). If you want to improve your German, classes can be booked at the University of Bern. There are no classes for beginners. During winter term you will have the opportunity to attend courses in Bernese dialect (Swiss German). More information under: www.aal.unibe.ch.

University sport

An extensive programme of sports is offered throughout the academic year. Information under www.sport.unibe.ch

Welcome Center for Researchers and Faculty

Whether you are a new faculty member, researcher, or visiting scholar, here per-

manently or for just a few months, alone or with family, you will need to make decisions about the logistics of your stay in Bern.

The [Welcome Center of the University of Bern](http://www.welcome.unibe.ch) can help you find your way in the information jungle. The Welcome Center provides information, advice, and support on issues related to your relocation.

Daycare for children:

University Daycare Association:
www.kita.unibe.ch/

Driver's licence information

Foreigners need to change their foreign driver's license into a Swiss one within one year of arrival at:

Polizei- und Militärdirektion des Kantons Bern, Kramgasse 20, 3011 Bern,
Tel. 031-633 47 2

Staff members responsible for infrastructure and laboratories

Safety	Building safety Office and workshop safety Radiation safety	D. Engimann (Caretaker) A. Liechti Prof. I. Villa
Office Infrastructure	Assignment of office space Furniture	Prof. A. Pfiffner D. Engimann (Caretaker)
Computing	Hardware + Software + Network Geographic information systems (GIS)	U. Linden + W. Zaugg Dr. D. Rieke-Zapp
Collections	Rock collections Map collection teaching Map collections research	Prof. K. Ramseyer & Prof. I. Mercolli Dr. G. Schreurs T. Scheiber
Field Equipment	Surveying Rock-corer	Dr. D. Rieke-Zapp S. Brechbühl
Optical Equipment	Microscopes Photographic equipment Darkroom	Prof. I. Mercolli + Prof. K. Ramseyer Dr. M. Mazurek Dr. M. Mazurek
Sample Preparation	Thin-sections Rock saws Rock crushers Mineral separation	Dr. M. Robyr V. Jakob + S. Brechbühl Prof. I. Mercolli Prof. T. Nägler
Experimental Labs	Experimental sedimentology Experimental tectonics Rock–water experiments: high <i>P-T</i> Rock–water experiments: low <i>P-T</i>	Dr. D. Rieke-Zapp Dr. G. Schreurs + Dr. M. Herwegh Dr. U. Maeder Dr. N. Waber + Dr. U. Eggenberger
Analytical Labs	BET particle surface-area analysis Beta(b)-ray scanner Carbon + sulphur in rocks Fluid inclusion microthermometry Ion chromatography (IC) Isotopes: Radiogenic Isotopes: Stable C, O, H Mercury in soils Optical stimulated luminescence (OSL) Petrophysics Surface-exposure dating Thermogravimetry + dilatometry Wet-chemical analysis (AA, IC) X-ray diffraction (XRD): powders X-ray diffraction (XRD): single crystals X-ray fluorescence (XRF) X-ray granulometry	Dr. U. Eggenberger Dr. U. Maeder Prof. K. Ramseyer Prof. L. Diamond Dr. F. Preusser Prof. J. Kramers Prof. K. Ramseyer Dr. F. Preusser Dr. F. Preusser H. Haas Dr. N. Akçar Dr. U. Eggenberger Dr. N. Waber Dr. U. Eggenberger Prof. T. Armbruster Prof. I. Mercolli Dr. U. Eggenberger
	<i>Microbeam methods</i> Cathode luminescence (CL) Electron microprobe (EMPA) Laser ablation ICP-MS Micro-FTIR spectroscopy Micro-X-ray fluorescence Raman microprobe Scanning electron microscope (SEM)	Prof. K. Ramseyer Dr. M. Robyr SNF-Prof. T. Pettke Prof. L. Diamond Dr. A. Berger Prof. L. Diamond Dr. M. Herwegh