



SWISS TCM UNI
瑞士中医药大学

Statute

This Statute is based on the performance agreement between Swiss TCM Uni AG and SWISS TCM UNI.

(For reasons of simplicity and readability, the masculine form is used throughout this document; it expressly includes the feminine form.)



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Preamble

SWISS TCM UNI (STU) is a private university-level institution with its registered office in Bad Zurzach (Switzerland). It is organised as a public limited company (Aktiengesellschaft, AG) in accordance with the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO). The purpose of the company, registered in the Commercial Register under the name Swiss TCM Uni AG, is to enable, promote and disseminate integrative medicine understood as the combination of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and conventional medicine, as well as to develop related knowledge at university level.

Swiss TCM Uni AG recognises the university principle of freedom of teaching and research and appoints a University Council as its highest executive and supervisory body, entrusting it with safeguarding academic freedom.

As the operational academic entity, STU is established as part of Swiss TCM Uni AG. STU is led by a Rector and a University Management; within STU, the principle of freedom of teaching and research likewise applies.

This Statute defines the organisation and functioning of STU.

I. General Provisions

Art. 1 Name, Legal Form and Registered Office

- ¹ STU is a private higher education institution pursuant to the Swiss Higher Education Act (HFKG).
- ² The sponsoring body is Swiss TCM Uni AG, with its registered office in Bad Zurzach, Switzerland.
- ³ The university operates under the company name registered in the Commercial Register and uses the designation SWISS TCM UNI.

Art. 2 Purpose

STU fulfils tasks in the following areas:

- ¹ The core tasks of STU are teaching and research at university level in the field of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM).
- ² Freedom of teaching and research is guaranteed.
- ³ Research is aligned with the current state of knowledge in the respective research fields of TCM.
- ⁴ Teaching is designed so that degree programmes may be completed, subject to adequate performance, in accordance with the Bologna Process and the Swiss HFKG accreditation regulations, leading to the corresponding academic degrees.
- ⁵ STU awards Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees and regulates the promotion of early-career academics.
- ⁶ To disseminate knowledge of TCM, STU organises continuing and advanced education programmes.

Art. 3 Legal Bases

- ¹ STU operates in accordance with:
 - 1 the Higher Education Act (HFKG)
 - 2 the Medical Professions Act (MedBG), insofar as applicable
 - 3 relevant cantonal regulations
 - 4 this Statute

II. Organisational Structure

Art. 4 Governing Bodies of STU

¹ The governing bodies of STU are:

- the Sponsoring Body (Swiss TCM Uni AG)
- the University Council
- the Senate
- the University Management
- the Appeals Committee
- further committees in accordance with regulations

² These bodies jointly shape the academic, strategic and operational development of the university.

³ They ensure a clear allocation of responsibilities between the sponsoring body, supervisory bodies and the operational management, thereby safeguarding quality, transparency and continuous development of STU.

	Function	Organisational Unit	Core Responsibility
Overarching Level	Sponsoring Body & Oversight	Swiss TCM Uni AG	- Ensuring operational continuity - Provision of financial resources
	Executive Body & Oversight	University Council (STU)	- Financial oversight - Operational oversight
Intermediate Level	Academic Self-Governance	Senate, Standing Committees	- Fundamental policy matters - Advisory role to the University Management - Quality assurance - Appointment of committees
Operational Level	Academic Responsibility	University Management	Responsibility for teaching, research, services and QSE
	Administration & Services	Head of Administration	Administration, services and organisation
Independent Level	Independent Body	Appeals Committee	- Independent assessment of appeals - Independent from the University Management - Appointment by the Senate

III. Duties and Powers of the Governing Bodies

Art. 5 Sponsoring Body (Swiss TCM Uni AG)

¹ It promotes integrative medicine at university level.

² It sponsors STU and delegates the fulfilment of academic tasks to it.

³ It safeguards the purpose of the university.

⁴ Composition, duties and procedures are regulated in the organisational regulations.

Art. 6 University Council

¹ The University Council is the supervisory body of STU and in particular safeguards the freedom of teaching and research.

² The Rector and Vice-Rectors participate in meetings in an advisory capacity.

³ Composition, duties and procedures are regulated in the organisational regulations.

Art. 7 Senate

¹ The Senate is an academic governing and participatory body positioned between the University Management and the University Council.

² It participates in fundamental matters, advises the University Management, safeguards academic standards and appoints committees.

³ Composition, duties and procedures are regulated in the organisational regulations.

Art. 8 University Management

¹ The University Management is responsible for the operational leadership of the university and represents it externally.

² It is responsible for teaching, research, QSE, administration, strategy implementation and compliance with accreditation requirements.

³ Composition, duties and procedures are regulated in the organisational regulations.

Art. 9 Committees

¹ STU establishes standing committees, including in particular:

- a. Appeals Committee
- b. Study Programme Committee
- c. QSE Committee
- d. Research Committee

² Composition, duties and procedures are regulated in the organisational regulations.

IV. Academic Principles

Art. 10 Freedom of Teaching and Research

¹ The university safeguards freedom of teaching and research in accordance with Swiss academic tradition.

² Research is subject to recognised scientific standards and ethical guidelines.

Art. 11 Degree Programmes and Academic Degrees

¹ The university offers degree programmes in accordance with HFKG and ECTS regulations.

² It awards legally protected academic titles on the basis of its institutional accreditation.

³ Study and examination regulations govern admission, programme structure and degrees.

Art. 12 Quality Assurance

- ¹ The university operates a systematic Quality Assurance and Enhancement System (QSE).
- ² This system follows national and European standards (HFKG, EduAcc, ESG).
- ³ Implementation is regulated in the QSE regulations.

V. Students and Staff

Art. 13 Students

- ¹ The rights and obligations of students are governed by study and examination regulations.
- ² The student body may appoint representatives to university bodies.

Art. 14 Staff

- ¹ Academic and administrative staff contribute to the fulfilment of the university's mission.
- ² The university ensures equal opportunities and equal treatment.

VI. Equal Opportunities, Sustainability and Ethics

Art. 15 Equal Opportunities

- ¹ The university promotes equal opportunities and implements measures in accordance with its Equal Opportunities Regulations.

Art. 16 Sustainability

- ¹ The university is committed to ecological, social and cultural sustainability.

Art. 17 Ethics

- ¹ Teaching and research are conducted in accordance with recognised ethical standards.

VII. Final Provisions

Art. 18 Entry into Force

- ¹ This Statute was adopted by the University Council on 28 March 2025.
- ² It was approved by the sponsoring body and the University Council on 31 March 2025.
- ³ This document enters into force on 1 April 2025 and replaces all previous versions.