Overview of process for PhD students (LSZGS Track 1) from outside Europe
(UZH/Faculty of Science / MNF)

Timeline

- Application to PhD program
- Accepts PhD student in program. PhD student receives acceptance letter to PhD program.
- Professor offers employment.

Immediately after employment offer

- Applies for employment agreement (work contract)
- Issues employment agreement (work contract)

This whole process can take 2 - 3 months.

- Formal recognition of educational background
- Recognition of scientific background
- Decision on admission to UZH
  - Issues confirmation of prospective attestation of matriculation
  - Apply for visa*
  - Issues authorisation for visa (entry permit)*

Immediately after entry to Switzerland

- PhD student enters Switzerland
- UZH Admissions Office matriculates PhD student (proof-of-matriculation)
- Issues residence permit and work permit (permit B)**
- Starts work
- 6 months after start
  - Registration for doctoral studies at the Faculty of Science/MNF
  - Define PhD committee
  - Doctoral agreement

Legend:
- PhD student
- UZH Admissions Office
- Professor/Institut
- Office of Student Affairs (Faculty of Science/MNF)
- PhD program
- Migration Office
- Human Resources Dept.

* Regulation of Migration Office: Authorization to issue the visa (entry permit) will only be granted with the confirmation of prospective attestation of matriculation from the UZH Admissions Office.
** Regulation of Migration Office: The PhD student is only allowed start working after the residence permit / work permit (B permit) has been issued.