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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL CAREER

After studying chemistry at ETH Zurich, Pascale Vonmont completed her PhD in biopolymers in 1993. Parallel to her studies, she also qualified as a high school teacher and taught for six years at the Wirtschaftsgymnasium Zurich, a high school focusing on economics. Over five years, she made a significant contribution at the University of Basel towards designing and establishing a new, interdisciplinary programme entitled «Man – Society – Environment», while lecturing in Science and Technology. She has held a management function at Gebert Rüf Stiftung since 1999, assuming the position of Director in 2017.

She completed her degree as «Foundation Manager EBS» at the European Business School of the International University in Oestrich-Winkel, Germany, in 2009. In summer 2015, she spent a three-month sabbatical as a Visiting Fellow at the Foundation Center in New York.

FUNCTION AND CURRENT MAIN PRIORITIES

Pascale Vonmont manages the operational side of the foundation. She supports the board of trustees in its strategic activities, manages the foundation's support programmes, and networks the foundation's activities with central partners.

Pascale Vonmont has headed the «[Venture Kick](#)» strategy board since the funding programme was established and has chaired the «[Startupticker](#)» foundation board since 2015. She took over the operational management of the [Kick Foundation](#) in 2021 and coordinates its Kick programmes. Pascale Vonmont is a member of the jury for the 'EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award' since 2021. In these functions, she supports the strengthening of 'knowledge entrepreneurship' at Swiss universities.

As a board member of [SwissFoundations](#), the association of Swiss grant-making foundations, Pascale Vonmont is committed to promoting Switzerland as a liberal centre for foundations. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the [Center for Philanthropy Studies](#), the research and further education institute for the Swiss foundation sector, and has represented the foundation consortium on the Board of Directors of [StiftungSchweiz](#) since 2022.

She has been Vice President of the [Peter Bopp Foundation for Research and Technology](#) since 2024.