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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 RUF 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.

As the coordinator of an initiative launched in 2015 to network and accelerate innovation in Switzerland, Pascale Vonmont promoted the foundation of «digitalswitzerland» and represented GRS on the executive committee of this location initiative, which is organised as an association and foundation, during the four-year start-up phase. She has headed the strategy council of «Venture Kick» since the founding of the support programme and has been chairing the foundation board of the «startupticker» since 2015. Since 2021 she is member of the jury of the «EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award». In this function, she supports the strengthening of «knowledge entrepreneurship» at Swiss universities.

As a member of the board of SwissFoundations, the association of Swiss grant-making foundations, Pascale Vonmont is committed to Switzerland's position as a liberal location for foundations. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Philanthropy Studies, which provides university research and professional education for the Swiss foundation sector. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Swiss National Science Foundation since 2019.