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The program is strongly research-oriented: apart from attending specialized courses, the students start their research work well before the end of the first year. At the end of each year the students report about their research progress. Our doctoral students are expected to publish at least two papers in peer-reviewed internationally renowned journals of their field.
Strength of program:

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