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## Hasler Foundation Fact Sheet

### **The Foundation**

The Hasler Foundation – established as the „Foundation Hasler-Werke“ by Gustav Hasler in 1948 – was initially an entrepreneurial foundation in order to ensure that the Hasler-Werke, which had emerged from the Eidg. Telegraphenwerkstätte, would continue to be managed in the sense of Gustav Hasler even after his death (1952). In addition, the foundation was to promote „Swiss telephony and telegraphy“.

Today the Hasler Foundation is independent of any business interests and with the sole purpose of promoting education, research and innovation in the areas of information and communications technology ICT for the benefit and use of the intellectual and economic community of Switzerland.

The annual funds distributed by the foundation amount to several million Swiss francs.

### **The Foundation's Goals**

The Foundation employs its means and influence to ensure that Switzerland can assume a leading position within the international ICT context. As a respected and influential institution the Foundation wants to participate in the shaping of the public image of ICT and to ensure that the social and industrial importance of ICT is universally recognised.

### Educational Goals

The Foundation contributes to

- the promotion of highly qualified young academics in education and research in the area of ICT at Swiss universities<sup>1</sup>;
- the promotion of knowledgeable young ICT specialists in Swiss companies;
- the promotion of informatics as a subject in Swiss school curricula;
- the promotion of the recognition of ICT's social relevance by the political establishment and the general public.

### Research Goals

The Hasler Foundation supports original and scientifically sophisticated research projects at Swiss universities,

- which are relevant for ICT theory or practice;
- which promote education in ICT;
- which address the socially relevant effects of ICT.

Moreover, the Hasler Foundation promotes an effective and rapid know-how exchange within Swiss scientific circles as well as with universities abroad.

### Innovation Goals

The Foundation

- promotes product-oriented development projects at Swiss universities which are based on scientific knowledge and accompanied by market-oriented measures;
- provides limited amounts of capital for young entrepreneurs in the area of ICT within strictly defined conditions;
- generally supports measures to ensure effective and rapid know-how transfer from the research to the application stage.

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<sup>1</sup> The term „universities“ comprises the ETH (Zurich and Lausanne), the cantonal universities as well as universities of applied sciences.

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