

Bielefeld University Welcome Centre Newsletter

December 2018

The Welcome Centre team sends you Seasonal Greetings. We thank you for the collaboration in the past year! Looking forward to working with you in 2019!

The university remains closed over the holidays.

The Rectorate has decided, as in previous years, to suspend operations from Friday, December 21, 2018 (6:00pm.) to Wednesday, January 2nd, 2018 (6:00am.), and to close the university buildings in order to save energy.

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Welcome Centre Events and News

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| January 7,
2019 | 9:30 | Campus Start in U7-228

Monthly welcome event for new international researchers. Get to know the university and the Welcome Centre team, learn about getting started in Bielefeld, how to get around the university and the services we offer. Registration required: welcome@uni-bielefeld.de |
| January 7,
2019 | 11:30 | Campus Tour , departing from the info point (university main hall) Following Campus Start, we offer a guided tour through the main and the X-building explaining all points of everyday interest for your convenience. |
| January 7,
2019 | 12:30 | International Lunch , Westend cafeteria, main building
Monthly opportunity to get to know other internationals over an informal lunch. We meet at the first table beyond the entrance to the Westend cafeteria. Colleagues and Friends are welcome too. |
| December
18, 2018 | 19:30 | Festive Stammtisch , (Christmas Market Visit), Jahnplatz at the foot of the large clock

In December we will relocate our International Stammtisch to Bielefeld's own Christmas Market! Mulled wine, hot cacao, typical Bratwurst as well as countless other food and drink options are waiting for you. Meet other international academics and ask all your questions about Bielefeld while getting into the Christmas spirit. |

Scholarships, Grants, Positions

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| December
14, 2018 | | Together with the German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, DAAD), the Welcome Centre announces a scholarship for particularly engaged international doctoral candidates . Successful applicants receive a monthly stipend of € 900 for one up to 12 months. Prerequisites include a good academic record and previous voluntary (social) engagement serving international exchange. Good knowledge of the German and the English language as well as another modern language is advantageous. Applicants should be at least in the second year of the doctoral studies. |
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Closing date for applications: 14 December 2018

Here you can find all necessary documents and information for your application (for international doctoral candidates):

[http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/International/termine/?fbclid=IwAR15L3MEli5wAmhJ9ykSI9UQN6V2EQiNcN5hXc01CvAVLTV66cP5uAQ1mLk](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/International/termine/?fbclid=IwAR15L3MEli5wAmhJ9ykSI9UQN6V2EQiNcN5hXc01CvAVLTV66cP5uAQ1mLk)

December
14, 2018

ViSiB - the Association to Support International Students in Bielefeld - calls for nominations for their **yearly Award for international students**. In recognition of the outstanding personal commitment of international students towards intercultural understanding the association annually awards **two Prizes in the amount of 750 € each**. In addition, a **special prize** of the same amount will be awarded to a **student with a refugee background**.

The awarded prize is based on the **nomination by a third party**, ViSiB kindly asks you for suggestions of candidates. The candidate should have actively contributed to closer communication between German and international students and should have already studied at Bielefeld University or University of Applied Sciences Bielefeld for a few semesters. Please send your nomination (including the nominee's Curriculum Vitae) via post or e-mail **by the 14th December 2018 to Dana Jarczyk**

Raum D0 – 138, Postfach 10 01 31, 33501 Bielefeld

E-mail: visib@uni-bielefeld.de

For further information, please contact Ms. **Dana Jarczyk** (visib@uni-bielefeld.de).

Applications
at any time

If you have completed a doctorate or comparable academic degree not more than four years, you can apply for a **Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers**. The fellowship is worth 2,650 euros per month. Applications can be submitted online at any time. Find all information regarding the application process here:

<https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/infoservice/newsletter/newsletter-2018/october-2018/humboldt-research-fellowship-for-postdoctoral-researchers.html>

Career

December 11,
2018

On 11 December 2018, the **German National Contact Point (NCP) for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions** will be conducting in Bonn a **workshop** aimed at institutions that are planning to submit an **ITN proposal** in the current call. Held in German, the event will be giving an overview about the specifics of ITN applications. Furthermore, an expert will report on the assessment of ITN proposals. After the workshop, potential applicants will have the opportunity to discuss their ITN proposals with the NCP MSCA. If you are interested in participation, contact the NCP via email: nks-msc@dlr.de
<https://www.nks-msc.de/en/service-veranstaltungen.php?id=1529&&fbclid=IwAR2Dzj1xjBaTgbiA4Nzxf1jG8Mle1PUdMTHxZPllg8bAhgD7YqZkMVh14XU#viewanc>

The deadline to apply is 4 December 2018

January 16,
2019

On 16 January 2019, a **full-day workshop on US Funding Opportunities** will take place at ETH Zurich. Topics covered in the workshop include, amongst others, identifying funding possibilities, understanding rules

and regulations, proposal development and submission incl. financial issues, managing projects, and ensuring compliance. The event is open to researchers and research administrators (pre-and post-award).
Registration & Agenda:

http://grantsaccess.ethz.ch/de/servicesupport/veranstaltungen/workshop-on-us-funding-opportunities/?fbclid=IwAR208h0XGYeuNsIm6uQWYwM1Gp86xidYJGGJKgbn5VxzUnFIAi4BUcwJr_U

January 24 &
25, 2019

On the 24th and 25th January 2019 the Career Service at Bielefeld University offers a **workshop** dealing with the question "**How to find a job in Germany's Industry**". It prepares masters, PhDs and postdocs for the application requirements of a non-university career. Further information: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/zll/abteilungen/career_service/studierende/workshops/2WiSe2018-19/Ank_How-to-find-a-job_Prom_WS1819.pdf

Please register until 17 January 2019: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/zll/abteilungen/career_service/Career%20Service%20Portal/index.html

February 13,
2019

The **first BRIDGE training** for Refugee Researchers "Career Development And Social Integration For Refugee Researchers" was held in Sofia (Bulgaria) on 27 November 2018 by the EURAXESS BHO at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". It was designed as a one-day training devoted to two courses "ERA Labour Market" and "Foster Your Employability and Integrate Better in the Society". The training applied a practical approach and was held in English.

A **second training** is planned to be held in **Thessaloniki, Greece on 13 February 2019**. The participant list is open. More information on the planned trainings for refugee researchers and mentors in 2019: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Internat.../bridge/training.html>

Further Info

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2018

This year's last edition of the **Meet & Speak** organized by the Language Centre of Bielefeld University is a Christmas version of the event: **XMAS & SPEAK** starts at 6p.m. at the Language Centre Lounge (C01-244). Specials are the Meet & Speak "Christmas Market", the opportunity to share traditions typical for your culture, singalong (if you want to) and the Meet & Speak Secret Santa

You are kindly asked to register for this event in advance (not binding): <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfr6zNIF6ESk6xFt2.../viewform>

If you are an employee and would like to know, if you are eligible to apply for **unemployment benefit** (Arbeitslosengeld), which steps have to be taken and which documents you have to hand to the "Agentur für Arbeit" the Welcome Centre can give you advice. Just come to our service desk in C5-133 during our office hours (Monday to Friday 10.30am. to 11.30am.)

We would like to draw your attention to the **Refugee Law Clinics (RLCs)** in Germany. RLCs are offering legal advice by supervised students in the field of refugee and foreign law on a non-profit basis. This is a website of the Refugee Law Clinics Deutschland e.V., the umbrella association of the German Refugee Law Clinics: https://rlc-deutschland.de/en/?fbclid=IwAR2iAlqt-BcNggRukOQ-IIM7vxwnp_okc01J_nwHjl9EG5SRn76_TZ5yzOw

The "Sonderforschungsbereich" **Practices of Comparing** of Bielefeld University invites you to an **exhibition spread over eight different places in Bielefeld**. To shed light on the history, function, and power of comparing, they developed presentations drawing from the SFB's subprojects which inscribe themselves as interventions into Bielefeld. The visitors encounter different situations and levels of comparing. The exhibition is open from 26th October 2018 to 20th of January 2019. More information: [https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/sfb1288/](https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/sfb1288/)

The **"Aktion Wunschstern"** has started again in the University main hall. Since 11 years Aktion Wunschstern is an activity in cooperation with Bielefeld University and Bethel. It has the idea of bringing people together and share joy, by **fulfilling a wish of a person/group** you do not know. You can pick a Star from the tree in the main hall that has a wish written on it and make the wish come true.

This year the traditional **Christmas Lecture of the Faculty of Physics** takes place on Saturday, 15th December. Students present experiments and provide explanations on the phenomena witnessed by the audience. There are two lectures at 1pm and 4pm and admission is free but seats are limited. The event language is German. If you are interested, you have to register in order to get your tickets: <https://www.physik.uni-bielefeld.de/.../.../eintrittskarten.html>