Bielefeld University Welcome Centre Newsletter
August 2017

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Welcome Centre Events

10th August 9:30 – 11:30  **Campus Start** in U7-205
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

10th August 11:30 – 12:30  **Campus Tour**, departing from U7-205
Following Campus Start, we offer a guided tour through the main and X building explaining all points of everyday interest for your convenience.

10th August 12:30 – 13:30  **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. Friends and family are welcome.

15th August 19:30 – 21:00  **International Stammtisch**, (Regulars’ Table), Casa Café & Bar
Monthly informal get-together to meet other international academics in a casual atmosphere. Simply show up at the Casa in Karl-Eilers-Straße 12 in 33602 Bielefeld on the third Tuesday of every month.

Scholarships and Grants

Application deadline: September 14th, 2017

**Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM)** is offering 101 postdoctoral positions linked to the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship Actions (IF-MSCA) within Horizon 2020 for researchers at all stages of their careers, irrespective of nationality. The grant provides an allowance to cover living, travel and family costs. European Fellowships last from one to two years, Global Fellowships from two to three years.

Application deadline: September 14th, 2017

**The University of Padova (Italy)** is seeking outstanding researchers to apply for Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships within Horizon 2020. Researchers working at the University of Padova can apply for a MSC Global Fellowship, spending 24 months outside Europe and then coming back to the University of Padova. Researchers from all scientific disciplines can apply. The grant provides an allowance to cover living, travel and family costs; research costs and overheads of the host organization are also supported.
**Contact as early as possible**

**The German Academic Exchange Service** (DAAD) provides a database with information on various funding options for foreign students, graduates and postdocs as well as on funding offered by other selected organizations.  

**Application deadline:** September 14th, 2017

**Hosting offers from Spanish Institutions** interested in supporting applications to the MSCA Individual Fellowships Call 2017. The objective of this call is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers by providing them with opportunities to work on research in a European context or outside Europe.  

**Contact as early as possible**

**The German Federal Environmental Foundation** (DBU) is offering scholarships programmes for doctoral studies, international students and scholarship grants for displaced persons. For further information go to: [https://www.dbu.de/2552.html](https://www.dbu.de/2552.html)

**Career Development**

**Application deadline:** September 01st, 2017

The University of Bonn and the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research of NRW organized the event “**ERC Starting Grants in Horizont 2020**” in the Bonn University Club on September 07th 2017. The ERC Starting Grants call is aimed at researchers between 2 to 7 years after the PhD. The participation to the event is free. You can submit your bingind registration with the online form [http://www3.uni-bonn.de/.../euroconsult/veranstaltungskalender](http://www3.uni-bonn.de/.../euroconsult/veranstaltungskalender) or by sending an email to mfischer@uni-bonn.de.

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**Scientific writing skills** are a central concern in every academic career. Bielefeld University has different offers to assist researchers in improving their skills in this area.

**PunktUm:** The German Language Centre consults on scientific writing in German.  
[http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Studium/Studienbegleitende%20Angebote/Punktum/010_beratung_training/](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Studium/Studienbegleitende%20Angebote/Punktum/010_beratung_training/)

**Zentrum für Lehre und Lernen:** The centre for Teaching and Learning offers advice and workshops on publishing articles in international journals.  
Fachsprachenzentrum: The Language Centre also provides assistance in writing English papers. 
http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/fachsprachenzentrum/fsz.html

PEP: The programme for academic personnel development offers a variety of seminars designed to improve your scientific writing skills. 
http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/pep/

Accommodation

Accommodation offers: Here you will find some of our available flats and rooms in Bielefeld. You can find the whole list in our Facebook group and at the wall in front of our offices

#154 Room furnished, August-Schröder-Str., 33602 Bielefeld, 300€, 18m² room in shared flat, landlady is the flat mate, shared KB, internet included, no pets, smoking allowed, women only

#189 furnished house, Senner Hellweg, 33604 Bielefeld, 1000€, 80m². Until: 31.12.2017, 2 rooms, living room, KB, car space available, garden, pets allowed, suitable for couples, families or shared flats

#259 furnished flat, Am Gottesberg, 33619 Bielefeld, 1000€, 80m². Bedroom, living room, KB, kitchen furnished, suitable for couples, balcony, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed

#237 Flat furnished, Große-Kurfürsten-Str., 33615 Bielefeld, 809€, 48m², Minimum renting period : 3 months. Furnished flat, 1 bedroom, KB, furnished kitchen, living room, suitable for singles or couples, shared patio, shared garden, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed

Further Info

No registration needed

Starting July 17th there will be an “English Table” in the Mensa dedicated to practicing English conversation. Everyone is welcome, and the only requirement is that when sitting at this table you must speak English. This is a great opportunity to practice your English in a relaxed atmosphere. They will be in Speisesaal 2 (look for the sign “English Table”).