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Welcome Centre Events

10 th August	9:30 – 11:30	<p>Campus Start in U7-205</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Registration required: welcome@uni-bielefeld.de</p>
10 th August	11:30 – 12:30	<p>Campus Tour, departing from U7-205</p> <p>Following Campus Start, we offer a guided tour through the main and X building explaining all points of everyday interest for your convenience.</p>
10 th August	12:30 – 13:30	<p>International Lunch, Westend cafeteria, main building</p> <p>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.</p>
15 th August	19:30 – 21:00	<p>International <i>Stammtisch</i>, (Regulars' Table), Casa Café & Bar</p> <p>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.</p>

Scholarships and Grants

<p>Info Event: 9th Aug & 18th Sept Application deadline: October 15th, 2017</p>	<p>“Bielefeld Young Researchers' Fund” are hosting two Info Events, one on the 9th of August and the other on the 18th of September regarding their funding lines for PhD students and Postdocs (next application Deadline 15th October). If you plan to apply for this funding you should definitely attend one of these presentations. Further information, time and location can be found with the following link: https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uniaktuell/entry/bis_15_oktober_für_bielefelder</p>
<p>Application deadline: September 14th, 2017</p>	<p>Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) is offering 101 postdoctoral positions in connection with the Marie Skłodowska-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. Details about the positions offered: http://oficinaeuropea.ucm.es/msca-expressions-of-interest-2017.</p>
<p>Application deadline:</p>	<p>The University of Padova (Italy) is seeking outstanding researchers to apply for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships within Horizon 2020.</p>

September 14th,
2017

Researchers working at the University of Padova can apply for a MSCA 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.

For further information visit:

<http://www.unipd.it/en/research/marie-sklodowska-curie-actions/msca-individual-fellowships>.

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.

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/>.

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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.

More details here: <http://www.eshorizonte2020.es/ciencia-excelente/acciones-marie-sklodowska-curie/spanish-hosting-offers-if-2017>.

You can find it here as well as some FAQs regarding the application process: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/node/158224/>

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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>

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EURAXESS – Researchers in motion provides a **database** with information on various funding options for foreign students, graduates and postdocs.

For further information please go

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/funding/search>.

October 1st,
2017

The **Daimler and Benz Foundation postdoctoral scholarship programme** is open to applicants of any nationality and from all disciplines. Applicants have to be in the early phase of an academic career, currently working on own research project and researching work conducted at a German academic institution. The scholarship is granted for two years. The annual grant totals 20,000 euros per scholarship.

For more information please go: [https://www.research-in-](https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/infoservice/newsletter/newsletter-2017/july-2017/postdoctoral-scholarships-of-the-daimler-and-benz-foundation.html)

[germany.org/en/infoservice/newsletter/newsletter-2017/july-2017/postdoctoral-scholarships-of-the-daimler-and-benz-foundation.html](https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/infoservice/newsletter/newsletter-2017/july-2017/postdoctoral-scholarships-of-the-daimler-and-benz-foundation.html)

Career Development

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September 01st,
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The University of Bonn and the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research of NRW is organizing the event “**ERC Starting Grants in Horizont 2020**” at 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. Participation in the event is free. You can submit your registration with the online form <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/

Zentrum für Lehre und Lernen: The centre for Teaching and Learning offers advice and workshops on publishing articles in international journals.

[http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/Universitaet/Einrichtungen/SLK/schreiblabor/index.html/studierende/lehrende/doktoranden/lehrende/studierende/lehrende/lehrende/studierende/studierende/studierende/doktoranden/index.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/Universitaet/Einrichtungen/SLK/schreiblabor/index.html/studierende/lehrende/doktoranden/lehrende/studierende/lehrende/lehrende/studierende/studierende/studierende/doktoranden/index.html)

Fachsprachenzentrum: The Language Centre also provides assistance in writing English papers.

[http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/fachsprachenzentrum/fsz.html](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/](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/pep/)

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The University of Bielefeld offers the workshop “**Scientific Writing in English**” on November 30th and December 01st 2017. The workshop deals with questions with which young scholars in engineering, life sciences and natural sciences have difficulties in writing English as a foreign language. For further information:

http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Scientific_Writing17.html

Accommodation

Accommodation offers: Here you will find some of our available flats and rooms in Bielefeld. You can find the whole list on 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.

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The table is located in Speisesaal 2 (look for the sign “English Table”). Do you need an official translation for a particular application, public authorities and administrative matters? Here is a **database of official interpreters and translators** in the individual states of the Federal Republic of Germany: <http://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/>. This platform provides options to search for individual or combined features of translators and interpreters by name, location or language.

Contact as early as possible

At the University of Bremen there will be a seminar for threatened (and international) scholars on **“Funding schemes for Postdocs”** on August 11. Bielefeld University has up to 5 seats. For registration, please contact eleni.andrianopulu@uni-bielefeld.de to reserve a seat.

Contact as early as possible

The University of Bielefeld is looking for **accommodations for international scientists** that are coming in November and October. You can register your offer in the Welcome Centre here: http://uni-bielefeld.de/%28de%29/International/Scientists/rental_offer/index.html
Further details can be found in the press: http://www.nw.de/lokal/bielefeld/schildesche/schildesche/21855453_Uni-Bielefeld-sucht-Wohnraum-fuer-internationale-Wissenschaftler.html

In the News

Mexican Delegation Come to Bielefeld University

On June 29, 2017, Professor Dr. Miguel Ángel Navarro Navarro, Vice-Rector of the University of Guadalajara, the second-oldest university in Mexico, headed a delegation to Bielefeld University. The reason for the visit is the joint development of a German–Latin American research centre in the social sciences and humanities: the Center for Advanced Latin American Studies (CALAS). In addition, the two universities are planning to cooperate even more strongly in research and teaching.

https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uninews/entry/mexican_delegation_comes_to_bielefeld

Another Two Turkish Academics Find Refuge at Bielefeld University

Bielefeld University has taken in another two refugee academics from Turkey. Funding was secured via the Philipp Schwartz Initiative, which provides universities and research facilities in Germany with the means to host threatened researchers with a full scholarship for a period of 24 months. This brings the total number of fellows hosted at Bielefeld University to four. The first two fellowships were awarded back in December 2016.

https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uninews/entry/another_two_turkish_academics_find

Summary of Network and Project Meeting on Refugee Scholars and Scholars at Risk

The publicly accessible summary of our Network and Project Meeting on Refugee Scholars and Scholars at Risk held in Bielefeld University in March can be found in the event posting on the Scholars at Risk website with the following link.

https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Beitrag-Scholars-at-Risk_überarbeitet.pdf

Report Calls for a Radical Shake-Up of EU Research

Former WTO chief Pascal Lamy sets out a wide range of ideas to reform EU research and innovation programmes, starting a yearlong campaign to secure the future research budget

<http://sciencebusiness.net/news/80365/Report-calls-for-radical-shake-up-of-EU-research>

If Academics are Serious about Research Impact They Need to Learn from Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

The impact of academic research, particularly on policy and the private sector, is an increasingly important component of research assessment exercises and funding distribution. However, Duncan Green argues that the way many researchers think about their impact continues to be pretty rudimentary.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2017/07/11/if-academics-are-serious-about-research-impact-they-need-to-learn-from-monitoring-evaluation-and-learning-teams/>