Bielefeld University Welcome Centre Newsletter
October 2019

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Welcome Centre Events

October 2nd, 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

October 2nd, 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.

October 7th, 2019 9:45  Meeting Point: University main hall, in front of the restaurant Univarza

We cordially invite you to an introduction to the library in English. Find out:
- How to register
- How to borrow books and scientific publications
- How to use catalogues, subject databases, search engines

Please sign up by 4th October by sending an email to:
welcome@uni-bielefeld.de

Career and Scholarships

October 15th, 2019 (deadline for applications)

If you are looking for funding for your PhD or Postdoc research, do not miss the opportunity to apply for a scholarship from the Bielefeld Young Researchers’ Fund. They offer scholarships for PhD’s and PostDocs.

Deadline for applications: 15th of October 2018

Bielefeld Young Researchers Fund is a funding program in which the Rectorate of Bielefeld University grants financial awards to support researchers at Bielefeld University.

Further information:
http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/nachwuchs/promovierende/stipendien-und-foerderprogramme/nachwuchsfonds.html
October 25th, 2019
(application deadline)

Bielefeld University supports women, who plan to start a career in academics through the movement Mentoring Programme. The programme includes trainings, mentoring and networking and also provides the opportunity to get in touch with other doctoral candidates. The programme runs for 12 months during which participants will be continuously supported by their academic mentors.

The next round is directed to female doctoral students in all stages of their studies, who in addition also speak German.

Further information:
https://uni-bielefeld.de/themen/movement/programm/doktorandinnen/index.xml

Application: 4 – 7 months ahead of the prospective selection date

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation offers Georg Forster Research Fellowships for postdoctoral researchers and experienced researchers to spend extended periods of research (6-24 months) in Germany. Scientists and scholars from all disciplines from developing countries, emerging economies and transition states may apply.

Further information:
https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-fellowship.html

2021

We would like to draw your attention to a Call for Proposals for the German-Israeli Minerva-Gentner Symposia 2021. The Minerva-Gentner Symposium is a format to bring together Israeli scientists with colleagues from Germany through conferences, workshops etc. Minerva-Gentner Symposia may be conducted in all areas of research. In addition to the Israeli and German participants, also scientists from other countries can be included in the program. Find further Information here:

https://www.minerva.mpg.de/19287/gentner-symposia

General information

Explore career options and development opportunities for researchers with EURAXESS no limits toolkit! It features resources to help you

- identify what's important for you in your career
- plan to build on your skills and knowledge
- consider a wide range of career options.
- make a plan to reach your professional development goals.
The toolkit includes advice, questions to help you explore your own needs and links to resources, information and opportunities. It can also be used in advisory situations.

Find the tool here:

https://euraxess.eventiotic.com/piperstool/

Researchers in Danger

October 21st, 2019

The next training for Refugee Researchers in the frame of the project BRiDGE II will take place on the 21st of October 2019 in Vienna, Austria and deals with the topic “Manage Your Research Career”. This training aims at supporting refugee researchers to obtain key career skills and competences needed in order to facilitate the integration and achieve better perspectives for professional realization in the European job market.

It will be a one-day training, focused on the following topics:

- managing a research career and research teams;
- researcher self-assessment;
- interdisciplinary working;
- information literacy;
- public engagement;
- sources of funding research (national and European grants and programs);
- finding open research positions and projects.

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Applications at any time

BRiDGE Step II aims to support researchers in danger to develop a career path that matches their goals and experience. For those who consider a career in the non-academic sector or an entrepreneurial career, an internship position could be a first step into the professional field that they aspire to join. Internships connect researchers in danger with European employers and provide them with the opportunity to evaluate and put in practice their knowledge and skills in their field of research. Furthermore, they can get an insight into their career
opportunities outside academia and gain access to a network of professionals and organisations, crucial for integrating into the labour market. To minimise barriers and encourage more to take part in an internship opportunity, the BRiDGE - Step II project has set up a grant scheme that aims to provide financial support to the researcher in danger during the internship.

Contact:
Bridge2Internship@gu.se
bridge2.coordinator@uni-Bielefeld.de

Further information: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge2/internshipprogram.html?fbclid=IwAR1YpmNL96IzjTzlufkQe1xXhg8VKGyG5r33RMFfuyauvdAP2eJuK

About the BRiDGE project

General information about BRIDGE: BRIDGE is a project funded under the Horizon 2020 call SwafS-6-2018: Science4Refugees-Support to highly skilled refugee scientists.

BRIDGE is a two year project that started on December 1st, 2018. To keep yourself informed about news regarding the BRIDGE project and about upcoming Trainings look up our BRIDGE Newsletter!

Further information: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge/newsletter.html

Accommodation

Accommodation offers:

#453 Flat unfurnished, 580€, In den Barkwiesen, 33613 Bielefeld, 58 m², Unfurnished flat with more than 1 room, suitable for singles, own kitchen furnished, 2 bedrooms, living room, Internet connection possible, not yet installed, shared garden, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

#303 Flat furnished, 640€, Ginterweg, 33818 Leopoldshöhe – Asemissen, 70 m², 1 bedroom, own kitchen furnished, own bathroom, own livingroom, internet included, shared garden, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

#411 House furnished, 960€, Kuckucksweg, 33607 Bielefeld, 74 m², Furnished house with 1 bedroom, suitable for singles or couples, kitchen furnished, living room, internet included, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

#435 Flat furnished, 650€, Gutenbergstr., 33615 Bielefeld, 40 m², Until 31.03.2020, Flat furnished with 1 bedroom, own kitchen furnished, own bathroom, balcony, internet included, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.
We would like to draw your attention to our next "Academics in China" event: The First Network Meeting on Cooperation’s with Chinese Universities.

The aim of the meeting is to initiate a network of academics from different disciplines, who have experiences or interests in cooperating with Chinese universities/institutions/scholars. We will have academics as well as admins from Bielefeld University give short inputs about their own experiences, which will be followed by discussions on future perspectives in cooperation with Chinese universities.

We welcome scholars of all disciplines to join the discussion!

The Event will be held on 30th Oct. 2019, 10:00-12:00, in X-B2-103.

Please sign up by 7th Oct. 2019 at: lili.zhu@uni-bielefeld.de

The registration for the German language classes at PunktUm just started. If you or your spouse would like to join a course in winter term 2019/20 and improve your German skills, please do sign up under the following link:

https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/Universitaet/Studium/Studienbegleitende%20Angebote/Punktum/020_deutschkurse/anmeldung.html

Contact: punktum@uni-bielefeld.de; consultation hours: Tue + Thu / 2 - 4 pm / in room C3-210 (main building)

The careers of researchers are becoming more and more international. One important aspect of moving and working abroad is the question, if and how pension rights are accumulated.

Two guestspeakers from Deutsche Rentenversicherung and Versorgungsanstalt des Bundes und der Länder (VBL) will give an overview of the German and European Pension system. This workshop is open to all mobile researchers that would like to know:

- Do I qualify for a pension in Germany?
- What is the difference: statutory pension, occupational pension and private pension savings
- Will I still be entitled to collect a pension from Germany once I leave the country?
- If I do not qualify for a pension, can I have my contributions refunded?
- What do I need to do in order to collect my pension on retirement?
- Can I transfer my entitlements from Germany abroad?

**Individual consultation on Thursday 17th October** from 9am-11pm.

Please **register until 14th of October** via Facebook or welcome@uni-bielefeld.de

**Mobility**

We would like to draw your attention to the **ECHER Blog: the voice of early-career higher education researchers**. The ECHER Blog is an online platform for sharing information, experience and opinion about the art, craft and practice of doing research in the interdisciplinary field of higher education. The Blog is written BY early-career scholars FOR early-career scholars, or for pretty much everyone who may be interested in what they have to say.

See: [https://www.echer.org/](https://www.echer.org/)

**Culture and Leisure Time**

October 10th, 2019 16:00 – 17:30

Join us for a guided city tour of the old part of Bielefeld’s city. We will have an English tour with a local tour guide and will start our walk at the Old City Hall. We will wander through the Old Market with its restored noble houses and visit the churches Nicolai- and Marienkirche with their precious altars. The tour ends at approx. 17.30am.

Please sign up **by 7th October**, at welcome@uni-bielefeld.de

**No participation fee**! Family, friends and colleagues are welcome too!