Information for a successful application of the International Guest Lectureship Programme

The 2011 launched International Guest Lectureship Programme is an ongoing call for international guest lecturers with the aim to internationalize study and teaching at Bielefeld University. On one side the IGL intends to extend the range of teaching, through increasingly introducing students to foreign curricula and on the other side it aims to encourage the development of the internationalization of teaching, which is supposed to happen after the stay of the guest, by the faculty themselves. The issue of sustainability plays an essential role in the allocation process. Therefore, by assessing the applications the focus lies firstly on the point of to what extent the lecture of the guest matches the internationalization strategy of the faculty and secondly, if the stay does effect the internationalization of the faculty beyond the visit.

The impact/existence of sustainability i.e. can be proven if one or more of the following questions can be answered with “yes”:

- Does the stay lead to a strategic partnership that allows a structured student exchange with the guest lecturer’s home university?
- Is there a possibility to establish a new double-degree programme which can be embedded into the existing curriculum/study structure?
- Does your faculty plan to implement or already has a so called “international track”, a BA module solely taught in English, or plans to fill a BA module with international study contents, to which the guest lecturer can make a contribution and does this contribution lead to a fixation of the module/track into the curriculum?
- If the guest uses innovative teaching methods or if co-teaching exist, can those innovative methods be accessible for other faculties as well? One option could be i.e. the “Lehrbar” organized by the Centre for Teaching and Learning.
- Can the guest introduce his home university and department to the students of your faculty?
- Is the guest employed permanently or in the long run at a university for which there is an interest in establishing a strategic partnership?
- Is the guest lecturer a research alumni of Bielefeld University and is there an interest in permanently linking him or her to the faculty (i.e. through a virtual faculty of other forms of subsequent collaboration)?

If such or similar considerations are made, they should absolutely be mentioned in the application and explained briefly! It is in no case sufficient for a successful application to base the argumentation on English or another foreign language, being the language of teaching/instruction.