Bielefeld University Welcome Centre Newsletter

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Welcome Centre Events

August 7, 2019  9:30  **Campus Start** in U7-210

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

August 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.

Career and Scholarships

August 31st, 2019  (deadline)

Together with the German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, DAAD), the Welcome Centre announces a [scholarship for particularly engaged international doctoral candidates](https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/international-office/stellenausschreibung/index.xml). 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.

**Closing date for applications: 31 August 2019**

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

https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/international-office/stellenausschreibung/index.xml

If you are looking for a funding for your PhD or Postdoc, do not miss the information session about [Bielefeld Young Researchers' Fund](#) on the 18th of September in lecture hall H5 (main building).

**Information session for PhDs:** 12:00 to 13:00  
**Information session for Postdocs:** 13:00 to 14:00

**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.
Université de Genève (UNIGE) is looking for outstanding researchers wishing to apply to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (MSCA-IF) program with UNIGE as Host Institution, under the call for applications MSCA-IF-2019. The goal of the Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

Please find more information on how to apply and who is eligible here: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/msca-if-2019?fbclid=IwAR2Fl0aHLrX6j8DMC5Ey4xId7NmsaOG5Ge6mbV2GRZw-ufPWjHcwE0EwzE

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 highlights 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.
o make a plan to reach your professional development goals.

The toolkit includes advice, quizzes 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

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Join us for a 1.5 hour interactive **BRiDGE online webinar** to discuss funding opportunities for refugee researchers! 9 Sept 2019, 16.30, CET. We will discuss together these and many other questions and aspects about how Refugee Researchers Could Benefit from Research Funding Opportunities in Europe Outside Academia. Please, register by sending a copy of your CV, latest diploma, legal status document in the host country and signed and scanned copy of the attached consent by email, to: svetlana@fmi.uni-sofia.bg, by 7 Sept 2019!

Further information:
https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge/training.html#web2

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

In **September** the Bielefeld University will host the 1st BRiDGE II Network Meeting for Academic Mentors of Refugee Researchers 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The event will provide mentors of highly skilled refugees with an excellent opportunity to connect, exchange experiences and brush up their knowledge about career development possibilities in and outside academia.

Contact: bridge2.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de

Further information and Agenda:
https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge2/career%20planning-mentoring
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 they need in order to facilitate the integration and achieve better perspectives for their 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 your research (national and European grants and programs);
- finding open research positions and projects.

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October 31st, 2019

On the 31st of October the Bielefeld University will host the BRIDGE Training “Train the Trainer Course for Academic Mentors”. During the training, mentors will be offered practical advice, resources, information and guidance on how to successfully mentor refugee researchers (RRs) and thus support their integration and professional realization. In addition, advice on equality and diversity issues and on how to reduce any potential inter-ethnic tension at workplace and promote a more integrating environment will be provided to those willing to be RRs’ mentors.

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

- important aspects of working with RRs;
- internal and external resources and organizational support for RRs mentors;
- intercultural integration;
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 a 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=IwAR1YpmNL96JzTzlufkQe1xXhg8VKGyG5r33RMFuyauvdAP2eJuKG1F1Lc

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: Here you will find some of our available flats and rooms in Bielefeld. You can find the whole list on our Facebook group „International Academics at Bielefeld University“ and on the wall in front of our offices.

#432, Room furnished, 410 Langenhagen, 33617 Bielefeld, 16 m², Furnished bedroom, shared living room, shared KB, internet included, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

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

#403, Room unfurnished, 550 Wellensiek, 33619 Bielefeld, 15 m², Room in a shared flat, shared kitchen furnished, shared utility room, suitable for singles, shared garden, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

#400, Flat unfurnished, 950 Gutenbergstr., 33615 Bielefeld, 80 m², Unfurnished flat with more than 1 room, suitable for a family with 2 children, kitchen furnished, own bathroom, own living room, Internet connection possible, not yet installed, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

Further Info

August 31st, 2019

The registration for the German 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)

August 1st, 2019

Dear parents, we got the information that there is a place left at the Betriebskita of Bielefeld University for children older than 3 years starting in August 2019. If you are currently looking for a place for your child in a child care facility, please get in contact with the Betriebskita directly (see contact below).
In case you need assistance regarding child benefit, filling out application forms or other bureaucratic hurdles, please come to our office hours or write us an e-mail at welcome@uni-bielefeld.de.

Further details: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Benutzer/MitarbeiterInnen/Kita/?fbclid=IwAR3Lrv6SMPFCDogYsViZ_-skhMKxkwsOYMIArM301Jij5HTKhZ1U7RqcneE

**Culture and Leisure Time**

**August 9th, 8.30 pm 2019**

If you like music, acrobatics and Greek mythology the street theater "Icarus", 9th of August at the **Klosterplatz in Bielefeld** will be the right thing for you! The Southpaw Dance Company is featuring an impressively mythic set of wings, with blistering lifting and contact work alongside Southpaw’s distinctive mix of intense physicality and narrative, Icarus is a dance theatre interpretation of the classic Greek myth. Entry fee: **Free**

Further Information: [http://southpawdancecompany.co.uk/project/icarus/](http://southpawdancecompany.co.uk/project/icarus/)

[http://www.kulturamt-bielefeld.de/veranstaltung/?tx_dokulturamt_eventdetails%5BeventId%5D=2019-03-07%2015%3A11%3A34.285980&tx_dokulturamt_eventdetails%5Baction%5D=show&tx_dokulturamt_eventdetails%5Bcontroller%5D=Event&cHash=1809bd41f761a9eb6867ffa7e46d1949](http://www.kulturamt-bielefeld.de/veranstaltung/?tx_dokulturamt_eventdetails%5BeventId%5D=2019-03-07%2015%3A11%3A34.285980&tx_dokulturamt_eventdetails%5Baction%5D=show&tx_dokulturamt_eventdetails%5Bcontroller%5D=Event&cHash=1809bd41f761a9eb6867ffa7e46d1949)

**August 17th & 18th, 17.30 pm 2019**

This year’s **Bielefeld City Jam** will be on the 17th & 18th August at the **Kesselbrink** in Bielefeld. The Bielefeld City Jam is an international BMX-event which offers next to an action-packed BMX competition, music, party and street food for the whole family. No entrance fee.

More information: [https://bcjam.de](https://bcjam.de)