Dear Students!

We are happy to send you the new issue of the RUBiss Newsletter! The newsletter for international students at Ruhr-Universität is published twice per semester.

We inform you about current activities and offers of the International Office and other university facilities and give you tips for the semester break.

The team of RUBiss – RUB international student services wishes you a nice and relaxing semester break!

Find us on Facebook!

Like the RUBiss Facebook page and stay up-to-date! Regularly, you will receive new information as well as useful tips from the RUBiss team about studying at Ruhr-Universität, events of the International Office and life in Bochum.

Like RUBiss – international students services on Facebook!

You can find photos of our activities and events of the semester programme on our Instagram profile. Share your photos of our events with the #rubiss.

Follow us on Instagram!

Would you like to receive the newsletter on a regular basis? Register here!
NEWSLETTER OVERVIEW

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SERVICES

INTEGRA – INTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS .......................................................... 3
GRADUATION GRANTS .................................................................................................................................... 3
SEMESTER PROGRAMME ............................................................................................................................... 4
ORIENTATION WEEK (O-COURSE) AND ORIENTATION DAYS (O-DAYS) .............................................. 4
INTERNATIONAL WELCOME .................................................................................................................... 5
INTERNSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT .............................................................................................................. 5
VOLUNTEERING AS A CAMPUS GUIDE ........................................................................................................ 5
BERUFSFELDPRAKTIKA AT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE .......................................................... 5
INTERNERSHIP AT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE (One Semester) .................................................. 6
INTERNERSHIP AS LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR AT THE DAF-DEPARTMENT ........................................ 6

SERVICES AT RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT ............................................................................................................... 7
UNIVERSITY SPORTS ........................................................................................................................................ 7
SCHREIBZENTRUM – WRITING CENTRE .................................................................................................... 7
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ....................................................................................................................................... 8
BUDDY-PROGRAMME NATURAL.PALS ...................................................................................................... 8

FURTHER SERVICES ........................................................................................................................................ 8
EXPERIMENT: HOMESTAYS FOR STUDENTS .......................................................................................... 8
SCHAUSPIELHAUS BOCHUM THEATRE FLATRATE ............................................................................. 9
RUHRTRIENNALE .............................................................................................................................................. 9
BOCHUMER MUSIKSOMMER ....................................................................................................................... 10

RETROSPECTIVE ................................................................................................................................................. 10
EVALUATION OF THE RUBISS SEMESTER PROGRAMME ..................................................................... 10
CULTURE EVENING – PAKISTAN ................................................................................................................ 10
HIKING TRIP: BURG ALTENA ........................................................................................................................ 10
RUHR FELLOWS ............................................................................................................................................... 11
INTEGRA – INTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS ............................................ 11
SPRACHCAFÉ .................................................................................................................................................... 12
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SERVICES

In the coming winter semester 2018/2019, many different and interesting offers of the International Office await you. We hope that you will have a lot of fun at the activities and events. We are looking forward to seeing you. Your presence at Ruhr-Universität is an enrichment for our international campus!

INTEGRA – INTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS

Ruhr-Universität Bochum supports refugees who want to study in Germany with special preparatory courses, these combine a German language course with a propaedeutic programme.

From 1 August to 31 August 2018, the application period for the Integra-12 programme of the International Office for winter semester 2018/2019 takes place. The application is online.

Are you interested in the Integra programme and have questions about the application process? Come to our information events!

Every Tuesday at 11.00 am, meeting point in the foyer of the SSC building
Dates: 31 July, 07 August, 14 August, 21 August, 28 August 2018

The Integra-12 courses for prospective refugee students are free of charge. Volunteer language instructors teach the German courses in 8 hours per week. The propaedeutic programme in form of lectures and workshops is offered in 4 hours per week.

Here you can find all the information about the preparatory courses and the application process.

GRADUATION GRANTS

The International Office of RUB offers graduation grants funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for the winter term 2018/19.

The scholarships are offered to international students who:

- are studying at RUB and graduated from a foreign school and/or completed their first university degree abroad.
- are close to their final degree (Bachelor; Master; State Examination or equivalent degree), thus plan their graduation within the winter term 2018/19.
- effected good to very good performances during their studies.
- are reliant on financial support during their final phase of study.

The scholarships are amounting to €400 monthly for the period from October to January 2018. Application is possible from August on.

Further information about the graduation grants can be found here.
Every semester, the RUBiss team organises a semester programme for international students. This offers many different events, workshops and excursions that we have put together especially for you.

The programme is designed to support you during your studies in Bochum and beyond. Furthermore, you can learn more about the culture and lifestyle of the Ruhr area. It offers opportunities for networking, for mutual exchange and for meeting your fellow students.

From October 2018, you will find the semester programme online on our website. You can get a printed version at the International Office.

Below you will find a selection of the first events from the semester programme for the winter semester 2018/2019.

Further information about the semester programme can be found here.

**ORIENTATION WEEK (O-COURSE) AND ORIENTATION DAYS (O-DAYS)**

Just like at the beginning of every semester, RUBiss hosts orientation events for new international and exchange students in the winter semester 2018/2019.

The **Orientation Course** for exchange students takes place between **06 and 29 September 2018**. The 3-week course consists of a German course, a varied leisure-time programme and workshops. The O-Course tutors will assist you in completing formalities and you have the opportunity to get in contact with the other international and students of Ruhr-Universität.

More information about the O-Course.

Shortly after the O-Course, the **Orientation Days** take place between **04 and 06 October 2018**. During the O-Days German Students – the “Campus Guides” – introduce the newcomers to their subjects, support them by formalities and provide them with an insight into campus life. The RUBiss team will answer your questions about studying and living in Bochum. Moreover, many interesting recreational activities such as a pizza dinner with the Campus Guides await you.

More information about the O-Days.
INTERNATIONAL WELCOME

At this official reception you will be welcomed by the university’s rectorate and by the International Office. Moreover, a number of organizations of Ruhr-Universität and other partners present their offers for international students. After the official reception, you will have the chance to meet your fellow students and to socialise over some light refreshment.

When? Friday, 19 October 2018 at 4.00 p.m.
Where? Veranstaltungszentrum (VZ) Room 2 a, b

Further information about the International Welcome can be found here.

INTERNSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT

VOLUNTEERING AS A CAMPUS GUIDE

The International Office is looking for volunteer “Campus Guides” for the winter semester 2018/19. During the Orientation Days (04 – 06 October 2018) you will accompany a small group of international students during their first steps at Ruhr-Universität.

You will support the newly arrived students in starting their studies and help them to settle in Bochum - e.g. by assisting them with formalities at the university, with the orientation on campus and by answering questions about studying and living in Bochum. As a Campus Guide you can develop your intercultural competence, get to know new cultures and deepen your knowledge of foreign languages.

A non-binding information event will take place on 26 July 2018 at 11:00 am in SSC 1/263. If you do not have time to attend the information event, but are interested in the project, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at rubiss@rub.de.

Further information and the link for registration can be found here.

BERUFSFELDPRAKTIKA AT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Every semester, the International Office offers two possibilities for the so-called Berufsfeldpraktikum.

Internship at RUBiss to support international students

As an intern, you will support international exchange and degree seeking students in starting their studies. Throughout the semester, you will be a contact person for the students, organise the cultural and event programme of RUBiss (excursions, cultural evenings, etc.) and take on individual tasks at the International Office. The focus lies on organising and running the weekly language practice meet up “Sprachcafé” in the Max-Kade-Hall (every Monday evening during the lecture period). The internship is credited with 5 CP in the “Optionalbereich”. Fluent German (C1) is required.

We look forward to receiving your application (covering letter and curriculum vitae), which you should send by email to rubiss@rub.de by 6 August 2018.

Further information can be found here.
Internship to support the services for refugees
As an intern, you accompany the preparatory programme for refugees interested in studying. The Integra programme consists of German language courses and a propaedeutic programme to help prospective students with a refugee background to start their studies at a university.

The interns will help to organise and support the activities of the propaedeutic programme. A preparatory workshop or intercultural training will prepare you for your work. The internship is credited with 5 CP in the “Optionalbereich”. Fluent German (C1) is required.

We look forward to receiving your application (covering letter and curriculum vitae), which you should send by e-mail to welcome@rub.de by 07 September 2018.

Further information can be found here.

INTERNSHIP AT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE (ONE SEMESTER)

The internship offers the opportunity to gain insight into the individual work areas of the International Office: International Student Services (RUBiss), Outgoing Services, Welcome Centre. Fluent German (C1) is required.

Further information about the application and the tasks during the internship can be found here.

INTERNSHIP AS LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR AT THE DAF-DEPARTMENT
The internship is carried out by the International Office in cooperation with the Department German as a Foreign Language (DaF). As an intern, you will be – after completing a preparatory workshop – teaching a German course together with a partner. The internship is credited with 5 CP in the “Optionalbereich”.

The Integra-12 programme offers a German course (8h/week) as well as academic and cultural events like lectures and workshops (4h/week) in a total of 12 hours per week.

This placement is suitable for students from all faculties who have an interest in acquiring a qualification as a voluntary teacher of German as a Foreign Language. This module fulfils the basic requirements to apply successfully as an Assistant Teacher Abroad (e.g. as a DAAD Language Assistant in schools or universities outside Germany).

Further information can be found here.
SERVICES AT RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT

At Ruhr-Universität, many facilities offer services and events for you. Below you will find a selection of offers for the semester break.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS

The University Sports organises a diverse programme consisting of approx. 95 different sports. The offers include fitness and ball sports, swimming, diving, climbing, ballet, running clubs, sailing and much more. Moreover, the university-run gym “Unifit” is at your disposal in the centre of Bochum, where you can attend individual training programmes in state-of-the-art facilities on an area covering 1,100 m².

Some university sports courses are regularly offered in English. Here you can find an overview of all sport activities.

University Sports Bochum is offering a special programme during the semester break. Strong by Zumba, Volleyball and a Unifit newcomer starting class are offered in English during that time. Those who have taken part in the sports programme during the term only have to book the new courses. New participants also have to book a sports card. The registration for the holiday programme has already started on 18 July 2018 – so make sure you quickly secure your desired courses!

You require a German bank account to register online. Detailed instructions on how to register.

If you have any questions or do not have a German bank account, you can visit University Sports during the designated office hours. Office hours of University Sports.

SCHREIBZENTRUM – WRITING CENTRE

Who doesn’t know this? The semester break has just started and you already have to write your term papers. In order to help you with this task the writing centre at Ruhr-Universität offers a whole writing week for students, postgraduates, and academics from 30 July to 03 August 2018 where you can keep writing non-stop.

The idea behind this is to use the writing week as a binding framework and free space for writing, to meet others, to help each other, share experiences, give feedback, etc., not to be alone when the writing gets hard, using worksheets, tips and advice from the writing centre team, appreciating and celebrating progress, or simply drinking coffee and chatting.

Various mini-workshops are also held during the lecture-free period. The mini-workshops are all held in room SH 1/197. Here is a small selection:

**Mehrsprachige Wege zu einsprachigen Texten** (in German),
**Friday, 24 August 2018**, 10.00 a.m. – 02.00 p.m.

**Wissenschaftlich formulieren** (in German),
**Friday, 14 September 2018**, 10.00 a.m. – 02.00 p.m.
In order to register for one of these workshops, please send an email with your name, your telephone number and the course, which you would like to attend, to schreibzentrum@rub.de.

More information and further workshops can be found here.

### UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library is open during its regular opening hours also in the lecture-free period: Mondays to Fridays from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m., Saturdays from 11.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. and Sundays from 11.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

You are not yet familiar with the library system of Ruhr-Universität and need an introduction? On the following dates, there will be 60-minute introductions on how to use the library in English from 12.15 till 1.15 pm:

16 August 2018, 17 September 2018

Please register for the guided tours on this website.

### BUDDY-PROGRAMME NATURAL.PALS

The Buddy-Programm Natural.PALS establishes contacts between new international students of Biology, Chemistry or Geography at Ruhr-Universität Bochum (B.Sc., M.Sc.) and local students as their peer-tutors. As international student, you benefit from individual and subject-specific support during your first semester (Bachelor and Master): Your “buddy” will assist you with gaining orientation and acquainting yourself with the particularities of studies in Bochum. In complementary meetings with other participants, you can establish contacts to both local and international fellow students. As an international student starting your studies in Biology, Chemistry or Geography in winter semester 2018/19, please apply until 15 September 2018 – the application form and further information are available online: internatural.blogs.rub.de.

### FURTHER SERVICES

Get to know Bochum and Germany! In Bochum and the surrounding area there are many interesting events and projects in which you can participate. Here you will find a small selection for the lecture-free time. Have fun!

### EXPERIMENT: HOMESTAYS FOR STUDENTS

Are you interested in spending the semester break with a German host family while getting to know a new town in Germany? If so, you may register for an exchange within Germany by the support of the association Experiment e. V.
If you
• are from another country and are enrolled at a German university
• are interested in Germany and German habits
• want to get to know Germans in their “natural environment”
• want to use and improve your German language skills,

please register for the “Experiment” at least 4 weeks before the desired stay. There is only a limited number of places available.

Costs: € 40 participation fee, food and accommodation provided by the German family. The travel expenses to and from the host family are covered by Experiment e. V.

Further information can be found here.

SCHAUSPIELHAUS BOCHUM THEATRE FLATRATE

Bochum’s Schauspielhaus is one of the most renowned theatres in Germany and is a highlight in the Ruhr area. With a mixture of classical and experimental theatre, there is something for every taste. RUB students can visit the regular theatre performances at the Schauspielhaus as many times as they like – and for free!

The tickets can be reserved at the box office at the Schauspielhaus up to three days before the performance with the keyword “Theatreflatrate”. The collection of reserved tickets is only possible up to 30 minutes before the start of the respective theatre performance and only with a valid student ID at the box office.

Further information about the theatre flat rate can be found here.

In addition to Schauspielhaus, numerous other theatres such as PRINZREGENT-THEAHER, ROTTSTR5 Theater and Theater Total offer an attractive, avant-garde and wide-ranging programme in Bochum.

RUHRTRIENNALE

Music, dance, theatre, performance and fine arts in former industrial buildings of the Ruhr Area: that’s the Ruhrtriennale. The venues of the Ruhrtriennale are the region’s outstanding industrial monuments, transformed each year into spectacular sites for impressive arts productions like music theater, drama, dance, installations and concerts.

This year Ruhrtriennale will take place from 9 August to 23 September 2018.

Further information can be found on the website of the Ruhrtriennale.
BOCHUMER MUSIKSOMMER

The 12th Bochumer Musiksommer will take place from 7th to 9th September 2017 in Bochum city centre. On several stages and in other special venues, there is a colourful music programme from classical music to jazz to electronic music. All events of Bochumer Musiksommer are free of charge.

Further information can be found on the website of Bochumer Musiksommer.

RETROSPECTIVE

Thank you for your great participation in our events during the summer semester 2018! In the following, learn more about some of the highlights from the past semester.

EVALUATION OF THE RUBISS SEMESTER PROGRAMME

We would like to continue to offer you a great and varied programme in the next semester. Therefore, we would like to ask you to take a moment and complete our evaluation sheet online. You would be supporting our work very much and we are looking forward to your suggestions, criticisms and ideas. The survey is anonymous.

Click here to take part in the survey.

CULTURE EVENING – PAKISTAN

Together with your fellow students from Pakistan, the International Office invited to the culture evening Pakistan in the summer semester 2018.

150 guests got to know Pakistan’s culture as well as the music and traditional dances of the country and had the opportunity to taste many typical dishes.

The International Office would like to thank all the helpers who planned, realized and made this cultural evening a complete success.

HIKING TRIP: BURG ALTENA

20 international students took part in the RUBiss semester programme’s hike to Altena Castle through the Sauerland countryside. The trail went through meadows, forests and cities in the best weather.

After an overnight stay at Burg Altena Youth Hostel, the first youth hostel in the world, the excursion ended the next day with a boat trip across Lake Sorpe.
RUHR FELLOWS

On 21 June 2018, twelve scholarship recipients from top-notch US American Ivy League schools, such as Harvard, MIT, Princeton, UC Berkeley, UPenn and Yale, visited the Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Students from the fields of engineering, natural science, and business administration are spending the summer in the Ruhr Area.

The International Office organised an exciting day at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Students started their day with an overview of the Faculty of Engineering before touring the Institute of Thermo and Fluid Dynamics as well as the Formula Student Team. Bochum students hosted a campus tour for the American visitors that turned out to be a highlight since both student groups were able to exchange their academic experiences in a colloquial atmosphere.

The University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr) has organised the Ruhr Fellowship since 2012. Students attend a two-week German language course and participate in an academic and cultural programme hosted by the three Ruhr universities. In the second part of their stay, the students do four-week internships at well-known companies in the Ruhr metropolitan region.

INTEGRA – INTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS

In summer semester 2018, 250 refugees successfully participated in the Integra programme of the International Office. The programme offers special preparatory courses for refugees qualified to study, which combines a German language course with a propaedeutic programme.

The parents' class for the Integra-12 programme was also successfully offered again, this time with the support of AWO Bochum.

This semester an intercultural training was again part of the propaedeutic programme as well as a computer workshop and several BAföG workshops. The Integra participants also spent an exciting day trip at the Archaeological Park Xanten, where reconstructed Roman buildings were visited and an insight into Roman history was given.

After completing the examinations, the participants celebrate the end of the semester together with the volunteer language instructors and other volunteers at the bistro.
The RUBiss-Team would like to thank all participants, language guides and volunteers for a successful language practice meet up in summer semester 2018! The Sprachcafé is now taking a semester break.

At the beginning of winter semester, the Sprachcafé will take place again every Monday from 5 pm at Max-Kade-Hall, Laerholzstraße 82, 44801 Bochum.

In the language practice meet up you have the opportunity to improve your language skills while getting in contact with other international and German students. Several tables will be set up in a relaxed setting where you can talk, practise, and discover a new language and most of all have fun.

During the holidays you can visit the Sprachcafé as part of the Intercultural Week (23.09. - 29.09.2018) on 24.09.2018 from 5 pm - 8 pm.

Visit the Facebook page of the Sprachcafé!

Would you like to receive the newsletter on a regular basis? Register here!