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the RUBiss Newsletter of the International Office

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 an exciting and relaxing semester break!

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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.

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You can find photos of the activities and events of the International Office on our **Instagram** profile.

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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SERVICES

In the coming summer semester 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. You can also get involved at the International Office as an intern or volunteer Campus Guide. The applications are now open!

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 February to 28 February 2019**, the application period for the Integra-12 programme of the International Office for **summer semester 2019** takes place. The application is online.

Are you interested in the Integra programme and have questions about the application process? We will be happy to help you during our consultation hours.

Tuesday: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday: 12:00 pm – 02:00 pm

Location: Studierenden-Service-Center (SSC), level 1

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 Ruhr-Universität offers **graduation grants** funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for the summer term 2019.

The scholarships are offered to international students who:

- are studying at Ruhr-Universität 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 summer term 2019.
- 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 **April to July 2019**.

Application deadline: The next application period (for the summer semester 2019) starts at the beginning of February and is open until mid-April.

[Further information about the graduation grants can be found here.](#)

SEMESTER PROGRAMME

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 April 2019, 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 summer semester 2019.

[Further information about the semester programme can be found here.](#)

ORIENTATION DAYS (O-DAYS)

In order to make it easier for new international students to start studying at Ruhr-Universität, RUBiss organises **Orientation Days (27 – 30 March 2019)** again at the beginning of the summer semester.

During these days useful information about studying at Ruhr-Universität and the university itself will be given. We will help you with your registration at the city, your visa extension and offer a diversified cultural programme and workshops. You will meet your **Campus Guides** who will assist you during the Orientation Days and the whole semester. In the evenings we organise different events e.g. a Pizza night together with the Campus Guides.

[Further information about the Orientation Days can be found here.](#)

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? **Thursday, 11 March 2019 at 4.00 p. m.**

Where? **Veranstaltungszentrum (VZ) Room 2 a, b**

[Further information about the International Welcome can be found here.](#)

INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER OFFERS

Every semester you can participate in exciting internships or volunteer at the International Office. Here you can find our current offers.

VOLUNTEERING AS A CAMPUS GUIDE

The International Office is looking for volunteer “**Campus Guides**” for the summer semester 2019. During the **Orientation Days (27 – 30 March 2019)** 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.

Non-binding information events take place on the following dates:

07 February 2019 – 10:00 am, SSC 1/263

12 February 2019 – 02:00 pm, SSC 1/148

22 February 2019 – 02:00 pm, SSC 1/263

If you do not have time to attend the information events, but are interested in volunteering as a Campus Guide, please feel free to contact us by email to 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 so-called **Berufsfeldpraktika**.

Internship to support the services for 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 **7 February 2019**.

[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 email to welcome@rub.de by **15 February 2019**.

[Further information can be found here.](#)

INTERNSHIP AT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE (ONE SEMESTER)

Students of Ruhr-Universität can complete a voluntary full-time internship at the International Office between 15 March 2019 and 15 June 2019. The internship is paid with 300€/month.

The internship offers the opportunity to gain insight into the individual work areas of the International Office:

- International Student Services (RUBiss): services and consultation for international students and prospective students
- Outgoing Services: Counselling centre for students of Ruhr-Universität who are planning a stay abroad
- Welcome Centre: contact point for international scientists and other university staff

Fluent German (C1) is required.

We look forward to receiving your application (covering letter and curriculum vitae), which you should send by email to io-personal@rub.de by **7 February 2019**.

[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).

When? 05 April 2019 to 16 July 2019

Please send your application (cover letter and curriculum vitae) by 29.03.2019 to Sabine.Kleff@rub.de.

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**. This semester e.g. Newcomer starting Class (in the fitness studio Unifit), STRONG by Zumba and Acroyoga.

[Here you can find an overview of all sport activities.](#)

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 (costs for students: 9€). The **registration** for the holiday programme has already started on **30 January 2019** – so make sure you quickly register for 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 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 **11 to 15 March 2019** 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, 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:

Revision Strategies for Academic Writing Projects (in English language),
08 February 2019, 10.00 a. m. – 1.00 p. m.

Die erste Hausarbeit schreiben (in German language),
29 March 2019, 11.00 a. m. – 3.00 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 12.15 till 1.15 pm:

18 February 2019, 19 March 2019, 17 April 2019

[Please register for the guided tours on this website.](#)

BUDDY-PROGRAMM NATURAL.PALS

The **Buddy-Programme Natural.PALS** initiates study-partnerships between new international students in Natural Sciences at Ruhr-Universität Bochum and local students at the same faculty as their peer-tutors. As an international student, you benefit from individual and subject-specific support in the introductory phase of your studies and can establish first contacts to local and international fellow students.

You can participate as an international student in your 1st or 2nd semester of **Biology** (BSc, MSc), **Chemistry** (MSc), **Biochemistry** (MSc) or **Geography** (BSc). For summer semester 2019, you can apply until **March 15th**.

Students of Biology or Chemistry can have the programme recognised as part of their degree course; as an alternative, you can obtain a participation certificate.

Further information and the application form are available online: <http://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 period. 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-THEATHER](#), [ROTTSTR5 Theater](#) and [Theater Total](#) offer an attractive, avant-garde and wide-ranging programme in Bochum.

RETROSPECTIVE

Thank you for your great participation in our events during the winter semester 2018/2019! 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 – CHINA

Together with your fellow students from China, the International Office invited to the Culture Evening China in the winter semester 2018/2019.

About 80 guests got to know the culture of China and had the opportunity to taste typical dishes. In addition, workshops on calligraphy and kung fu were offered.

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

INTERNATIONAL EVENING – AFRICA

To celebrate interculturality and internationality on the campus of the Ruhr-Universität, an international evening with a focus on Africa took place in the winter semester 2018/2019.

Around 200 guests spent a beautiful evening with an international buffet, music, dance and traditions from many African countries. The many opportunities for intercultural exchange gave the guests an insight into Africa's cultural diversity.

The International Evening is a series of events that are organised every winter semester by the International Office and the AKAFÖ with the support of ESN Bochum. The next International Evening will take place in winter semester 2019/2020.

INTEGRA – INTEGRATION PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS

In winter semester 2018/2019, 180 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.

This semester an intercultural training was again part of the propaedeutic programme as well as a computer workshop and several BAföG workshops. A day trip brought the participants to Aachen,

where they got to know the history of the city during a guided tour. The day ended with a visit to the Christmas market.

For the first time a new series of events entitled "A closer look" was offered, in which the participants could gain an insight into the diversity of Ruhr-Universität's subjects by looking at some vivid examples. The programme included a visit to the Düsseldorf State Parliament (politics, society, economy), to the museum "Situation Kunst" (art history), to the Botanical Garden (biology) and to the Learning Factory (mechanical engineering).

SPRACHCAFÉ

The RUBiss-Team would like to thank all participants, language guides and volunteers for a successful language practice meet up in winter semester 2018/2019! The Sprachcafé is now taking a semester break.

At the beginning of the next summer 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.

[Visit the Facebook page of the Sprachcafé!](#)

