Ruhr University Bochum’s international orientation is anchored in its function as driving force of change in the post-industrial transition of the Ruhr region. Located in a central European metropolitan area in social and economic transformation, our university is an attractive place for intercultural exchange and collaboration. This attracts regional as well as international talents. The diversity of our students and staff is an opportunity to excel in talent development, innovation, and transfer. Internationalization forms an important element of all activities at RUB. It serves to promote excellent education, research, transfer, operations, and societal interaction. It also heightens the visibility and reputation of our university.

**LEARNING AND TEACHING**

Internationalization ensures and increases the high quality of learning and teaching at RUB. It strengthens RUB’s attraction as a study and research location. It prepares our graduates to become responsible members of an increasingly interconnected global society and it helps them to shine in their future careers. We promote internationalization in learning and teaching on and off campus, in person and digitally, at home and abroad. We grant our students a wide range of courses and curricula in English and other languages. We offer a whole range of mobility opportunities to encourage our students, faculty, and staff to acquire intercultural competences and foreign language skills.

**RESEARCH AND TRANSFER**

Internationalization enables and propels exceptional research and transfer at RUB. It enhances the university’s research profile and performance. RUB supports international collaborations to foster top-level research and to nurture prolific entrepreneurship and transfer. RUB recruits and promotes excellent young and senior researchers from all over the world. The collaboration with international scientists spurs cutting-edge research and innovation, which boosts the interdisciplinary study, research, and work environment at RUB.

**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

Internationalization strengthens RUB’s connections with local, regional, European, and global partners. RUB builds bridges from the Ruhr region to Europe and the world. We understand ourselves as part of an international knowledge community and foster international cooperations and membership in selected international networks. We deepen strategic institutional partnerships and support international network activities and exchange.

**GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**

Internationalization at RUB encompasses our commitment to core values of inclusion, collaboration, tolerance, and academic freedom. We live up to our regional, European, and global responsibility to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda by promoting education for sustainable development and fostering responsible research, scientific integrity, and innovation to address global challenges. We strive to counteract existing global inequalities and to contribute to the peaceful and sustainable development in the world by forming resilient reciprocal partnerships and safeguarding academic freedom.

**COMMUNITY**

Internationalization enriches our university culture and enhances the quality of life on our campus, in our city and in our region. At RUB, appreciation of diversity and cultural variety is lived and supported by faculty, students, and administrators alike. RUB welcomes people from all over the world who study, research, teach and work collaboratively on our campus and contribute to the diversity of our university community. All members of our community help to make students, researchers, and staff from all over the world feel at home at RUB.