Bielefeld University Welcome Centre Newsletter
September 2019

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Welcome Centre Events

September 4th, 2019  
Campus Start in U7-228  
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

September 4th, 2019  
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

September 18th, 2019 (information session) / October 15th, 2019 (deadline for applications)  
If you are looking for 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.

Further information:  
http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/nachwuchs/promovierende/stipendien-und-foerderprogramme/nachwuchsfonds.html

Université de Genève (UNIGE) is looking for outstanding researchers wishing to apply to the Marie Sklodowska-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 intersectional mobility.

Please find more information on how to apply and who is eligible here:
The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation offers **Georg Forster Research Fellowships** for **postdoctoral researchers** and **experienced researchers** to spend extended periods of research (6-24 months) in Germany. Scientists and scholars from all disciplines from developing countries, emerging economies and transition states may apply.

Further information:  
[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-fellowship.html](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-fellowship.html)

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](https://www.minerva.mpg.de/19287/gentner-symposia)

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.
- make a plan to reach your professional development goals.

The toolkit includes advice, questions 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/](https://euraxess.eventiotic.com/piperstool/)
Researchers in Danger

September 9th, 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

October 7th, 2019

We would like to draw your attention to the BRiDGE II Pilot Peer Meeting for Researchers in Danger, on October 07, 2019, in Mytilene, Lesvos, Greece
The University of Aegean will host the upcoming meeting “Defining the strategic priorities for an effective pilot peer group of researchers in danger (RD) at European scale” on October 07, 2019.

Please register via mail until 13th September:
bridge2.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de

Documents needed for registration:

- CV
- latest diploma
- status document of your host country
- signed consent form: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge2/BRiDGE2-Consent-Form-EN.pdf

Further information:
https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/projects/bridge2/career%20planning-mentoring?fbclid=IwAR30kjqgzaFpgGU-WD_O2f-4mYXwKQ-QPpFfKcJ7OCohmBsvomILpUnA
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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On the **31st of October**, 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=IwAR1YpmNL96JzjT2lufkQe1xXhg8VKGyG5r33RMFFuyauvdAP2eJuKG1F1Lc

About the 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:

#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.

#226 Flat furnished, 600€, Wertherstr, 33619 Bielefeld, 45 m², Flat furnished with 1 bedroom, suitable for singles or couples, own living room, own KB, internet included, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

#443 Flat furnished, 450€, Jöllenbeckerstr, 33613 Bielefeld, 35 m², 1 room apartment, suitable for singles, own bathroom, own kitchen, internet included, no smoking allowed, no pets allowed. Max. stay period 3 months. Only for women.

#268 Flat furnished 848€, Siekerwall, 33602 Bielefeld, 35 m², Furnished flat, bedroom, living room, own KB, kitchen furnished, suitable for singles or couples, shared utility room, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

Further Info

October 7th, 2019

Dear all, to get everyone started for the new semester we cordially invite you to an introduction to the library in English.

You will find out:
- How to register
- How to borrow books and scientific publications
- How to use catalogues, subject databases, search engines

Please sign up by 4th October, by sending an email to: welcome@uni-bielefeld.de.

Winter term 2019/20

The registration for the German language 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)
Mobility

We would like to draw your attention to the ECHER Blog: the voice of early-career higher education researchers. The ECHER Blog is an online platform for sharing information, experience and opinion about the art, craft and practice of doing research in the interdisciplinary field of higher education. The Blog is written BY early-career scholars FOR early-career scholars, or for pretty much everyone who may be interested in what they have to say.

See: https://www.echer.org/

Culture and Leisure Time

August 5th – September 9th, 2019

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bielefeld University one of the founding faculties, the faculty of mathematics, hosts a riddle contest. In the time from the 5th of August – 15th of September there will be different mathematical riddles in the Bielefeld trams for you to solve. So if you take the tram go and try it out!

If you found the solution you can send it in and might be one of the lucky ones to win a small prize.

For further information see link: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/themen/50jahre/projekte/zaehltweiter.xml?fbclid=IwAR0JbmgrIu3shpXrhOOMVEXYidsPUUw28c4LL9DI5X-8vHFzEKwCRrvPvrM

September 3rd – 8th, 2019

September is right around the corner and therefore also the Weinmarkt 2019.

For a week the Old Town of Bielefeld will transform into a vine village under the open sky. You can enjoy a glass of wine with you friends or try one of the other treats that will be offered.

Further Information: https://www.bielefeld.jetzt/tipp/weinmarkt