

ANGABEN ZUM KENNENLERNAUFENTHALT / ABOUT YOUR GET-TO-KNOW STAY

Fakultät / Institut Faculty / Institute		Ancient History	
Anschrift Address			
Kontaktperson (Titel, Nachname, Vorname) Contact person (Title, Family name, First name)		Geschlecht Gender	
Doctor, Winter, Engelbert		☒ m / m ☐ w / f	
Zeitraum Length of stay*		= Tage = Days	
von from	01/06/2018 (TT/MM/JJJJ) – dd/mm/jjjj)	bis until	16/06/2018 (TT/MM/JJJJ) – dd/mm/jjjj)
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ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITÄTEN / ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITIES

1. Visum / Visa

a) Welche Art musste beantragt werden? / Which type of visa did you have to apply for?

I did not need to apply for a visa.

b) Wo haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / Where did you apply for the visa?

I did not need to apply for a visa.

c) Wann haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / When did you apply for the visa?

I did not need to apply for a visa.

2. Welche Versicherungen haben Sie abgeschlossen/abschließen müssen und von welchen Versicherungsunternehmen? / What types of insurances did you purchase and from which insurance companies?

I did not purchase insurances.

3. Welche Impfungen waren nötig? / Which vaccines were necessary?

There were no vaccines necessary.

4. Wie haben Sie Geldangelegenheiten vor Ort abgewickelt? (z.B. über Konto vor Ort, Online-Konto, Kreditkarte usw.?) / How did you manage your finances? (e.g., opened a local bank account, online banking, credit card, etc.)

Stipend and credit card.

INFORMATION & UNTERSTÜTZUNG / INFORMATION & SUPPORT

5. Wie erhielten Sie Informationen über Deutschland, die WWU Münster und die Kontaktperson? Waren die Informationen nützlich? / How did you get information about Germany, WWU Münster and contact person? Was the information useful?

<i>Informationsquelle / Information source</i>	<i>persönlicher Nutzen/useful?</i>	
	<i>ja/yes</i>	<i>nein/no</i>
WWU Münster	☒	☐
Heimateinrichtung / Home institution	☒	☐
Andere StudentInnen / Other students	☒	☐
Internet	☒	☐
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)	☐	☐

6. Erhielten Sie vor und während Ihres Auslandsaufenthalts angemessene Unterstützung durch Ihre und Gast- und Heimatinstitution? / Did you receive adequate support from your host and home institution before and during your stay abroad?

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
WWU Münster	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
Heimateinrichtung / Home institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Both WWU Münster and my home institution were able to answer all my questions and concerns before, as well as during my stay abroad. I was able to be in touch with my supervisor throughout the entire process and the Graduate Center was always available to answer my questions.

7. Welche Vorbereitung auf das Zielland (bspw. Information zu Geschichte, Staatsform, Kultur, Verhalten, Religion etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of the destination country (e.g., history, language, culture, customs) would have been helpful?

I don't think there was need for further information or preparations.

8. Welche Vorbereitungen hinsichtlich der WWU (bspw. Hochschulstrukturen, akademische Gepflogenheiten etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of WWU Münster (e.g., university structure, academic customs) would have been helpful?

It would have been helpful to have some information with regards to the German doctorate structure, as well as lecture and other academic customs. Had I not attended a lecture while I was there in addition to multiple discussions with my supervisor, it would have been more difficult to have an idea about regular course and program proceedings.

9. Wie kann das Projekt IP@WWU Ihrer Meinung nach verbessert werden (z.B. Information, Bewerbungsverfahren)? / How could the IP@WWU project be improved (e.g., information, application procedures)?

I thought that the program was well structured overall and gave us a plethora of information about a doctorate at WWU Münster. That being said, I think there should be a bigger emphasis placed on funding applications and more meetings to discuss potential funding for individual cases. This could even begin before arriving at Münster through emails, which would allow visiting students to learn about other opportunities they may not have been aware beforehand and to prepare for these.

10. Wie beurteilen Sie den Integrationsgrad mit den Studierenden und Mitarbeitern der WWU Münster? / How do you consider your degree of integration with WWU Münster's students and staff?

(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
1	2	3	4	5
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Both the students and the staff were very welcoming and always offered their help, while also sharing their expertise about the university and various doctoral programmes. The workshops and other activities also helped facilitate this integration.

UNTERKUNFT & FORSCHUNGSINFRASTRUKTUR / ACCOMMODATION & RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

11. Art der Unterbringung in Münster / Type of accommodation in Münster

- ☐ durch die Universität (Studentenwohnheim o. Ä.) / university accommodation (e.g., student halls of residence)
☐ private Unterkunft (z.B. mit einer Familie) / private housing (e.g. family)
☐ WG / shared apartment
☒ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)
Hostel (Sleep Station)

12. Wie haben Sie die Unterkunft gefunden? / How did you find the accommodation?

- ☒ WWU Münster
☐ Freunde, Familie / Friends, family
☐ Privatmarkt / Private market
☐ Internet
☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)

13. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit Ihrer Unterkunft? / How satisfied were you with your accommodation?

(1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied)				
1	2	3	4	5
☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Though it was fairly clean, it was not an ideal situation for a two-week stay, as the room only contained three beds. We also had to change our room in the final evening.

14. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit der Infrastruktur der WWU Münster? / How satisfied were you with WWU Münster's infrastructure?

(1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied)				
1	2	3	4	5
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Zugang zum Arbeitsplatz (PC, Internet)/ Access to working space (PC, Internet)

Zugang zu den Bibliotheken / Access to libraries

Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

I spent quite a few hours visiting and working in the libraries around the campus. The Ancient History library in particular was very impressive, as it houses a vast collection of journals and manuscripts in multiple languages.

AKADEMISCHE QUALITÄT / ACADEMIC QUALITY

15. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität der Betreuung durch Ihren Gastgeber-Dozenten? / How do you rate the quality of your host supervisor's support?

(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
1	2	3	4	5
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Verfügbarkeit des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's accessibility

Engagement des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's engagement

Beratungsgespräche mit dem/der Betreuer/in / Consultations with the supervisor

Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

My supervisor was extremely helpful and set up numerous meetings in order to learn more about my project, discuss future doctoral plans, and so forth. He also prepared a meeting with other PhD students in his working group, which allowed me to ask even more questions and know what to expect.

16. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität ... / How do you rate the quality of ...

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Ihrer Forschungsaufgaben? / research activities you took?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
des an der Gasteinrichtung zur Verfügung stehenden Forschungsmaterials? / research material that you obtained at your host institution?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Between visiting the libraries and receiving reading suggestions for my project, I would say that the research activities and material were very welcome and encouraging.

17. Wie unterscheiden sich Forschungsstruktur und -kultur an der WWU von denen an Ihrer Heimatuniversität (bzw. in Deutschland von denen in Ihrem Heimatland)? / How do research structure and research culture at WWU differ from those at your home university (or in Germany from your home country in general)?

There are not too many differences at first sight, though it is hard to tell from just the two weeks we spent in Germany. The one difference I did notice however, was that there seems to be more focus placed on individual work that the students can structure as they see fit.

18. Bitte führen Sie hier die Fördermittel auf, die Ihre Heimatuniversität ausländischen Promovierenden mit Gaststatus anbietet (z.B. für Forschungsaufenthalte, Praktika, Konferenzen). / Please mention here all financial means that your home institution provides to foreign PhD students with a guest status (e.g., for research stays, internships, conferences).

Occasionally there are stipends offered by the institute or individual professors for guests who will come for research stays (i.e. postdocs, semesters abroad, etc.), but these are rare. The same goes for conference funding.

KOSTEN / EXPENSES

19. Wie viel haben Sie für ... während des Kennenleraufenthalts ausgegeben? / How much did you spend for ... during the get-to-know stay?

Unterkunft / accommodation

Lebensmittel / food

öffentliche Verkehrsmittel / transportation

Gesamtsumme / Total

€
~ 270
~ 200
~ 20
~ 490

20. Wurden Ihre Kosten durch das Kennenlernstipendium gedeckt? / Did the get-to-know stipend cover your costs?

- ☒ Ja / yes
 ☐ Nein, ich habe zusätzlich _____ € ausgegeben.
 No, I spent additionally

21. Lagen Ihre Ausgaben in Münster höher als in Ihrem Heimatland? / Did you spend more in Münster compared to what you normally spend in your home country?

- ☒ Nein / no
 ☐ Ja / yes, _____ €.

22. Mussten Sie irgendeine Art von Gebühren an der WWU Münster entrichten? / Did you have to pay any kind of fees at WWU Münster?

- ☒ Nein / no
 ☐ Ja / yes, _____ € für / for _____
 (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben / please specify)

PERSÖNLICHE ERFAHRUNGEN / YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

23. Welche spezifischen Ziele hatte Ihr Kennenleraufenthalt? Haben Sie sie erreicht? / Which specific objectives did you have for your get-to-know stay? Did you achieve them?

Ziele / Aims	(1 = überhaupt nicht erreicht/not at all; 5 = voll erreicht/fully)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Having a good idea of what funding options I have and preparing applic	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Meeting my supervisor and discussing my project, while also meeting o	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
Establishing a schedule for my project.	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Learning the structure of a German doctorate.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

24. Wie würden Sie Ihren Kennenlernaufenthalt insgesamt einschätzen? / How would you evaluate your get-to-know-stay in general?

Overall, I think it was an excellent program and it was extremely helpful to meet my supervisor and other PhD students (both in my working group and in general). The various workshops, activities, and information provided by the Graduate Center were also an invaluable part of the whole experience, as they gave us a better idea of the university, its structure, and life in Münster.

25. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre beste Erfahrung. / Please describe your best experience.

The meetings with my supervisor were the most important for me, as I was able to have all of my questions and concerns answered.

26. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre schlechteste Erfahrung. / Please describe your worst experience.

The hostel room was not ideal for a two-week stay since it was very small for three people and it only contained three beds.

27. Halten Sie die Dauer Ihres Aufenthaltes für ... / Do you consider your stay to have been ...



zu kurz / too short



zu lang / too long



genau richtig / just right

Falls zu kurz oder zu lang, welche Dauer hätten Sie sich gewünscht? Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / If too short or too long: which length would have been ideal? Please describe further.

28. Welche Tipps können Sie nachfolgenden Studierenden zu der WWU Münster, dieser Stadt, diesem Land usw. geben (Geheimtipps, lohnenswerte Aktivitäten, wichtige Ratschläge)? / What tips could you give to other students about WWU Münster, city or country (insider info, useful activities, valuable advice)?

I would strongly recommend to learn at least some basic German before arriving. In addition, I would advise them to look up funding opportunities before arriving at Münster and sending out emails in order to make sure they are eligible for them and to inquire if there might be other possibilities. I would also let them know that biking is part of the city life and that it is definitely a useful skill to have when arriving at Münster. Also, the city is quite beautiful and quiet!