

› Current Events of Our Partners & in Town

› Behind the Scenes – Understanding German Research Institutions

Date: Thursday, 11 April 2019, 10 am to 1 pm
Organiser: Graduate Centre
Location: Graduate Centre (Room 001)
Enrolment: graduate.centre@uni-muenster.de

The German research landscape might be confusing for junior researchers, particularly international academics. This event will enable you to get familiar with structures of a German university and to find out about different research institutions, such as universities, research associations and companies. You will also learn about third party funded projects, non-university institutions, and the cooperation between universities and other research institutions.

› Karaoke Night (For Students and PhDs only)

Date: Monday, 29 April 2019, 7.30 pm
Organiser: Die Brücke (International Office)
Location: Café Couleur, Wilmergasse 2
Information: mingchun.xu@wwu.de

No matter if you are a nightingale, a parrot or a crow, karaoke is a fun activity for all. It is not a competition and we are looking forward to seeing you!

› Doc, PostDoc and the Meaning of Life

Date: Wednesday, 15 May 2019, 1 to 5 pm
Organiser: Graduate Centre
Location: Graduate Centre, room 001, Schlossplatz 6
Enrolment: graduate.centre@uni-muenster.de

This one-day seminar aims to connect you back with yourself focusing on your challenges, goals, dreams, and even fears. You will work together with a coach to find effective ways of balancing academic, professional, and personal lives.



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› Family Summer Party

Date: Sunday, 26 May 2019, 2 to 5 pm
Organiser: WWU Student Services, Equal Opportunities Bureau, and AStA WWU and FH Münster
Location: Lawn in front of the Schloss – left side
Information: oprea@stw-muenster.de

Enjoy a spring afternoon outside with various attractions for kids and their parents on the lawn in front of the Schloss. Among other offers, there will be an inflatable jumping castle, a balloon clown, games and makeup for kids. Grilled goods, a cake buffet and drinks are available, too.

› Africa Festival – African Market

Date: Wednesday, 5 until Sunday 16 June 2019
Organiser: Africa Cooperative e.V. Münster
Location: Various locations and courtyard of the municipal building (Rathaus-Innenhof)
Information: www.afrika-kooperative.blogspot.de

The Africa Festival features various readings and concerts, culminating in a weekend market in the internal courtyard of the town hall. There you will find traditional craftwork, colourful fabrics, exotic food, live music and entertainment for kids.

› Intercultural Lunch – Here, There, on the Move: How Can We Create and Maintain Private and Professional Networks?

Date: Thursday, 7 June 2019, 11 am to 1 pm
Organiser: Graduate Centre
Location: Graduate Centre, room 001, Schlossplatz 6
Enrolment: graduate.centre@uni-muenster.de

Maintaining private and professional contacts might be particularly challenging for internationally mobile researchers. How is it possible to maintain networks over space (and sometimes even time zones) with the country of origin or previous country of residence, while establishing new contacts in the current location? The Graduate Centre will offer a small lunch for you, but if you would like to share something traditional from your home country, you are welcome to bring it.

› Soccer Tournament (For students and PhDs only)

Date: Saturday, 15 June 2019, times to be announced
Organiser: Die Brücke (International Office)
Location: Café Couleur, Wilmergasse 2
Enrolment: bruecke.events@wwu.de

› Current Events of Our Partners & in Town

› Summer Festival of the Foreigners Student Union

Date: Saturday, 22 June (from 3 pm to midnight)
Organiser: ASV (Ausländische Studierendenvertretung = Foreigners Student Union)
Location: Schlossplatz
Information: www.asv.ms

This popular event attracts over 5,000 visitors each year. Clubs and communities from different countries present their music, traditions and original food. This is one of the highlights of the summer!

› Writing Clearly in English: How to Make Your Academic Writing more Effective (for PhDs and PostDocs)

Date: Tuesday, 25 June 2019, 10 am to 5 pm
Organiser: Graduate Centre
Location: Graduate Centre (Room 001)
Enrolment: celeste.brennecka@uni-muenster.de

How do we know if we've conveyed our written message powerfully and clearly? This is a common concern for academics preparing research articles or writing proposals. This workshop aims to demystify the process: First, participants will learn what readers actually expect when they read. Then, they will use this knowledge to craft writing that meets their readers' expectations. Overall, this workshop presents a systematic approach to revising text so that it conveys the author's message effectively. With practice, these tools will benefit participants throughout their academic careers.

› Science Club of the Medical Faculty Hosting the Welcome Centre's Monthly Academics

Date: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 from 5 to 6 pm
Organiser: Science Club of the Medical Faculty
Location: UKM, Turm Ost, Ebene 05, grosser Konferenzraum Ost (403)
Information: andrea.steinbicker@ukmuenster.de

This edition of the Monthly Academics, in cooperation with the Science Club of the Medical Faculty, will host a talk by Prof Albrecht Schwab, on the subject of "Ion Transport Proteins - New Therapeutic Targets for Pancreatic Cancer?". This area of research is at the centre of a Marie Skłodowska Curie Innovative Training Network funded by the European Union. The speaker is Professor at the WWU Institute of Physiology II, expert in cancer research and president of the Humboldt Club Westfalen.

› Useful Links of our Partners

You can find more interesting events of our partners here:

› **Graduate Centre:** This is the central office for PhD students and PostDocs at Münster University. Here PhD students and PostDocs find advice and workshops on academic qualifications as well as life in Münster. Under the following link you can find their current events: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/GraduateCentre/Programm/index.html>

› **Safir:** Safir is the University of Münster's research funding support. They offer advice and counselling on how you find funding for your research, may it be a project or a research stay abroad. Do not hesitate to contact them with any question you may have regarding finding funding. Apart from personal advice they also offer seminars and talks on finding funding on a regular basis. You can find the dates for those here: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/Safir/>

› **Dual Career Service:** The Dual Career Service helps partners of visiting academics to improve their professional profile and prepare job interviews, while searching an occupation in Münster. It also informs about other meaningful activities as language courses and professional training. Follow this link for more information: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/karriere/en/career.html>

› **Die Brücke:** This is the international centre of Münster University, which offers a varied programme for students and PhDs. You can find their events here: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/DieBruecke/veranstaltungen/index.html> or on their Facebook Page.

› **Social Affairs Office of the Student Support Services:** We recommend these events especially to families. Throughout the semester and during the semester breaks they offer varied activities accompanying festivities as Carnival, Easter and Christmas and many trips in the surroundings. You can find their programme here: <https://www.stw-muenster.de/de/sozialberatung/veranstaltungen/>

› **University Sports department:** The university sports department offers 115 different courses for any taste and moves more than 20.000 people weekly... Find out more about the right activity for yourself here: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/Hochschulsport/en/>

› More...

During the year, the city of Münster offers a lot of tournaments we can't list here, for example several sports events, the Send and the Christmas markets. Moreover, many districts as the Kreuzviertel, Südviertel, Mauritz West and Hiltrup have their own little festivals. Find more events here: <http://www.muenster.de/stadt/tourismus/en/events.html>



› Events for International and German Academics and Families

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› Regular Events and Services

› Monthly Academics: Every 4th Friday

Date: 4th Friday of the month, 5 to 7 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

With the "Monthly Academics" on the 4th Friday of the month we provide the opportunity of an open gathering for international and German academics and their families. During the event normally a short lecture is held by a visiting or German researcher of the WWU or a special topic is presented. Afterwards we offer the opportunity to network with a small snack. You'll find more information about the single events on the next pages.

› German "Stammtisch" - German Conversation Group

Date: from Friday, 10 May 2019 every 4 weeks at 5 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office) and WWU Language Centre
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

During our monthly "Stammtisch" you can practice your German in an informal environment with a moderator from the WWU Language Centre, discussing different topics with fellow researchers. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided by the Welcome Centre. Details about this initiative will be provided in our regular newsletter.

› Welcome Centre Consultation Hours & Tutor Service

Date: Monday, 2.30 to 4.30 pm and Thursday, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm or by appointment
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt Haus, Room 136,
Appointment: audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de;
support.academics@uni-muenster.de
Link: www.unimuenster.de/forschung/en/wissenschaftler/beratung/index.html

In the open reception hour of the Welcome Centre Ms Audrey Busch offers individual counselling to international academics on topics such as bureaucratic issues, financing your stay and family support. For complex matters, you can also make an appointment with the Tutor Service at support.academics@uni-muenster.de to obtain assistance in the procedures at the Foreigners' Registration Office.

› Current Events of the Welcome Centre

› Guided Tour of Münster for PostDocs and Professors

Date: Sunday, 7 April 2019, 2 to 4 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Schloss-Haupteingang (main entrance castle)
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

For those who just arrived (or others who didn't have time yet to discover the centre) this walking-tour will illustrate the highlights of historical Münster. The tour will be in English and the attendance is limited to 25 people, so please register as soon as possible to participate.

› Weekend Workshop German

Date: Friday, 12 April 2019, 3 to 6 pm and Saturday, 13 April 2019, 10 am to 1 pm
Organiser: Language Centre in cooperation with Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt Haus, room 139
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

This intensive German course for intermediate beginners (from level A2) will give you a head start to conversation in German and train you in some grammar basics, while providing a fun experience. We will work around the topic of a visit at the market, including asking for directions and actually on the second day you will prepare a fruit-salad with the ingredients you bought.

› Presentation of University Services for Internationally Mobile Researchers in Combination with Graduate Centre's 2-Minute Elevator Pitch

Date: Friday, 26 April 2019, 2.30 to 5.30 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, room 139
Enrolment: audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de

This Monthly Academics meeting mixes presentation of the services, which WWU offers to international academics, with 2-minute research pitches performed by participants of Graduate Centre's recent science communication workshop. In the first part from 2.30 - 4 pm several partners as the Personnel Department, the Language Centre and University Sports department present their programmes. Doctoral candidates "sell" their research to Welcome Centre's academics at 4.15 pm, having refreshed their pitching skill in one-hour peer coaching session at Graduate Centre. As usual, at the end we offer a small snack and time to network.

› Current Events of the Welcome Centre

› Guided Tour through the Botanical Garden

Date: Sunday, 12 May 2019 from 10.30 am until noon
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Entrance of the Botanical Garden
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

Explore the beauty of spring and the diverse flora in the botanical garden in a guided tour by one of its employees. Afterwards those who wish can gather for a self organised picnic on the lawn behind the castle. The attendance is limited, therefore please contact us beforehand if you wish to participate.

› Monthly Academics "Insurances for International Researchers"

Date: Friday, 24 May 2019, 5 to 7 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

In this special edition we will give you an overview of the different types of insurance that are necessary for your stay in Germany. Apart of the health insurance, also aspects such as the liability and accident coverage will be presented. The talks will be followed by a Q&A session. At the end there is time to network with a small snack.

› Guided Tour through the Exhibition "The Brain" at the LWL Museum for Natural Science

Date: Sunday, 2 June 2019 from 10.30 to 11.30 am
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: LWL Museum, Sentruper Straße 285, 48161 Münster
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

On this occasion, we would like to invite you to a fascinating exhibition hosted by the LWL Museum for Natural Sciences under the title "The Brain - Intelligence, Awareness, Feeling"! Learn what's going on in your head, how the brain shapes a personality, produces feelings and makes plans with an English-speaking guide. Further aspects touched are smart behaviour in animals and artificial intelligence. The participation is free of charge, but attendance is limited, therefore please register beforehand if you wish to join.

› Summer BBQ with Member of the WWU Rectorate

Date: Friday, 28 June from 4.30 to 7pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

In this special edition dedicated to the 250th birthday of the great researcher Alexander von Humboldt we will reflect on the meaning of his work today. As many in his time he applied a multi-disciplinary approach to his research, which is proving successful again today, when we try to solve the problems of our modern world. The talk will be followed by the possibility for a discussion with contributions from the audience. To finish we will offer you a small snack and time to network.

› Current Events of the Welcome Centre

The Summer BBQ is a traditional moment to say good-bye to those of you leaving and welcome the new arrivals. Therefore, a member of the WWU rectorate will join us for a greeting. Weather allowing we invite you to gather in front of the Humboldt clubhouse with a nice selection of grilled goods and salads and enjoy the interesting conversation between international and German guests.



Photo: Welcome Centre

› Monthly Academics Summer Programme

Date: Friday, 23 August 2019, 5 to 7pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office), with the Inner Wheel Club Münster
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus
Enrolment: audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de

In this smaller-scale edition of the Monthly Academics we present an overview of leisure time activities in Münster during the summer for individuals and families. We will have flyers and information about everything from outdoor sports to culture and places to go out. Hot and cold drinks are offered with some cookies.

› Monthly Academics "250 years Alexander von Humboldt" in cooperation with the Humboldt-Club Westfalen e.V.

Date: Friday, 27 September 2019, 5 to 7 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

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› International Office – Welcome Centre

Our mission is to offer assistance and advice to international academics and their hosts, before, during and after their stay in Münster regarding generic topics such as:

- › Immigration & residence formalities
- › Financing your stay
- › Developing your career
- › Accommodation
- › Family & childcare support
- › Dual Career
- › Language Courses & Tandems
- › University Sports

WWU Partners

Graduate Centre, SAFIR, Language Centre, Human Resources, Fairly Service Office & Dual Career Service

External Partners

Foreigners' Office, Humboldt Foundation & Student Support Service of Münster (Studierendenwerk).

We maintain the guesthouses of the WWU, providing 110 apartments available for our international guests and their families in central locations in Münster.

We are looking forward to seeing you!
Your Welcome Centre Team

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