Events for International and German Academics and Families

Summer Semester 2021
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, Brazil Centre, SAFIR (Research Funding Assistance), Language Centre, Human Resources, Family Service Office & Dual Career Service

**External Partners**
City of Münster (Foreigners' Registration Office, School Office, Family Bureau), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Student Support Services at WWU (Studierendenwerk).

**Accommodation**
We maintain the guesthouses of the WWU, providing 105 apartments available for our international guests and their families in central locations in Münster.

We are looking forward to seeing you!
Maria Homeyer and Audrey Busch in the name of the Welcome Centre Team

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For more events and infos join us at:
facebook.com/welcomecentreuniversityofmuenster/

...or sign up for our newsletter:
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Regular Events and Services

Monthly Academics

Date: Once each month as announced via newsletter
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

With the “Monthly Academics”, 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. Until further notice the Monthly Academics takes place digitally.

German “Stammtisch” – German conversation group

Date: Once or twice each month 5:00–6:30 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office) and WWU Language Centre
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
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. The single events are announced through the newsletter and the black boards on the guest house premises. Until further notice the “Stammtisch” takes place digitally.

Welcome Centre Consultation Hours & Tutor Service

Date: Tuesday, 9:30–11:30 am and Thursday, 2:30–4:30 pm or by appointment
Location: Hüfferstraße 59, Room 104
Appointment: audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de
Link: https://www.uni-muenster.de/international/en/wissenschaftler/index.shtml

In the open reception hour of the Welcome Centre, Mrs Audrey Busch offers individual counselling to international academics on topics such as bureaucratic issues, financing your stay and family support. For particularly complex matters, you can also make an appointment with the Tutor Service at support.academics@uni-muenster.de in order to obtain assistance in the procedures at the Foreigners’ Registration Office. The open reception is available only via phone to +49 251 8339953 until further notice.
Welcome Weeks (March – May 2021)

Presentation of university services for internationally mobile researchers with cooperation partners

- Date: Friday, 26 March 2021, 4:00–6:00 pm
- Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
- Location: digital Zoom meeting
- Enrolment: audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de

The Welcome Centre and two of its partners from WWU, the Graduate Centre and the University Sports department will present their portfolio for international researchers in a Zoom meeting online.

Digital Weekend Workshop German

- Date: Friday, 28 May 2021, 3:00–6:00 pm  
  Saturday, 29 May 2021, 10:00 am–1:00 pm
- Organiser: WWU Language Centre in cooperation with Welcome Centre (International Office)
- Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
- 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 everyday-life and combine a preparation session on Friday with a more interactive training on Saturday. For more information and the exact timing, inquire via mail to audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de.
> “Wheelcome”
Project 1 on roller-skates (April – June)
Project 2 on bicycle (July – September)

Date: ongoing
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: digital and outside once possible
Enrolment: maria.homeyer@uni-muenster.de

With this new mainly digital project we give you the possibility to work out together, learn a new kind of sport and get to know people, despite the Corona restriction! You can meet with a WWU Welcome Buddy online, participate in a virtual forum and with preparatory exercise @home you get a start to roller skating using zoom and Facebook, before testing your knowledge outside. In summer we plan to apply this method also to teach you how to ride a bicycle. No previous knowledge necessary, initial participation possible without skates/bikes. Registration and inquiries to maria.homeyer@uni-muenster.de.

> Guided City Tour in English (to be confirmed due to the Corona restrictions)

Date: Sunday, 4 July 2021, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Start at the main entrance of the castle – Schlossplatz
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 20 people, so please register as soon as possible to participate. In case that the tour has to be postponed due to the Corona restrictions, it will be offered as soon as the conditions allow it.
Current Events

Monthly Academics “Science Pitch with WiRe” via Zoom

Date: Thursday, 22 April 2021, 10:00 am until noon
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: digital Zoom meeting
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

Our international WiRe – Women in Research Fellows will pitch their fascinating research via a short science communication video! Join this digital monthly academics, become part of the multi-disciplinary scientific and non-scientific audience and decide who is the most convincing candidate. The link to the digital meeting will be send upon registration.

Guided tour through the Botanical Garden

Date: Sunday, 6 June 2021, 10:30 am until noon
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Botanical Gardens
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 pick-nick on the lawn behind the castle. The attendance is limited, therefore please contact us beforehand if you wish to participate.

Summer BBQ with members of the WWU rectorate

Date: Friday, 16 July 2021, 5:00–7:00 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

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 outside on the guesthouse premises with a nice selection of grilled goods and salads and enjoy the interesting conversation between International and German guests.
> Current Events

> Monthly Academics Summer Programme

Date: Friday, 26 August 2021, 5:00–7:00 pm  
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office), with the Inner Wheel Club Münster  
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61  
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.

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> Monthly Academics “Names around the world”

Date: Friday, 24 September 2021, 5:00–7:00 pm  
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)  
Location: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61  
Enrolment: audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de

In this special edition of the Monthly Academics meeting, a speaker from the ESE institute (Ethnology in school and adult education) will give us some background information on name-giving in the world and the cultural significances of names. The subject will definitely offer an interesting input to discuss among ourselves, adding personal information about the naming traditions in our own home country! If the circumstances allow it, after the presentation we will offer you a snack and give you time to mingle with the other guests.
“Peace Summit” – Presentation of the International Peace Prize of Westphalia

Date: August / September 2021
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office), with the Rectorate of the WWU
Location: various and digital
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

On the occasion of this year’s presentation of the International Peace Prize of Westphalia, the Rectorate of the WWU plans to host the first “Münster Summit” in August / September. The plans envisage a series of events based on the sustainability goals defined by the UN and tailored to the prize winners - for example, readings, concerts and panel discussions. The Welcome Centre plans to award a peace and conflict research-related project within the framework of the Münster Summit as part of the DFG funded initiative “Münster International Peace Research Initiative”. Look forward to exciting discussions and interesting talks on the topics of sustainability and peace during the Summit!
Useful links to our partners‘ activities and events

You can find information on the events of our cooperation partners here:

- **Graduate Centre:** This is the unit providing career orientation, workshops and advice for young researchers at Münster University. Under the following link you can find the current events catering to PhD students and Postdocs: [www.uni-muenster.de/GraduateCentre/Programm/index.html](http://www.uni-muenster.de/GraduateCentre/Programm/index.html)

- **Safir:** Safir is the University of Münster’s research funding support. It gives advice and counselling on how to find funding for your research, may it be a project or a research stay abroad. Do not hesitate to contact the team with any question you may have regarding your field. Apart from personal advice, Safir also offers seminars and talks on research funding on a regular basis. You can find the dates for those here: [www.uni-muenster.de/Safir/](http://www.uni-muenster.de/Safir/)

- **Dual Career Service:** The Dual Career Service helps partners of visiting academics to improve their professional profile and endure 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: [www.uni-muenster.de/karriere/en/career.html](http://www.uni-muenster.de/karriere/en/career.html)

- **Social Affairs Office of the Student Support Services:** We recommend the initiatives of this institution especially to families. Throughout the semester and during the semester breaks the team offers varied activities accompanying festivities as Carnival, Easter and Christmas and many trips in the surroundings. You can find the programme here: [www.stw-muenster.de/de/sozialberatung/veranstaltungen/](http://www.stw-muenster.de/de/sozialberatung/veranstaltungen/)

- **University Sports department:** The university sports department offers 115 different courses for any taste and gets more than 20,000 people weekly on the move! Find out more about the right activity for yourself here: [www.uni-muenster.de/Hochschulsport/en/](http://www.uni-muenster.de/Hochschulsport/en/)
During the year, the city of Münster offers a lot of events we can't list here, for example international festivals, several sports events, the Send fair and the Christmas markets. Moreover many districts as the Kreuzviertel, Südviertel, Mauritz West and Hiltrup have their own little festivals. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic many of these events could not be scheduled yet, but we are sure that in the long term they can be offered again.

For more information on these and other events, consult this page: www.stadt-muenster.de/fileadmin/user_upload/stadt-muenster/80_tourismus/pdf/veranstaltungen_2021_web.pdf

Under “TOP-TIPPS” you will find the selection of the most interesting events in Münster taking place in the near future. The page is constantly updated.