

› 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 Post-Docs within the Research affairs department at Münster University. They offer tips, advice and workshops on academic qualifications as well as life in Münster. Under the following link you can find the semester programme: www.uni-muenster.de/GraduateCentre/Programm/
- › **Safir:** Behind this acronym you find the University of Münster's research funding support. Here you can get 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 the staff 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 appointments here: 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
- › **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: www.uni-muenster.de/DieBruecke/veranstaltungen/ or on their Facebook Page.
- › **Research Alumni Strategy:** Within this programme WWU offers optimal working conditions and career opportunities to brilliant researchers from around the world. It also focuses on cooperation with international experts to expand and strengthen international partnerships. Under the following link you can find more information: www.uni-muenster.de/forschung/en/wissenschaftler/real/
- › **Social Affairs Office of the Student Support Services:** This branch of the student services assists students with various personal problems and organizes a series of events, especially for families. Throughout the semester and the semester breaks they offer different activities accompanying festivities as Carnival, Easter and Christmas and many trips in the surroundings. You can find the calendar: www.stw-muenster.de/de/sozialberatung/veranstaltungen
- › **University Sports department:** The university sports department provides 115 different courses for any taste and moves more than 20.000 people weekly... Find out more about the right activity for yourself here: 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 Hilstrup have their own little festivals. For more events: www.muenster.de/stadt/tourismus/en/events

› Current Events of Our Partners

› Welcome of new Postdocs

Date: Thursday, 31 October, 3 to 5 pm
Organiser: Graduate Centre
Location: Schloss (Senatssaal)
Enrolment: <http://go.wwu.de/oa9qp>

During this event you will be introduced to the existing support services to help you become actively involved in the WWU community and improve your research success and experience in Münster. In the same time you have the opportunity to connect with other postdocs from Germany and abroad. After the welcome speech from the Vice-Rector for Strategic Personnel Development, Prof. Dr. Maïke Tietjens, the ombudsman for good scientific practice, Prof. Dr. Dirk Ehlers, will give a short talk on the "good scientific practice at WWU Münster: rights and obligations of Postdocs". The following central institution will present their services for postdocs: Graduate Centre (advisory and career support services), SAFIR (3rd party funding acquisition for the postdoc phase), Welcome Center (International postdocs in Münster and international Mobility for postdocs), ULB (Central Library), ZHL (Centre for Teaching in Higher Education).

› Change is happening all the time-building momentum

Date: Monday, 13 January 2020, 9 am to 5pm
Organiser: Graduate Centre
Location: Graduate Centre (Rooms 001)
Enrolment: <http://go.wwu.de/oa9qp>

This workshop is to help you to manage change. You will explore your ability to adapt and find out how to approach important changes coming up in your life. The workshop aims to provide ideas and concrete actions that will help you move forward in your career.

› Postdoc Days

Date: Monday, 3 February until Friday, 7 February 2020
Organiser: Graduate Centre and SAFIR
Location: Graduate Centre, room 001
Enrolment: <http://go.wwu.de/oa9qp>

This is a 5-day intensive workshop: Days 1 and 3 are organised by the Graduate Centre, focusing on career perspectives and entrepreneurship as a career choice, respectively. Days 2, 4 and 5 are presented by our research funding department SAFIR and designed to help you to write successful applications for German third party funding.

› Current Events of the Welcome Centre

› Monthly Academics "Science communication" with Graduate Centre's 2-Minute Elevator Pitch

Date: Friday, 21 February 2020, 5 to 7 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

Graduate Centre and Welcome Centre join forces to allow seven participants of the recent WWU GC's workshop on science communication to pitch their research to Welcome Centre's audience in a Monthly Academics' session. Having practiced their pitches at the Graduate Centre in a one-hour peer coaching session on 21 February 2020, the PhD students will move to Alexander von Humboldt-Haus at 5.15 pm to "sell" their research to Welcome Centre's academics, as if they were face-to-face with the CEO of their dream company. Welcome Centre's academics as the audience will decide who got the job and give useful improvement tips! As usual, the pitches are followed by a small snack and time to network.



Foto: Welcome Centre Münster

› Monthly Academics "Digital tools for the assistance of internationally mobile researchers"

Date: Friday, 27 March 2020, 5 to 7 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

In this Monthly Academics meeting the Welcome Centre will illustrate new digital tools for the assistance of internationally mobile researchers as the recently released tutorial and CRM solutions for an improved counseling. As usual, the meeting will be followed by a snack and time to network.

› Current Events of the Welcome Centre

› Monthly Academics special edition "Carnival from antiquity to present days"

Date: Friday, 24 January 2020, 5 to 7 pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

Dr. Heinz Helge Nieswandt, the curator of WWU's Archaeological Museum and president of the Citizen's Carnival Council of Münster (BMK), will take us on journey to Carnival traditions from antiquity until present day celebrations in Münster. Afterwards we will offer you some "Berliner" (the typical German Carnival pastries) with tea and coffee and, of course, your kids and you are welcome to come in costumes!

› Humboldt-Day for internationally mobile researchers

Date: Thursday, 30 January 2020, 3 to 7pm
Organiser: Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location: Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment: support.academics@uni-muenster.de

Following the 250th anniversary of Alexander von Humboldt's birthday, the WWU rectorate has taken the opportunity to organise a special "Humboldt-Day" with the focus on funding of research projects and incoming / outgoing mobility of excellent scientists. The Welcome Centre for internationally mobile researchers and the Research funding support SAFIR invite interested members of all faculties to this event, dealing with the motivation, funding options and perspectives of international research. The president of the Humboldt-foundation, Prof Hans-Christian Pape from Münster, will greet the audience and the event will be followed by a dinner buffet with time to network.

› Regular Events and Services

› Monthly Academics

Date:	Once each month as announced via the newsletter
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus
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.

› German “Stammtisch” - German Conversation Group

Date:	Once or twice a month 5 to 6.30 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. The single events are announced through the newsletter and on the black boards on the guest house premises.

› Welcome Centre Consultation Hours & Tutor Service

Date:	Tuesday, 9.30 to 11.30 am and Thursday, 2.30 to 4.30 pm or by appointment
Location:	Alexander-von-Humboldt Haus, Room 136
Appointment:	audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de; support.academics@uni-muenster.de
Link:	https://www.uni-muenster.de/international/en/wissenschaftler/index.shtml

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

Welcome weeks (September 2019)

› Weekend Workshop German

Date:	Friday, 20 September 2019, 3 to 6 pm and Saturday, 21 September 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. You will engage in some speakdating games to prepare an interview in German and on the second day, you will test it in a group with a citizen of Münster and share your experiences.

› Presentation of University Services for Internationally Mobile Researchers

Date:	Friday, 27 September 2019, 4 to 6 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, room 139
Enrolment:	audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de

The Welcome Centre and various partners from WWU, such as the Brazil Centre, the Language Centre and the University Sports department will present their portfolio for international researchers. Afterwards we will offer you some coffee, tea and biscuits, giving you the chance to mingle with the other guests.

› Guided Tour of Münster for PostDocs and Professors

Date:	Sunday, 29 September 2019, 11 am to 12.30 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	the main entrance of the <i>Schloss</i>
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.

› Current Events of the Welcome Centre

› Monthly Academics presenting “Applications of Geo-informatics”

Date:	Friday, 25 October, 5 to 7 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

During this edition of the Monthly Academics Junior Prof. Judith Versteegen from the Netherlands will introduce the applications of geo-informatics through one of her projects studying the environmental impact of biofuels. Afterwards, as usual, there is time to mingle with a small snack.



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› Staying in Germany as a career choice

Date:	Wednesday, 6 November, 5 to 7pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment:	audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de

For those of you, who wish to pursue their future in science, we are offering an interesting information event under the title “Staying in Germany as a career choice”. Together with different partners, as the Graduate Centre, the Foreigners Office and Prof Martin Wild from the CiM-IMPRS Graduate Programme, we will consider opportunities, obstacles and the legal framework to succeed in a research career in Germany as an international scientist. After the different presentations, there will be a Q&A session.

› Current Events of the Welcome Centre

› Seasonal Celebration “Christmas traditions in Italy and Spain”

Date:	Friday, 6 December, 4.30 to 7.30pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office), with the Inner Wheel Club Münster
Location:	Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus
Enrolment:	audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de

Find out about Mediterranean Christmas traditions as the Italian “Befana” or the Spanish “Tres Reyes Magos” compared to the German Nikolaus and Weihnachtsmann! We are happy to welcome your family and friends to this traditional highlight of the year in a festive setting, singing carols and receiving a small surprise for the kids. The attendance is limited and we need to know beforehand how many children participate, therefore please enroll as soon as possible.

› An afternoon at the Christmas Market

Date:	Wednesday, 11 December 2019, 4.30 to 6.30 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Main entrance of the Schloss, Schlossplatz 2
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

We invite you to enjoy a casual stroll to the Christmas Markets with us and your fellow international academics. To finish we’ll take a mulled wine or hot cocoa and enjoy some food at one of the stalls. Attendance is limited to 15 participants. Please register in advance.

› German Stammtisch at the LWL Museum for art and culture

Date:	Friday, 13 December 5 to 6.30 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre and WWU Language Centre
Location:	LWL Museum, main entrance, Domlatz 10, 48143 Münster
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

During this special edition of our monthly “Stammtisch” we will take you on a guided visit to the LWL museum. There you can mingle with other foreign and German researchers admiring the various exhibitions. And since it is the first Friday of the month the museum is open to visitors free of charge!

› 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, Family Service Office & Dual Career Service, Alumni Club

External Partners

Foreigners’ Office, Humboldt Foundation & Student Support Services of Münster (Studierendenwerk).

We maintain the guesthouses of the WWU, providing 85 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

› Welcome Centre

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