



*The city of Münster is both
the campus and its setting –
a »most liveable« city with a
university dating from 1780.*

› Welcome to the University of Münster

I am very pleased that you chose Münster as the new base for your academic career. The University of Münster is an international community and understands the presence of researchers from all over the world as the foundation of excellent science and teaching. The international character of WWU favours our global visibility and attraction. With this in mind, I wish you a successful stay, both on the academic and personal level! Our Welcome Centre is available for you with a broad offer of information and advice.

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› Welcome Centre

for internationally mobile researchers



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› Welcome Centre – Advice for internationally mobile researchers

The Welcome Centre is the main advice and service centre for internationally mobile researchers from Postdoc level onward. We offer support in several languages before, during and after your stay at the University of Münster. With 100 flats of varying sizes, our guesthouses allow you to settle into your new environment quickly. We also inform the faculties, as the hosts of our international researchers, about current developments and provide the necessary framework on internationalisation implementing a “train-the-trainer” concept.

Newly arrived researchers can register for the Welcome Centre services and take advantage of a structured onboarding procedure, which includes various welcome events for international staff. Throughout the stay in Münster, we provide support and advice, focusing on general topics. There are networking opportunities during the whole year and during term-time, we also organise information events on specific subjects. Due to our co-operation with institutions, both within and outside the University, we are able to provide individually tailored guidance and support, thus favouring the ongoing relationship of Research Alumni with WWU as well.



»When everything was new, I had many questions. The advice from the Welcome Centre team during my research stay and the networking events were very valuable for me.«
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› Dr Haila Manteghi Amin

› Services

Welcome — Information and advice

- › Information package with checklists
- › Registration for the Welcome Centre services and onboarding-talk
- › Ongoing advice during the entire stay concerning paperwork (immigration law, employment, health insurance, taxes, pension)
- › Assistance regarding family, dual career and children-related matters
- › Practical information (city life, language classes, culture)
- › Welcome Weeks
- › Hospitality- and buddy-programmes



Guesthouses — Member of IBZ network

- › Front office and check-in
- › 110 apartments in central position close to the university
- › Accommodation combined with common areas for events

Tutor Service

- › Appointment with assistance at the Foreigners Office in complex cases

Research funding and mobility

- › Consultation regarding mobility within the EU as a career move
- › Funding: mobility and co-operation grants as WWU Fellowships, also for the WiRe – Women in Research and RE.AL – Research Alumni programmes
- › Access to grants of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation scholarships and others

Integration

- › Intercultural training
- › Cooperation with the programme for elderly students
- › Access to networks within the city of Münster (Inner Wheel Club/Integration Council of foreign citizens/international clubs and societies)

Science communication

- › Events offered in co-operation with the Humboldt Club Westfalen and other institutional partners
- › Initiatives linked to Welcome Centre programmes, such as “WiRe – Women in Research” and the Research Alumni strategy (RE.AL)

International networking

- › At the University of Münster through networking events such as Monthly Academics with German and international researchers
- › Abroad through individual mobility (focusing on the EU) to develop existing and initiate new co-operations

Research alumni

- › Advice to favour the ongoing co-operation with excellent Alumni and their network
- › Assistance with tools for research marketing to promote WWU worldwide
- › Reunion grants and WWU Ambassadors programme

Internationalisation of the faculties

- › Advice and events on onboarding processes, implementation of structures, increase of mobility, sustainable research cooperation and funding
- › Workgroup on international researchers (AKIA)

Promotion of international female researchers

- › Fellowship programme for female researchers – “WiRe – Women in Research”

Assistance to refugee academics

- › Memberships in networks as Scholars at Risk (SAR) and the Scholars Rescue Fund (SRF)
- › Consultation on specific funding as the Philipp Schwartz Initiative and the grants of SAR and SRF
- › Administrative support in Münster



› Connected in Europe

The Welcome Centre is also the local contact point for advice to international researchers within the European EURAXESS-network (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>). This platform aims to attract international researchers to Europe and sustains their mobility (incoming and outgoing) within the partner countries.