Welcome to our Group Advising Session!

RWTHworldwide: North and South America, Australia
The most important questions

• **Why** go abroad?

• **What** to do abroad?

• **What** funding opportunities exist?

• **Where** can I get information?

• **How** do I plan my stay abroad and how do I apply?
Why go abroad?

• Gain intercultural experience and think outside the box
• Acquire and deepen new language skills
• Get to know new working environments, develop new professional networks
• Acquire international qualifications, increase employability
• Promote independence, personal growth
• And not to forget: having fun and discovering new perspectives on life and the world
What to do abroad?

Forms of stay abroad

• Summer & Winter-Schools
• International Internships & Research Stays
• Semester/year abroad
What to do abroad?
Summer & Winter Schools

- Courses on language and regional studies or specialized courses
- Period: approx. 2 - 8 weeks
- Commercial offers from partner universities
- Partially high participation fees also at partner universities
- Hardly any recognition of credits possible
- Often take place from June to August & February to March
- See the complete overview: Summer Schools und Winter Schools
- Examples:
  - Canada: University of Alberta, University of British Columbia
What to do abroad?
International internships

How do I find the necessary information?

• Use contacts of institutes, study advisors, international coordinators, internship offices

• Internship Offers from RWTH

• Your Way to an Internship Abroad: Guide to Searching, Applying, Preparing, Financing on an Internship from the DAAD

• International Exchange from Zentrale Auslands- und Fachvermittlung

• Other helpful links: TravelWorks MeinPraktikum GIZ Stellenmarkt

DAAD
Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst
German Academic Exchange Service

Bundesagentur für Arbeit
Zentrale Auslands- und Fachvermittlung (ZAV)
What to do abroad?
International internships and research stays

1. **Researching** suitable universities or companies (testimonials, rankings, partner universities, opinions of scientists in the department, etc.)

2. **Request and use contacts** of institutes and chairs and identify suitable potential project supervisors

3. **Application** to professor: e-mail with cover letter, motivation and time frame for stay; attachment: curriculum vitae, transcript of grades, letter of recommendation, additional qualifications, if applicable

4. **Planning of the stay**: Application for scholarships after successful acceptance or in parallel (observe deadlines!), visa, insurance, accommodation, if necessary

**Tip:** Please also take advantage of the Career Center’s counseling services!
→ **Personal application portfolio check** also in Englisch!
What to do abroad?
International internships

Subject- and country-specific placement

- **IAESTE** (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience)
  - International, non-political, independent organization for the placement of international internships

- **AIESEC** (Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales)
  - AIESEC is the world's largest youth-led organization
  - Internships abroad from 6 weeks

- **Cultural Vistas**
  - Non-profit exchange organization for the placement of
  - Internships in the USA, among others also visa sponsor
What to do abroad?
International internships

Subject- and country-specific placement

• Deutsch-Kanadische Gesellschaft (German Canadian Society)
  – Arrangement of study-related internships in Canada
  – Cooperation of the DKG with renowned German and Canadian companies, consulting firms and institutions based in Canada

• InterExchange
  – Exchange opportunities in the USA

• College Council
  – Arrangement of internships abroad at partner institutes
  – e.g. in the USA, Canada and Australia
What to do abroad?  
Research stays

UROP Abroad for North America

• Scholarship for research projects at North American universities and research institutions

• Self-organized or through our database

• Target group: Bachelor students

• Funding amount and length: 600€/month for a maximum of 6 months

• Deadlines: February 1st and August 1st

• UROP Abroad
What to do abroad? Research stays

RWTH Research Ambassador for North America

• Scholarship for research projects at North American universities and research institutions

• Target group: Master and PhD students

• Funding amount and length: 500€/month for a maximum of 6 months

• Deadlines: February 1st and August 1st

• RWTH Research Ambassador
What to do abroad?
Research stays

University of Alberta Research Experience Programm (UARE)

- U of Alberta most important partner of RWTH in Canada: Strategic partnership
- Scholarship for research stays
- Target group: Bachelor students
- Grant amount and length: $6,000 CAD for 12 weeks
- Time flexibility, independent of program dates
- Deadlines: March 31st and September 30th
- Information and application
What to do abroad? Research stays

RWTH Aachen – University of Alberta Junior Research Fellowship

• Scholarship for research stays

• Target group: Master and PhD students

• Funding amount and length: 600€/month for max. 6 months (plus a travel allowance)

• Deadlines: March 31st and September 30th

• Information and application
What to do abroad?
Research stays

NRC-MITACS-RWTH Globalink Research Award Program

- Cooperation program between RWTH, Mitacs and the National Research Council of Canada

- Research stays at participating Canadian partner universities

- Target group: Master and PhD students

- Funding amount and length: up to $18,000 CAD for stays of 6 - 12 months

- Application is possible continuously; approximately six months before the planned start of the research stay

- Information and application
What to do abroad?
Research stays

RISE worldwide
(Research Internships in Science and Engineering)

- Worldwide research internships for students in the natural sciences, life sciences and engineering
- Target group: Bachelor students
- Period: 1.5 - 3 months in summer (lecture-free period)
- DAAD arranges and supports students with a scholarship
- Information and application
What to do abroad?
Exchange

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RWTHworldwide: North and South America, Australia, Russia
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What to do abroad?
Exchange

Free Mover

- Independent organization, planning, application and financing of a semester abroad

- Application for scholarships also possible as Free Mover

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- Helpful organizations :
  - Australia: Gostralia; Institut Ranke-Heinemann; Studium Down Under
  - Canada: Study in Canada; Edu Canada
  - USA: Education USA; Study in the USA
  - New Zealand: Gozealand
  - Worldwide: College Contact; International Education for Global Minds
What to do abroad?
Partner university countries worldwide

USA

Argentina

Chile

Brazil

Canada

Australia

Russia
What to do abroad?
RWTHworldwide: North America

- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Iowa State University
- Michigan State University
- San José State University
- University of Michigan
- University of Arizona
- University of California, Davis
- University of Florida
- University of Pennsylvania
- Washington University in St. Louis

- École Polytechnique de Montréal
- École de Technologie Supérieure Montréal
- University of Alberta
- University of Waterloo
- University of British Columbia

USA

Canada
What to do abroad?
RWTHworldwide: South America

- Universidad Nacional de San Juan
- Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires

- Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais
- Universidade de São Paulo
- Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
- Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina

- Universidad Austral de Chile
- Universidad de Chile
- Universidad de Talca
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valaparaíso
- Universidad Católica de La Santísima Concepción
- Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María
What to do abroad?
Newcomer: San José State University & TSU Georgien

Tbilisi Ivane Javakhishvili State University

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The Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) is a public research university established in the beginning of the 20th century in Tbilisi, Georgia. It was the first and the only higher education institution in the South Caucasus by that time and is the oldest university in Georgia and the whole Caucasus region. The TSU has six faculties: Law, Economics and Business, Humanities, Medicine, Social and Political Sciences, Exact and Natural Sciences, and the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University as an autonomous graduate school of economics.

Founded
1918

Number of Students
20,500

Web
Homepage
TSU - Inbound Mobility

Tip: Travel grant available for 2023/24
What to do abroad?
Newcomer: San José State University & TSU Georgien

University

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3.7k+ Employees
22 Athletic Teams
9 Colleges
285k+ Alumni
10k Degrees Granted (2021-2022)

#1 Most Transformative University
Rated by Money magazine based on graduation rates, earnings and student loan repayment.

#3 Best Value
Ranked by U.S. News and World Report among public universities in the West.

#3 Best Undergraduate Engineering Program
Ranked by U.S. News and World Report among public universities in the nation that offer bachelor's and master's degrees.

#4 Top Public Schools
Ranked by U.S. News and World Report among universities in the West.

#6 STARS Top Performers (Sustainability)
Ranked among master’s institutions in the nation by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

#13 Top Colleges for Diversity in the Nation
What to do abroad?
RWTHworldwide: South America

Internationale Studien- und Ausbildungspartnerschaft (ISAP) mit Tec de Monterrey (Mexiko) gefördert durch DAAD

Information:
www.iam.rwth-aachen.de → Austausch → Austausch Mexiko
What to do abroad?

RWTHworldwide: Australia and Russia

- University of the Sunshine Coast
- Lomonosov Moscow State University
- St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University
Where can I get information?

- Websites, group advising sessions and virtual consultation hours of the International Office
- Subject or study abroad advisors of the faculties
- Testimonials of former RWTH outgoings
- Study worldwide (DAAD)  
  Country information, testimonials, funding opportunities, trade fairs
- Students from the target country who are studying at the RWTH, Student clubs, BeBuddy program, language tandems
- Social media channels of the International Office (Facebook and Instagram)
Where can I get information?
The websites of the International Office

Planning for Study Abroad
**International exchange opportunities**

With the help of the following search box you can search for partner universities and the corresponding exchange opportunities.

- The search results are displayed below the world map.
- For further information on the partnerships as well as the display of field reports, please click on the displayed search results. Please note: The authors are solely responsible for the content of the testimonials. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of RWTH Aachen University.

Enjoy exploring the opportunities RWTH Aachen offers to gain international experience!
Where can I get information?
MoveOn

Chile-Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso
Chile-Universidad de Chile

Chile-Universidad Austral de Chile
Chile-Universidad de Talca

Chile-Universidad Católica de la Santísima Concepción
Chile-Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María

In case of technical problems, please contact:
go-abroad@rwth-aachen.de (DE/EN)
How do I plan?
Preparation for the stay abroad

Timing

• Plan early → calculate at least 1 year

• Pay attention to application deadlines! (check online here)

• Time and duration
  – depending on study program/plan

• Check the academic year in the target country
How do I plan?
Preparation for the stay abroad

• Language learning
  – Language Center of the RWTH, Adult Education Center, Language Tandems INCAS, BeBuddy

• Contacts to international students
  – Humboldt House, INCAS, AEGEE, BeBuddy

• Intercultural Training
  – Seminars offered by the International Office
Interested in international contacts?  
Want to learn about other cultures?  
Meeting new people from all over the world?

The answer is: BeBuddy!

Training your intercultural competence!  
First-hand information for your stay abroad!

BeBuddy Trailer
How do I plan?  
Preparation for the stay abroad

Certificate International:

• Certificate Mobility or Integration

• Clear certificate about
  – acquired soft skills in the international
  – area during the course of studies

• Examples: Internationalization of the university, support work & integration of international students

• Registration possible at any time

• Subsequent recognition of completed components possible

• Further Information
How do I plan?
Recognition of academic achievements

Before going abroad:

1. Obtaining information independently
2. Utilizing the counseling services offered by the faculty (subject-specific study advising or international coordination)
3. Consideration of orientation lists on already examined recognitions
4. Requesting a recognition agreement from the examination board
5. Obligation to actively participate during the entire process

While abroad:

1. Ensuring that all scheduled courses are offered
2. If not, request a change of the recognition agreement
How do I plan?
Recognition of academic achievements

After going abroad:
1. Consideration of the grade conversion table of the International Office
2. No obligation to already apply for previously reviewed recognitions
3. Recommendation to apply for the desired recognitions quickly
4. Rights to review and processing within a reasonable time frame
5. Obligation to provide proof of the work performed abroad
6. Possibility to apply for recognitions that have not yet been examined
7. Recognition in the case of non-substantial differences in acquired competencies
8. Rejections must be justified by the examination board
9. Appeal against the decision is possible within four weeks
How do I plan?
Funding opportunities

PROMOS

- Funding period:
  - Study and research stays: 1 - 6 months
  - Internships: 6 weeks - 6 months
  - Usual funding duration: 3 months

- University partnership or self-organized

- Target group: Bachelor and Master students
  - PhD students: special [DAAD funding opportunities](#)

- Deadlines: March 15th and September 15th

- Find more information on the [website](#)

- Further funding opportunities of the RWTH can be found in the [scholarship overview](#)
How do I plan?
Funding opportunities

DAAD – Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst

• One-year scholarships for semesters abroad

• Target group: Bachelor and Master students

• Deadlines: Application approx. one year before the stay

• Please also use the DAAD scholarship database for country- and subject-specific research
How do I plan? Funding opportunities

BAföG abroad

• Financial support or assumption of:
  – Travel expenses
  – Living expenses
  – Tuition fees

• Even those who do not receive regular BAföG can receive the BAföG abroad

• Information and application
How do I plan? Funding opportunities

Fulbright-Scholarship for the USA

- **Travel scholarships** for students who want to study at one of the RWTH partner universities in the USA

- **One-year scholarships** for Master students who would like to study at a U.S. university for 9 months

- Funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State; scholarship with transatlantic character.

- Multi-stage application process ends in summer, date to be announced by Fulbright Commission

- **Fulbright-Germany**

- **Information and application**
How to apply?
Application portal

www.rwth-aachen.de/auslandsstudium/bewerbungweltweit

RWTHworldwide: Apply to Study Abroad

Please Note
This web page provides you with information on the application process for exchange places managed by the RWTH International Office. If you would like to apply for an exchange place within the framework of a partnership at the faculty or institute level, please refer to the faculty or department website or get in touch with the responsible contact there. Please also use the overview of partner universities to find out about possible study abroad opportunities. To get fully informed about study abroad opportunities, we advise you to attend one of our regular group advising sessions.

Please note that not all partner universities offer places in every application round. An overview of current exchange opportunities is available under “Open Places” below.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Application deadline June 28, 2021, 12pm: for a one or two-semester-long stay abroad set to begin the following summer semester.

Application deadline November 29, 2021, 12pm: for a one or two-semester-long stay abroad set to begin the following winter semester.
How do I apply?
Available partner universities

Available spots in winter semester 2022/23

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The entire list can be found [here](#) under "open seats".
## How do I apply?

### FAQs

**ORIENTATION & PREPARATION**

- **How far ahead do I need to plan my stay?**
- **Where can I find information about semesters abroad and partner universities?**
- **At which partner universities can I study my course of study?**
- **Do I have to earn a certain number of credit points while abroad?**
- **Can I study abroad during my Bachelor studies?**
- **Can I also conduct research at the partner university?**
- **Where can I find experience reports?**
- **How can I finance my stay abroad?**
- **What do I do if RWTH Aachen does not have a partnership in a certain country?**
- **When do I need to apply?**
- **Can I apply for multiple universities?**
- **According to the application requirements, applicants must be in their third university semester or higher. Does this apply to Master's students as well?**
- **How high are the chances of being accepted to the desired university?**
- **The periods of study or terms at my host institution differ from those at RWTH – it has trimesters and quadrimesters. Which semester do I have to name in my application?**
How do I apply?
Application procedure

Two-step application procedure
1. at the International Office

- Application portal
- Link to partner profile pages
- Please check application deadlines

- Application documents in English
  - Application data sheet (includes study plan and letter of motivation)
  - Transcript of records from RWTHonline
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Proof of language skills (Abitur or equivalent)
  - Further voluntary proofs

- Application requirements
- 4 applications possible at RWTHworldwide: Please state your priorities
- The Language Center pays attention to the selection of the International Office when assigning places
How do I apply?
Application procedure

Two-stage application procedure

2. after selection

1. Selection committee chooses the students
2. Students are nominated by IO at host university
3. Independent application of the nominees to the host university
4. Admission by the host university
Accepted, and now?
The last steps before departure

After admission

Visa
• Apply for student visa with admission from host university

Leave of absence
• At the Registrar's Office

International insurance
• For illness, accident and liability

Pack your suitcase and off you go! 😊
## What to do abroad?
### All forms of stay abroad at a glance

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Please note

Due to the current situation, all information is subject to change. Because of the Corona virus, there are postponements and cancellations of worldwide study and research stays. Currently, due to the unpredictability of the situation, we cannot give reliable information about the exchange places offered next year. We will keep you updated on our website.
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Online Infoveranstaltungen

- Get an overview of:
  - Semester abroad as a free mover
  - Organization and financing
  - Focus on North America and Oceania

College Contact
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