Welcome to our Advising Session!
Worldwide (research) internships with focus on Northamerica

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Die wichtigsten Fragen

- **Why** go abroad?
- **What** to do abroad?
- **Where** can I get information?
- **How** do I plan my stay abroad and how do I apply?
- **What** funding opportunities exist?
Why go abroad?

• Gain intercultural experience and broaden your horizon
• Acquire and deepen new language skills
• Get to know new working environments, develop new professional networks
• Put theoretical knowledge into practice
• Acquire international qualifications, increase employability
• Promote independence, personal growth
• And not to forget - fun and new perspectives on life and the world
What to do abroad?

Types of stay abroad

- Summer & Winter Schools
- Semester abroad
- Research stays & internships abroad
Own research & speculative application

1. **Research** of suitable universities or companies (field reports, rankings, partner universities, opinions of academics in the department, etc.).

2. **Enquire** about and use contacts from your institute or chair and identify suitable potential project supervisors.

3. **Application** to professor: email with cover letter, motivation and time frame for stay; attachment: CV, transcript of records, letter of recommendation, additional qualifications if applicable.

4. **Planning** the stay: Application for scholarships after successful acceptance or in parallel (pay attention to deadlines!), visa, insurance, accommodation, if applicable.
Where can I get information? Preparing for the stay abroad

- Websites and Advising Sessions of the International Office
- Subject advisors or exchange coordinators of the faculties
- Reports on the experiences of RWTH outgoings and, if possible, contact mediation
- Search for suitable scholarships in the RWTH scholarship overview
- Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Information about the country, testimonials, funding opportunities
- Students from the target country studying at RWTH Aachen University Student clubs, BeBuddy program, language tandems
What to do abroad?
Research stays

NRC-MITACS-RWTH Globalink Research Award Program

- Cooperation programme 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 to 12 months

- Application approximately six months before the planned start of the stay

- Information and application

- Contact: Dr. Daniel Holder
What to do abroad?  
Research stays

University of Alberta Research Experience Programm (UARE)

- U Alberta is considered the most important partner in Canada: [Strategic partnership](#)
- Scholarship for research stays
- Target group: Bachelor students
- Funding amount and length: $6,000 CAD for 12 weeks
- Research internships are generally available in winter (January to March) and summer (May to August), but other start dates can be arranged depending on the host professor
- Time flexibility, independent of program dates
- [Information and application](#)
What to do abroad?
Research stays

RWTH Aachen – University of Alberta Junior Research Fellowship

• Scholarship for research stays

• Target group: Master's students and doctoral candidates

• Funding amount and length: 900€/month for up to six months

• Deadlines: 31 March (winter semester) and 30 September (summer semester)

• Information and application

• Contact: René Seyfarth
What to do abroad?  
Research stays

UROP Abroad in North America Nordamerika

• Scholarship for research projects at North American universities and research institutions for Bachelor students of all faculties of RWTH Aachen University

• Organised independently or via our database

• Target group: Bachelor students

• Funding amount and length: 900€/month for up to six months

• Deadlines: 1 February and 1 August

• Information and application

• Contact: Dr. Daniel Holder
What to do abroad? Research stays

RWTH Research Ambassador in North America

- Scholarship for self-organised research projects at North American universities and research institutions

- Target group: Master's students and doctoral candidates
  - With very good academic performance
  - Willingness to actively assume the role of RWTH representative

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

- Deadlines: February 1st and August 1st

- Information and application

- Contact: Jasmin Ahadi

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What to do abroad?
Research stays

Indo-German Centre for Sustainability

- Sponsored research stays at IIT Madras in Chennai, India
- Interdisciplinary orientation of the centre in the field of sustainability (waste management, water management, coastal protection, urban planning and energy)
- Target group: Master's students and doctoral candidates Length of funding: max. 6 months, virtual start with transition to physical stay possible
- Deadlines: 28 February 2021 and 30 June 2021
- Information and application
- Contact: Lisa van Aalst
What to do abroad? Research stays

RISE weltweit
(Research Internships in Science and Engineering)

- Worldwide research internships for students from the natural and engineering sciences as well as medicine and pharmacy or related disciplines.
- 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
How do I plan?
Funding opportunities

PROMOS

• Performance-related scholarship for stays abroad outside Europe within the framework of a university partnership or self-organized

• Target group: Bachelor and Master students
  – [Special funding opportunities](#) for doctoral students

• Deadlines: 15 March and 15 September

• Funding amount and length: Scholarship amounts vary depending on the destination country, up to six months

• [Information and application](#)

• Contact: [Birgit Thun-Vié](#)
How do I plan? Funding opportunities

DAAD – Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst

• Information and application

• Please also use the DAAD scholarship database for country and subject-specific research: [DAAD scholarship database](#)

Auslands-BAföG

• Subsidy or assumption of travel and living expenses

• Students who do not receive regular BAföG can also receive Auslands-BAföG

• Information and application
What to do abroad? Internships

How do I find the necessary information?

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

• Offers for students of the RWTH: Praktikumsbörse

• German Academic Exchange Service: Internships abroad

• ZAV (Zentralstelle Auslands- und Fachvermittlung): www.ba-auslandsvermittlung.de

• More helpful links: TravelWorks.de MeinPraktikum.de GIZ Stellenmarkt Raus von Zuhaus
What to do abroad?
Internships

Subject- and country-specific mediation

- **IAESTE** (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience)
  - International, non-political, independent organisation for the placement of internships abroad
  - www.iaeste.rwth-aachen.de

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

- **Cultural Vistas**
  - Non-profit exchange organisation for the placement of Internships in the USA, including visa sponsor
  - www.culturalvistas.org
What to do abroad?
Internships

Subject- and country-specific mediation

- Deutsch-Kanadische Gesellschaft
  - Arrangement of study-related internships in Canada
  - Cooperation of the DKG with renowned German and Canadian companies, consultancies 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

- Doing Business in Russia
  - Six-month internships with German companies in Russia
  - Financial support from the DAAD (950€/month + travel allowance)
What to do abroad? Internships

Tips for the application

• **Dein Weg ins Auslandspraktikum**: DAAD-guide concerning the search, application, preparation, financing, follow-up of an internship

• Counselling services of the Career Center (also in English)
  – Application Tips
  – Personal application portfolio check
How do I plan?
Preparation for the stay abroad

• Learning languages
  RWTH Language Centre, Adult Education Centre, INCAS, language tandems, BeBuddy

• Contacts with international students
  Humboldt-Haus, INCAS, AEGEE, BeBuddy

• Intercultural training
  Seminare des International Office
How do I plan?
Preparation for the stay abroad

Fancy some international contacts?
Want to meet new people from all over the world?
Curious about other cultures?

The Answer: BeBuddy!

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

- Information and application
- BeBuddy Trailer
How do I plan?
Preparation for the stay abroad

Certificate International

- Certificate Mobility or Integration

- Clear certificate about soft skills acquired in the international 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

- [www.rwth-aachen.de/zertifikat](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/zertifikat)
How do I plan?
The last steps before departure

After the confirmation

- Registration of mobility in the International Office database for statistical purposes
- Application for a visa
- Request a vacation semester at the Student Administration Office, if desired
- Organization of international insurances for illness, accident and liability
- Start packing your suitcase! 😊
Please note!

Due to the current situation, all information is subject to change. The Coronavirus is causing postponements and cancellations of study and research visits worldwide. Due to the unpredictability of the situation, we cannot provide any reliable information at this time.
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The most important shortlinks

- **Portal International**
  www.rwth-aachen.de/internationales

- **Overview Experience Abroad**
  www.rwth-aachen.de/auslandsstudium

- **Internships and research stays abroad**
  www.rwth-aachen.de/auslandspraktika

- **Scholarships and Funding Programs**
  www.rwth-aachen.de/stipendien

- **Regions of Strategic Interest**
  www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/Die_RWTH/Profil/Internationalisierung/~burk/Schwerpunktlaeender
Thank you for your attention!

And have fun 😊