# Your Semester Abroad

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a first introduction

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### **Obligatory Semester Abroad**

Prepare 1-1.5
years in
advance
→ Go to Petra
Dießel

**Decision**: studying or internship (or both?)

Apply for position & approve stay with Petra Dießel

**Go Abroad** for at least 3 months

Bring form of completion

<sup>2</sup>nd Semeste.

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<sup>4th</sup> Semeste,

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But what can I do abroad? And how do I finance this?

# **Studying Abroad**

### General Idea

- Study abroad for at least 1 semester
- Take courses that may count towards your optional or compulsory optional module
- Choose between various options...

### **Your Options**

### **HS-Partnerschaften**

 $https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studium/studium\_und\_praktikum\_im\_ausland/austauschprogramme/partneruniversitaeten/uebersicht\_partnerunis.htm$ 

### FBR-Partnerschaften

(special: Brasil - Bahia, Italy - Trento, Italy - Siena)

Individually Organized

**ERASMUS+** 

**Non-ERASMUS** 

# Financial Support for Studying Abroad

### Financial Support

**HS-Partnerschaften** 

FBR-Partnerschaften ERASMUS

FBR-Partnerschaften
Non-ERASMUS

Individually Organised

Study-fee exemption

PROMOS-Program (DAAD)

Various stipends and scholarships

Auslands BAFöG

University Mobility Grant

**ERASMUS Mobility Grant** 

### **ERASMUS+**

- Apply for studying at a partner university (3 options)
- 3-12 months
- University committee picks students for free spots
- ~ 150-270€ per month
- Englisch Certificate not required upon application (only needed after being nominated)

https://www.ikw.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/courses\_of\_study/semester\_abroad/studiummit\_erasmus/partneruniversitaeten.html

### **Fulbright Study Scholarship**

- Prerequisite: Bachelor Degree or finished 6 semester
- Studying 4-9 months at US American university (self organised)
- Get up to 34,500USD for living & partial study-fees + 600€ utilities
- Insurance, Visa, booking and financing of travel
- Multiple workshops & seminars

https://www.fulbright.de/programs-for-germans/studierende-und-graduierte/studienstipendien

### **Fulbright Travel Stipend**

- Bachelor students that finished at least 4 semesters
- 4-9 months studying at US American university (Self-organised)
- Not combinable with other (travel) stipends
- Travel- & utilities grant: 2.000€
- Obligatory preparation- & networking meeting in March 2018

https://www.fulbright.de/programs-for-germans/studierende-und-graduierte/reisestipendien

### ...and more

- DAAD
- Stipendienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (e.g. China and East-europe)

Make sure to contact the International Office for more information on financing your stay abroad.

### Scholarships and Stipends - the usual requirements

- Online application
- CV
- Motivational Letter
- Letter of Recommendation
- Copy of certificate of departure
- Transcript of records (TOR)
- Language Certificate (for English ask Petra Dießel)
- Description of study plan abroad
- For ERASMUS: Learning Agreement
- Sometimes interviews

**Internships Abroad** 

### Internships

- Always self-organized
- Ask professors if they know about interesting projects in their field abroad.
- Get contact to alumni through Petra Dießel or CogSci groups
- Get your "Request of Approval" signed
- ERASMUS financial support for internships
- Find internship offers & stipends on the internet...
- ... or take the initiative and contact a research lab

- RISE worldwide
- MITACS globalink
- OIST
- ...

Register internship & acceptance to program with Petra Dießel

### DAAD RISE worldwide

- Research internships at universities worldwide
- Full scholarship
- Reimbursement of travel costs
- Insurance
- 3 applications possible

https://www.daad.de/rise/de/rise-weltweit/praktikum-finden/bewerberportal/

### MITACS globalink

- DAAD's Canadian partner
- Application through MITACS
- Stipend provided by DAAD and MITACS (~800-1.000€ per month)
- Generally same stipend as DAAD worldwide
- No work permit required anymore for internships in Canada
- Min. requirement: average grade 2.9
- Start of internship: May 1st July 15th (latest date for German students)

RISE: 2 applications + MITACS: 7 applications

http://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/globalink/globalink-research-internship

### Research Internship @ Okinawa Institute of Science (OIST)

- Japanese Island between Japan & Taiwan
- Topics in Neurobiology, Biochemistry, Neuroinformatics, Machine Learning,...
- Duration: 2-6 months, typically 10-12 weeks
- Flexible start and end dates
- Living allowance 2,400 JPY ~20€ per day
- Commuting and accommodation support
- Travel cost reimbursement

https://groups.oist.jp/grad/research-interns

### **Even more options...**

Find more information on finding and financing internships check out the International Office's website & visit their information talks.

https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/studium/studium\_und\_praktikum\_im\_ausland/auslandspraktika/foerderung.html#c970

### **Application Deadlines - Studying**

HS Partnerschaft & ERASMUS	Deadline <b>January</b>
Institut Partnerschaft	Deadline <b>January</b>
Self-organized stay	At least <b>1 year</b> in advance
Fulbright - Travel Stipend	For 19/20 - November 2018 to <b>January 2019</b>
Fulbright - Study Scholarship	For 19/20 - deadline <b>July 23rd 2018</b>
ERASMUS - Internship financial support	At least <b>6 weeks</b> in advance
Auslands BAFöG	6 months in advance
Mobility Grants	November 30th & April 30th

### **Application Deadlines - Internships**

Self-organised stay	At least <b>1 year</b> in advance
DAAD RISE worldwide	November 1st - <b>December 15th 2018</b>
MITACS Globalink	End of July 2018 - September 2018
OIST	~5 months in advance
ERASMUS - Internship financial support	At least <b>6 weeks</b> in advance
Auslands BAFöG	<b>6 months</b> in advance

### **Preparation**

- Start planning early
  - Application documents
  - o VISA
  - University forms
  - Accommodation
  - Financial Support
  - Travel plans
- Attend all information events and ask for help
- Read the reports
- Contact alumni-travellers
- Register for language tests early (if needed)
- Important for completely self-organised internships: some sponsors want you to apply with them before finding an internship, some want you to already have one.

- Application forms
- CV
- Language proof
- Visa
- Work Permit
- Matriculation Certificate
- Transcript of Records
- Motivational Letter
- Letter of Recommendation
- Request of Approval
- Learning Agreement
- Proof of Completion
- Travel Insurance
- ...

### **Contacts**

### IKW Webpage

https://www.ikw.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/courses\_of\_study/semester\_abroad/aktuelle\_informationen.html

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# Any Questions?

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Thanks for your attention!