



## BeBuddy-Newsletter 10/2021

### 1) Get inspired by Mohamed Alhaskir's story: Awardee of the DAAD prize 2021

The award from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), worth 1000 euros, honors outstanding international students at German universities. Mohamed, born in Syria, completed his Bachelor's degree in biology at RWTH; currently, he is working on his Master's thesis. The outstanding is currently active as a "buddy" in our BeBuddy program, a role in which he supports newly enrolled international students with settling into university life. He also worked for AEGEE Aachen as a tutor and as a member of UNICEF Aachen, he organized fundraising campaigns for children in need. 2020 he co-founded NeuroTX Aachen. NeuroTX Aachen does amazing stuff with brain signal processing and its translation into real-world practical engineering applications such as brain-computer interface. See more here: <https://www.neurotx.de/learn/>



Photo: Andreas Schmitter, (from left): Henriette Finsterbusch, head of the RWTH International Office; DAAD Prize recipient Mohamed Alhaskir; Professor Ulrich Rüdiger, rector of RWTH Aachen University.



## 2) Tips for International Students - How do I finance my studies in Germany?

Good question, right? ☺ The so-called [Deutsches Studentenwerk](#) uploaded a video for you to get more information on that topic. The [video](#) explains requirements and options for financing studying in Germany for international students. It explains legal restrictions in the area of jobbing, and provides practical tips for planning your studies in Germany. Click [here](#) for the German version of the video.

## 3) Founders' Bootcamp by RWTH Innovation, October 26, 9 am – 8 pm

Are you an international founder and want to learn more about your options and potential support in the city of Aachen? Then join the Founders' Bootcamp! The workshop day is free of charge and takes place online on October 26, 9am-8pm.

The agenda includes information on funding opportunities, how to build a startup team, business model robustness checks with experienced consultants, a panel discussion with successful international founders as well as a networking opportunity at the end of the day during the founders' round table. Find out more about the event and register via this link: <https://app.collaeb.io/events/founders-bootcamp/AXYP81ZrEQ>

## 4) To all our local Buddies: We need you ☺

The new winter term 2021/2022 has just started. A new exciting phase, especially for all our new international freshmen! Many of them signed up for the BeBuddy program as a mentee, now waiting to be matched with a Buddy – like you? ;-)

If you're interested in supporting a new international student and you're mostly on site in Aachen, please update your Buddy profile in the database so we can match you with a mentee. You can also write us an email to [bebuddy@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:bebuddy@rwth-aachen.de) with your dates of availability and the amount of mentees you would like to support.

Of course, being trained as a buddy is a prerequisite for that ☺

Also, if you have friends who would like to become active as a buddy, please spread the word. We are always looking for new volunteers. The only thing they have to do is to pass the virtual BeBuddy training. **Being at least in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and German language skills on a B1 level are obligatory.** If they fulfill these prerequisites, they are welcome to register for the BeBuddy training via email to [dominika.dudzik@zhv.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:dominika.dudzik@zhv.rwth-aachen.de).

We look forward to hear from you!



## 5) Meet Aachen Consulting Club e.V.

"Meet Aachen Consulting Club e.V." is a free webinar everyone can join. This is a public event to introduce the association Aachen Consulting Club e.V. and share insights from the consulting field with you. The goal of the student association is to provide workshops, training, and networking opportunities for students in the region of Aachen; hence, giving them a competitive edge in joining global and local consulting companies.

All students interested in establishing a career in the consulting fields are welcome to join the events, develop desired skill sets and their network, and enhance their experience on campus.

At the end of the event, they will also share the current openings in the club. Aachen Consulting Club is constantly recruiting people who are self-motivated and have strong problem-solving skills. Grab this chance to join their exciting journey of exploring the consulting field together with a diverse and international team!

Sign up [here](#).

## 6) Are you ready for the Innovation Days 2021 in Aachen? (Nov 3-5, 2021)

The Innovation Days will be held throughout Europe and offer the perfect opportunity to develop new and innovative solutions for challenges in the healthcare sector in intercultural and multidisciplinary teams. During the three-day interactive online event, you will learn new creative methods of "Design Thinking" and meet other motivated students!

For the fourth time in a row the Innovation Days are organized by the University of Cologne, Gateway Exzellenz Start-up Center of the University of Cologne, and IMA of the RWTH Aachen University in cooperation with companies, startups and innovation projects.

You will be guided by coaches and benefit from the experience and expertise of motivated entrepreneurs from different start-ups like LenioBio and nevisQ!

Interested? Students of all disciplines and degrees (Bachelor, Master and PhD) are invited to participate to bring the broad range of ideas and clever solutions to the competition.

The online event will take place between 03.-05.11.2021.

Register now for the Innovation Day 2021 under <https://alumni.eithealth.eu/events/65066>

Please remember to choose the "RWTH Aachen University" as location!

The Innovation Day 2021 Team is looking forward to meeting you and your ideas!

For further questions, please contact them: [i-days2021@ima.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:i-days2021@ima.rwth-aachen.de)



## 7) Newcomer Evening IAESTE Aachen (Oct 13, 8pm)

The IAESTE team organizes free internships abroad for students in and around Aachen. We also support international interns here in Aachen and plan events with them.

If you want to get to know better how exactly they work as a student initiative, where you can help us and what you can learn from them, join them to their information event on Wednesday, October 13th at Café Papillon (Pontstraße 151, Aachen), 8pm! The group will give a short presentation about IAESTE's work and will be happy to drink a beer together with you afterwards.

### **Have a successful start of the semester!**

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