



BeBuddy-Newsletter November 2023

1) RWTH Science Night (Wissenschaftsnacht) on Nov 10th

On Friday, November 10, RWTH will open its doors to the public for a special evening of science entertainment. From 7pm through midnight, attendees can discover exciting topics and findings at RWTH in lectures and experiment booths and look over the shoulders of researchers. This year, there will a particular focus on the topics of energy, artificial intelligence, and math, presented in lectures and exhibitions. Of course, attendees have the opportunity to discover exciting topics and findings from other fields as well: The program features about 30 talks and 60 scientific exhibits, promising audiences many thrilling and entertaining moments with live experiments, musical performances, and tours through many University facilities.

The event takes place in C.A.R.L and the admission is free. [Here](#), you can find more information.

2) “How to Successfully Negotiate My Salary” – Workshop for female students

What am I worth and how do I successfully negotiate my salary at the start of a job? The first salary negotiation can be challenging. Studies show that even in highly qualified fields, female graduates start out with lower salaries than male graduates do – twelve per cent on average – and despite often better qualifications and grades. And this income gap increases year by year. But you can avoid the gender pay gap: With good preparation and the right strategy. In this four-hour workshop, female students and graduates learn what is important in salary negotiations. They learn suitable arguments and strategies – and why they should always keep an eye on salary developments in the long run.

The workshop is offered by the Equal Opportunities Office and will be held online on Dec 7th, 2023 (Thursday), 14:00 h - 18:00 h. More information on how to register can be found [here](#).

3) Scholarship for Completing Studies for international students

The RWTH Aachen International Office can grant "Studienabschluss" scholarships to complete your studies as part of the DAAD funding program STIBET I with funds from the German Foreign



Office. This "Studienabschluss" scholarship funds the academic success of qualified international students, who are in the final phase of their studies.

RWTH students are eligible if they

- are completing a degree program at RWTH, have foreign citizenship, and are "(Bildungsausländer)", meaning they earned their university entrance qualification at a school outside Germany, with the exception of German schools abroad
- are in the final period of their studies and will graduate within twelve months (from the start of funding)
- are living in Germany during this final period
- are in financial difficulties during the final phase of their studies
- can provide proof of a good average grade (at least 2.5)

This short-term scholarship is granted for five months with a stipend of 500 Euros per month. Scholarship recipients will find out by mail if they have been selected or not. The deadline to apply is November 30th, 2023. [Here](#), you can find more information.

4) **Scam Alert – our new website is online!**

The RWTH International office noticed in recent years that more and more international students become victims of scammers when looking for an apartment, a job or a service. This is not only frustrating, but can also be very expensive and can get you into a lot of trouble, especially financially. The International Office Info Service Center is always here to help you if you are unsure or get into trouble. [Here](#), we have collected some information and tips on how to recognize fraud attempts.

5) **Panel discussion on wellbeing & mental health for international students – Save the date: Dec 4th, 5pm**

Do you feel lonely, stressed, demotivated or constantly tired? Do you struggle with the stress caused by coming to a new country, having to adapt to a different education system or finding the right way to



prepare for your exams? Or do you know somebody who does? Daily life pressure can cause emotional distress, depression and can have many other consequences. In our podium discussion you will have the chance to listen to stories, ask questions and get to know institutions at RWTH who will help you (or your friends) out if you find yourself struggling and not finding the way out. The event is organized not only for those with problems, but for those of you just interested in the topic as well.

When? 4th Dec 2023 at 5 pm

Where? SuperC, 6th floor, Generali Saal

Language: English

6) Welcome to the Day of Student Initiatives (TdsI)

Do you want to get involved, drive extraordinary projects forward and meet new people? Then come along! At the TdsI on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, you will have the opportunity to get to know many different initiatives at RWTH Aachen University and their projects from 10 to 5pm.

The TdsI takes place in the foyer of the C.A.R.L. Each initiative will introduce its projects, present its models and encourage participation. You can get in direct contact with the student initiatives, ask questions, examine prototypes and network or simply have a coffee and stroll through the stands. Whether you are interested in technology, culture, international affairs, sport, careers or social issues, at TdsI you will find the initiative that suits you.

[Here](#), you can find an overview over RWTH's student initiatives.

That is all for November. Soon, Christmas market in Aachen is about to start....hohoho!

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