



BeBuddy-Newsletter 09/2022

1) Buddies needed for the winter term

It is not too late to update your buddy profile in order to get a mentee for the winter term 2022/2023. 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. Please update your Buddy profile in the database so we can match you with a mentee and/ or write an email to 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.

If you have already updated your profile but have not been matched yet, please write us an email as a reminder.

If you have been a mentee in the past and would like to become a buddy yourself feel free to apply on our [website](#). The only thing you have to do is to pass the virtual BeBuddy training. **Being at least in the 2nd semester and German language skills on a B1 level are obligatory.** If you fulfill these prerequisites, you are welcome to register for the BeBuddy training via email to Chiara.weber@zhv.rwth-aachen.de

We look forward to hear from you!

2) Support service for house-hunting at the International Office of RWTH

The start of winter term is approaching and is the busiest season when it comes to house-hunting. Looking for accommodation in September and October can be quite the challenge for many new students in Aachen, especially international newcomers.

The International Office supports its international students and researchers at RWTH Aachen University with house-hunting in and around Aachen. You can find information and the extensive Housing Guide at www.rwth-aachen.de/housing.

Beware of housing scams!

1. If it looks too good to be true, it probably is. Scammers usually offer flats for a seemingly low monthly rent.



2. Every attempt to see the flat will be declined. Scammers will not offer you to see the place via video-call or in person.
3. Securing the flat before seeing it. Scammers request payments to secure the flat due to “high demand”. They may promise a refund in case you do not like the property.
4. Do not trust a copy of a passport and do not send yours. Scammers usually use a stolen identity and will decline any telephone or video call.
5. If they cannot prove they are the owner, they probably are not. A lease contract draft does not prove the legitimacy of an offer. Scammers will usually provide foreign bank details.

Our Housing Guide is available for tips on how to recognize and avoid scams at www.rwth-aachen.de/housing. Any doubt on an offer? Contact our International Office before acting on it.

Pro-tip! Subscribe to our Newsletter to keep up-to-date about housing-related topics (availabilities, private offers, events, etc.): <https://lists.rwth-aachen.de/.../int-housing.lists.rwth.../>

3) RWTH Aachen University rewards dedication with the prize for internationalization - IntSpire

With more than 11,000 students and 900 researchers with an international background, lived internationality is a central aspect of the university landscape at RWTH Aachen University. With the award of the IntSpire prize, which is endowed with 500 Euros, RWTH Aachen University wants to make visible and honour people and institutions that have made an extraordinary contribution to the internationalization of RWTH Aachen University in their professional lives.

Nominations of individuals or organizations can be submitted in the proposal phase from September 01, 2022 to October 15, 2022.

Once again, we congratulate the 2021 award winner Professor Weiskirchen and thank him for his commitment.

Further information can be found at: www.rwth-aachen.de/intspire

4) AStA Open House - Tour with the student representation

What does AStA stand for and what does the university-wide student representation actually do?



The AStA represents your interests in dealings with the university, the city, and other external stakeholders, organizes cultural events, gives counsel and information to students, and advocates for a more sustainable university. This is made possible by many volunteers from the student body.

On Sept. 30, you can meet the people at AStA and find out what the student representation does to support you during your studies.

When? 10-12 am

Where? At the entrance of the Mensa Academica, Pontwall 3

We look forward to seeing you!

That is all for September. Enjoy the last days of summer; we hope to see you soon!

Chiara Weber, Buse Karagöz, Luis Jamora and Aladdin Tebib from the BeBuddy Team

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