



## BeBuddy-Newsletter May 2024

### 1) Diversity Days – Everyone welcome at RWTH!

From May 27 to June 6, RWTH invites everyone to participate in the “Diversity Days”. This program celebrates diversity and raises awareness about equal opportunities, respectful interaction, and creating a discrimination-free environment. There is a lot to explore - discussion evenings, lectures, film screenings, concerts, exhibitions and workshops. Maybe you are interested in how to engage everyone while speaking, but you're not sure how? In that case, you should consider joining the Enhance Alliance training.

Most of the workshops are conducted in German, but some will be in English. In order to participate, you need to sign up beforehand. Check out the [website](#) for details and let the program inspire you. This event is organized by IGaD (Inclusion, Gender, and Diversity Management) in collaboration with various RWTH institutions.

### 2) DAAD Prize – A reward for your hard work

Are you an international student following your studies with good grades? And at the same time, you manage to be engaged in social and intercultural activities, such as voluntary work in RWTH student associations?

If you find yourself nodding your head with every word you read, then this is for you. All your effort could be rewarded with the DAAD Prize, €1000 sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and a delightful photo at our upcoming Welcome Week 2024. Please note that you cannot apply directly for this prize: you must be nominated by an official RWTH student association. A selection committee will choose the award winner from all the submitted nominations.

Eligible candidates are only international students enrolled in a regular degree program at RWTH Aachen, primarily residing in Germany. You also should be in an advanced stage of your studies, (Bachelor: at least 3rd semester, Master: at least 2nd semester). Also, recent graduates (within 3 months) or doctoral students at RWTH Aachen University, have a chance as well.

Interested? Then gather your documents and contact an eligible university institution such as faculties, student organizations, RWTH student associations, or the student union ASa / AV. This



nominating institution must submit your documents along with a brief nomination letter to Ms. Leonie Hafen (leonie.hafen@zhv.rwth-aachen.de).

For more details and required documents, please visit the [website](#). The **deadline for the nominations is May 31, 2024**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Hafen.

### 3) The International Office is looking for new tutors

#### a) FTBA- program Tutor:

Ever heard of the incredible FTBA program? As you may know, international students usually need a University Entrance Certificate for Germany to start their studies. However, exceptionally talented students admitted into the "Fast-Track-Bachelor-Admission" (FTBA) program get a head start on their Bachelor's degree. These students could use some help navigating the academic landscape. That's where you come in!

As a tutor, you work in a team of two to three people to support FTBA students through weekly small group tutorials conducted in the German language. The goal? Providing professional support, assisting with first semester study planning, helping them acclimate to RWTH's teaching and learning system, and support them through exercises, exams, and exam registrations.

If you are interested, you can learn more about the specific requirements, working hours, payment details, and contact information on our [website](#). The application deadline is **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Good luck!

#### b) Peer Success Coach at RWTH International Office:

Remember what it was like as a new student wishing for some guidance? The role of a Peer Success Coach is here to provide just that to new students!

The International Office at RWTH is currently seeking 4-6 motivated students to join the Peer Success Coaching Program. As a Peer Success Coach, you will play a crucial role in supporting new international students during their transition to university life at RWTH. This may include helping them navigate course requirements, offering study tips, and assisting with academic resources.

Curious about the specifics? Visit the following [website](#) for details on requirements, contact information, working hours, and payment. The deadline to apply is **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Students of all backgrounds, nationalities, and genders are encouraged to apply. The International Office is excited to receive your applications and hopefully welcome you to the international team!



#### 4) Open-Air Poetry Slam

Looking to test or improve your German skills, or just want to join a fun outdoor event? Then mark your calendar for [the Open-Air Poetry Slam](#) in front of the ITC Cubes on June 4th! Five of Germany's top poetry slammers will gather on the lawn in front of the Cubes. Not sure what a poetry slam is? No worries—it's a unique blend of poetry featuring funny storytelling, political humor, and emotional narratives. Each performer has six minutes to captivate you—the audience—with their original texts. You decide who takes home the prize! The lineup includes: Malte Küppers, Julius Keinath, Kim Catrin, René Greschert, and Kamila.

**Date:** June 4, 7 pm

**Location:** Lawn in front of the ITC Cubes, Kopernikusstraße 16

**Please bring** blankets or camping chairs for seating. Cool drinks will be provided on site.

#### 5) New BeBuddy team member

Greetings to everyone! I'm Leonie Hafen, stepping in as the official substitute for Dominika Lichtevelde during her maternity leave. I'm thrilled to take over the program coordination for a while and I look forward to getting to know some of you.

For any questions about the BeBuddy programme, please contact us as usual [bebuddy@rwth-aachen.de](mailto:bebuddy@rwth-aachen.de), if you want to contact me personally, you should write an email to: [leonie.hafen@zhv.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:leonie.hafen@zhv.rwth-aachen.de) or call me: +49 241 8090842.

**That's all for May. Have a great month and enjoy the next days of sun!**

Leonie Hafen, Betül Yildiz and Baran Peltek from the BeBuddy Team

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