

# BeBuddy-Newsletter 04/2021

### 1) Alternatives to guided campus tours for our new international students

During the Welcome Week for new international students, the International Office usually offers on-site guided Campus Tours carried out by committed Welcome Week volunteers. Due to the latest developments of the pandemic in Aachen, the on-site Campus Tours of this summer term had to be cancelled. However, the International Office has created two alternative on-site options, which you should recommend your mentee or even try out as a Buddy/Mentee Team! ©

1) Free Campus Tour Audioguide & Map: just download the tracks, put your earphones on and wander around the central Campus while getting information on RWTH. The audioguide and map are available for download on the Campus and Library Tour <u>website</u>.

2) Free interactive Campus Rally via <u>Actionbound</u>: get the Actionbound App (free), create your team, get to the different stations and try to get the best score possible by answering quiz questions about RWTH.

#### Pro-Tip: Actionbound Competition until 30 April!

Try your chance to win prizes like RWTH Shop vouchers for you and your team by sending in the following material to <u>welcomeweek@rwth-aachen.de</u> by 30 April:

- name of your team
- screenshot of your Actionbound score
- photo of your team in front of the first station (Super C)
- photo of your team in front of the last station (Uniklinik)

We are looking forward to receiving your contributions, good luck!

#### 2) Programming online courses for refugees and international students for free

To prepare you in the best possible way for your studies, the RWTH International offers in cooperation with the Chair of Algebra and Representation Theory at RWTH Aachen University free intensive programming courses. You will learn the basics of a programming



language in a playful and example-oriented way. Programming, IT and software development increasingly permeate numerous academic professions, a basic understanding is therefore necessary. The course will thus facilitate your entry into a (technically or scientifically oriented) study program at RWTH Aachen University.

### Aim of the course

- Preparation for studies at a German university
- Learning to program
- Confident handling of the computer
- Getting to know the RWTH Aachen University

### Dates

The course will be held online from 5/15/2021 to 6/24/2021 in two groups on Saturdays (10am-1pm) and Thursdays (11am-3pm). Please specify your group preference when registering.

Language requirement: at least B1

## Registration by April 31, 2021 with a copy of your residence permit and B1 language certificate via email to <u>flucht@rwth-aachen.de</u>

Person in charge: Prof. Dr. Ghislain Fourier For questions regarding the content of the course, please contact programmierkurs@art.rwthaachen.de

## 3) The IntSpire 2020 prize is awarded to the Institute of General Mechanics for its dedication to internationalization at RWTH Aachen

Rector Professor Ulrich Rüdiger awarded the IntSpire 2020 prize, endowed with €500, to the Institute of General Mechanics directed by Professor Markert on 11 March 2021. The jury unanimously selected this year's prize winner from a total of 31 very strong nominations. The welcoming culture, the international working environment, and intercultural exchanges in projects were all factors that convinced the jury to award the Institute with the Intspire Prize. For example, their partnership with Mexican university Tecnológico de Monterrey enables



students to spend time in the country. Further information about the prize can be found at: www.rwth-aachen.de/intspire. The International Office warmly congratulates Professor Markert and his team and looks forward to receiving nominations for IntSpire 2021!

## 4) AIESEC Youth Career Day 2021

Are you about to start your career? Or are you looking for the right internship? Or is it simply the working student job you need right now? Then AIESEC's Youth Career Day is the right place for you!

The virtual career fair on 11.05.2020 from 10am-4pm offers lectures, workshops, panel discussions and individual interviews with 60 exciting companies from different industries. E.g. Deutsche Bahn AG,HUK-COBURG insurance group, Audible GmbH an Amazon company, ING-DiBa AG, BERG Personalmanagement GmbH etc..

You have the opportunity to get in touch with your potential future employer and to discuss entry and career opportunities. Furthermore, you can attend workshops and lectures that interest you. The choice is yours.

The whole thing is 100% virtual and of course free of charge for you.

You can find more information on our website. https://www.aiesec.de/youth-career-day

Feel free to register under this link!

### 5) RWTH Innovation announces: The International Entrepreneurship Office is online

This goes to the international founders in Aachen or to those who want to become one: We are online! Visit us on the new <u>info website</u> of the International Entrepreneurship Office by RWTH Innovation. Here you can find out about our services and read the most frequently asked questions by international founders in Aachen. Find out how international founders in Germany/Aachen can get startup funding and what are the most important steps of founding a company in Germany. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact



the team via <u>international@rwth-innovation.de</u>. We will be happy to connect you with our competent partner network.

### 6) Online-Training: Memory Strategies for International Students

You need to learn a lot of material for your upcoming exams and don't know where to start? You keep repeating the material but have trouble recalling what you have studied? And what you knew by heart the day before yesterday is forgotten today?

Then register for this free of charge online course offered by the RWTH Student Advice Centre.

Date: Thursdays, 29.04. and 06.05.2021, 09:30 - 12:30 a.m.

### Content:

- Information on how your memory works
- Techniques and strategies for improving recall
- Improving the depth of processing and retention
- Improving your learning efficiency

**Registration** starts on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6pm. More information on the requirements and the registration process can be found <u>here</u>.

### Enjoy the rest of April and its crazy weather! ©

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