

### Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Information for Partner Institutions & Prospective Exchange Students



Address Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Dezernat 2/International Office

Universitätsstr. 150 44801 Bochum Germany

Internet Address http://www.rub.de

Erasmus Code D Bochum 01

EUC Number 29880

# **Application and Nomination Deadline**

Winter Semester (start: October) 15<sup>th</sup> June
Summer Semester (start: April) 15<sup>th</sup> December

# **Application Procedure**

#### Application

- The partner university sends an official nomination via post, email or e-nomination.
- The student completes the pre-enrolment process online (the link is sent to him/her via email)
- 3. The student sends the required documents listed on our website:

http://international.rub.de/gaststudis/programme/index.html.de

Learning Agreement

If a student's home university requires a Learning Agreement to be signed before the beginning of the exchange, please include the Learning Agreement in the application package. Students who are required to hand in a Learning Agreement to their home university after having started the exchange at RUB should bring it with them and have it signed by the coordinator at RUB after arrival.

### **Academic Information**

Semester Dates Winter Semester 2015/16: 1st October, 2015 – 31st March, 2016

Summer Semester 2016: 1st April, 2016 – 30th September, 2016

Lecture Period Winter Semester 2015/16: 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 – 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

Summer Semester 2016: 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 – 22<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

**Examination Period** The dates for exams are set by the different faculties. Usually

exams take place in the last week of lectures or the week after,

but they can also take place later (e.g. in Engineering).

Course Catalogue http://international.rub.de/gaststudis/ankunft/studienorganisation.html.en

**Language Proficiency** Most of the courses at RUB are taught in German. There are

courses in English that are published in our International Course Catalogue. Students should have a good knowledge of German, at

least level B2 for courses taught in German.

**Language courses** During the term exchange students have the chance to attend

German language courses free of charge:

http://www.daf.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/sbgk/index.html.en

**Credit System** The courses at RUB are credited with credit points (CP).

I CP is equal to I ECTS.

**Grading System** RUB uses the German grades from I-5 (I = very good, 5 = fail)

There are some faculties using percentages (0-100%)

Master's Thesis / Project For students who intend on doing project work or a Master's

thesis at RUB, it is important to establish contact with a supervisor at RUB before arrival. The International Office can help find a supervisor. In order to contact the right department, we need to

know which subject the project will be carried out in.

**Tuition Fees** There are no tuition fees but each student pays a semester

contribution fee (approx. € 295 per semester) which includes

a travel ticket for public transport.

**SEITE** 2 | 4

### Accommodation

The International Office offers a special service for exchange students from partner universities. Students can book accommodation for the duration of their exchange (I-2 semesters). Since the International Office can only reserve a limited number of rooms for exchange students, early registration and flexibility is useful. Information on reservation can be found here:

http://international.rub.de/gaststudis/accommodation/wohnheimzimmer.html.en

### **Arrival and Enrolment**

Enrolment The exact date and time for exchange students' enrolment at RUB

will be announced after arrival.

Pick-up Service The student group 'Erasmus Student Network' (ESN) offers a pick-

up service for new exchange students at the beginning of each semester. Information about the pick-up service will be sent with

the booking confirmation for the accommodation.

Orientation Course Every Winter Semester we offer an Orientation Course for

exchange students including a language course and social activities. The course starts three weeks before the lecture period officially begins (mid-September). The price for the course is  $\leqslant$  370 and there are a limited number of places. Exchange students who

are eligible will receive an invitation via email.

Orientation Week At the beginning of every semester, there is an Orientation Week

for international students where they can meet other students and receive important information. Exchange students will be informed

about this offer via email.

# **Estimated Living Costs (in € per month)**

Accommodation Between € 260 and € 400 in a dormitory

Between € 300 and € 500 in a private apartment

Food Approx. € 150 Euros Academic Expenses Approx. € 40 Euros

Personal Expenses Approx. € 150 Euros (depending on personal needs)

Health Insurance Approx. € 80

Visa Requirements and Residence Permits

Citizens of the European Union do not need a visa for Germany. Citizens from other countries need to check with the Federal Foreign Office to see whether they need a visa or not. The incoming student is responsible for obtaining the visa. Information can be found at:

http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Startseite\_node.html

To apply for a visa after arrival the student has to bring proof of finances.

After arrival, each student who is staying for more than 3 months has to register at the City of Bochum.

#### Health Insurance

Students from European countries who have the "European Health Insurance Card" do not need to take out health insurance in Germany. Students from Turkey can bring the form "TA II" from their own health insurance company. Students from outside Europe can register for German student health insurance that costs approx. € 80 per month.

#### **Bank Account**

We recommend that students open a German bank account to make payments such as the rent and the semester contribution fee easy. A bank account for students is usually free of charge.

# The City of Bochum and the Ruhr Area

Information about the City of Bochum and the Ruhr area can be found here:

http://www.rub.de/universitaet/campus-und-kultur/bochum-metropole-ruhr/index\_en.html



SEITE 3 | 4 SEITE 4 | 4