

„hello, world“

Initial information about the stay abroad
- studies and internship

Many Questions

Agenda

WHY	Personal, intercultural and academic development
WHAT	Study, internship, thesis, language course
WHERE	Country, university, company
WHEN	Time and duration, leave of absence
HOW	Exchange programme or freemover
HOW MUCH	Costs, financing
WHEREOF/FOR WHAT	Study projects, academic accreditation
IMPORTANT	Language skills, visa, insurance, ...
CONCRETELY	Partnerships of the Faculty of Engineering





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Further development in many aspects

Personal	independence and self-confidence
Intercultural	language and culture
Academic	other education system, expertise and perspectives (contacts)



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Study abroad

1-2 semesters as part of the FAU program

Planning period approximately 1,5 years

Summer / Winter School

1-4 weeks with program, mostly with costs

Thesis, project work, research paper

Language course

Internship abroad

Special features in comparison to studies

Planning period approximately 12 months

WHERE

Which country?



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Pay attention when choosing the host country:

- System of higher education
- Own language skills
- Visa requirements
- Financing/Programs
- Experience reports
- Working conditions (internship)
- Work permit (internship)

WHEN

How long?



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- The penultimate semester of your BSc- or MSc-program is preferred
- **TIP: Study abroad your electives**
- Semester of the final thesis (supervision must be provided by FAU)
- Usually one to two semesters
- Internships for Erasmus+ grants at least 60 days
- Possibly take a semester off
- **Please note: Semester times abroad may be different from those at FAU**

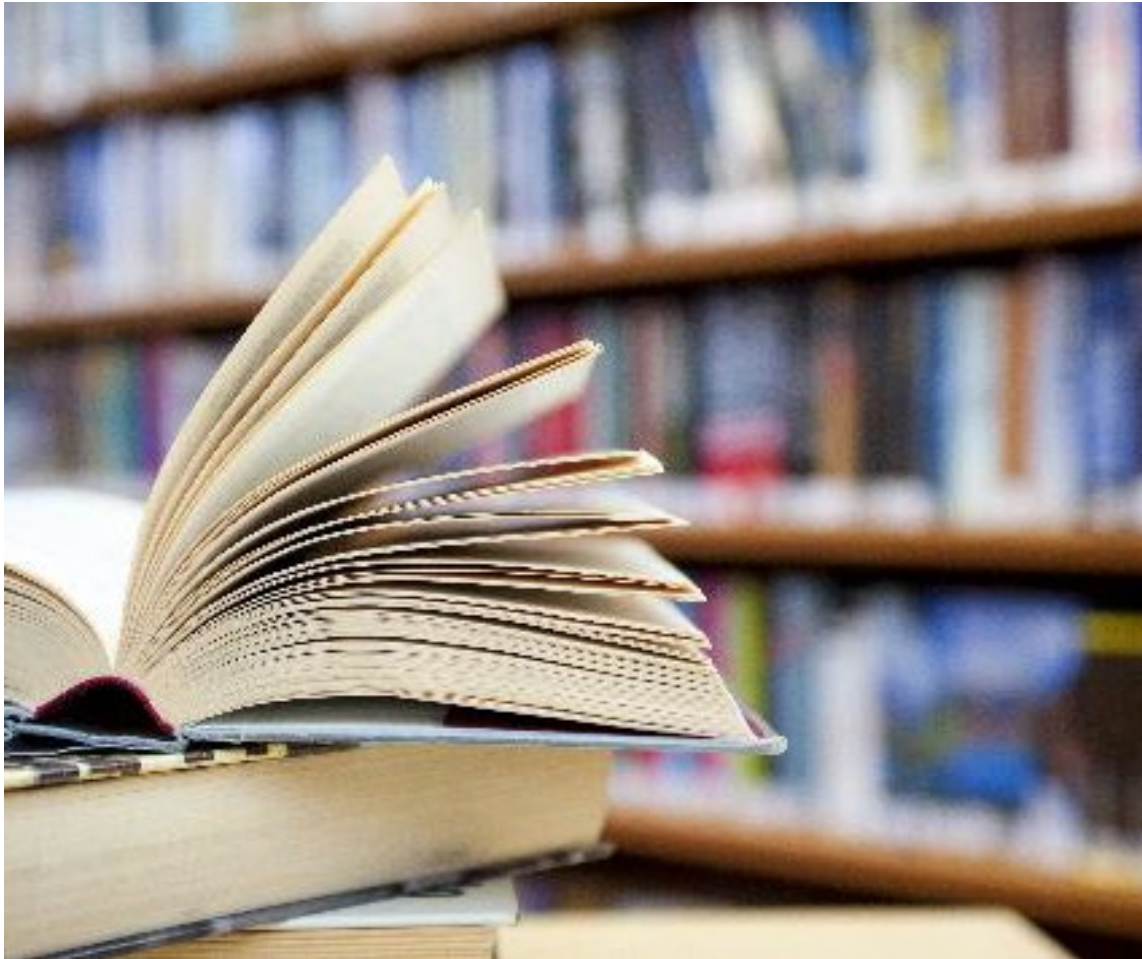
WHEN

Study leave



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- 1-2 semesters of the standard period of study
- Reason for study leave
- Stay abroad must not be an integral part of the study program
- in the case of a study leave, the Studierendenwerk and VGN fee must still be paid
- Application at the Student Office by the beginning of the lecture period:
- Application: <https://www.fau.de/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2025/10/Antrag-auf-Beurlaubung.pdf>
- Study leave policy: https://www.doc.zuv.fau.de//L1/Regelungen_zum_Studium/Immatrikulation,_Rueckmeldung,_Beurlaubung,_Exmatrikulation/Richtlinien-Beurlaubung-Studium_Englisch.pdf
- Certificate of admission or enrolment from the foreign university or internship contract
- During the study leave, no FAU examination papers can be submitted
- **Exception: re-examination**
- Please note: Academic achievements completed abroad can also be credited to the FAU program if they were completed during a semester of study leave



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- With university program (partner universities)
 - ☺ As an exchange student, many costs are eliminated and low organizational effort
 - ☹ The choice of partnerships is limited
- As a freemover (universities worldwide, no partner university)
Individually organized or with an agency
(e.g. AIFS, ASIA EXCHANGE, COLLEGE CONTACT, GOBali, GOSTRALIA-GOMERICA, Inst. RANKE-HEINEMANN, MAGOO, etc.)
- Especially for research work abroad: use contacts of the chairs
- Search for internships independently
- Info of FAU including internship offers:
<https://www.fau.eu/studying/organizing-your-studies-and-where-to-go-for-advice/going-abroad/work-experience-abroad/finding-internships-abroad/>

HOW

Which university? (For Study)



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- Course offer
- Experience reports
- Especially relevant for freemovers:
 - Search e.g. using the DAAD database <https://www.daad.de/de/laenderinformationen/> (in German only)
 - Criteria are country criteria, quality of the university (unirankings or <http://anabin.kmk.org> (in German only)), costs, admission requirements, housing options



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4 Ways

1. Direct partnerships of FAU:

Many countries worldwide

[\(https://www.fau.eu/education/international/going-abroad/studying-abroad/fau-exchange/\)](https://www.fau.eu/education/international/going-abroad/studying-abroad/fau-exchange/)

➔ RIA: FAU International Service: mobility@fau.de

2. Direct partnerships of TECH:

https://www.tf.fau.eu/studying/international/going-abroad/#collapse_1

e.g. Australia, China, Chile, Israel, Colombia, Japan, South Korea

➔ StIB: TF student information and advice: tf-stib@fau.de

3. ERASMUS PLUS-Partnerships: see websites of the departments

➔ Erasmus Coordinators at the Departments: CBI (Dr. Hilbig), EEI (Dr. Carlowitz), INF (Dr. Benenson), MT (C. Barnickel), MB (Dr. Kreis), WW (R. Schuster)

4. Special case WING and IP:

➔ All applications centrally to the International Office of WISO
<https://ib.wiso.fau.de/en/outgo/>

HOW

Issues for internships/placements



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- Independent internship search
 - Placement agencies (check costs/performances!)
 - IAESTE LC Erlangen (deadline: begin of January for summer):
Placements worldwide, free of charge:
<http://iaeste.de/erlangen-en>
 - Databases (e.g. also employment agency), internship exchanges, advertisements e.g. on the FAU- website:
<https://www.fau.eu/studying/organizing-your-studies-and-where-to-go-for-advice/going-abroad/work-experience-abroad/finding-internships-abroad>
 - Search and unsolicited application on the internet
 - Contacts of chairs/professors, parents and friends
- Application (possibly country-specific)
- Contract (highly recommended), earnings, job reference
- ERASMUS+ funding possible in Europe (contact RIA)

HOW

Application basics and deadlines



Please note that some deadlines are very early!! Application for WS and the following SoSe!!

- **TECH direct partner universities: 15 November**
 - **TECH Erasmus+ partner universities: Departments: Computer Science 1.12., Mechanical Engineering 15.12., EEI + CBI + Medical Engineering 15.1., WW 1.2.**
 - **WISO partner universities:** usually 1 December
 - **FAU partner universities:** 15 November 2026: for stays in WS 2027/28 and/or SoSe 2028
31 May 2027: places remaining free after first deadline for stays in SoSe 2028
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- Exchange studies at partner universities:
Application to the coordinators of the programs or online (see above)
 - Exchange studies as a freemover:
Application directly at the university of your choice or through an employment agency (other application deadlines)
 - Internship: Ongoing application directly to the company or via commercial internship agencies (application deadlines may apply)
Application for ERASMUS+ Internship Support (Europe) to mobility@fau.de

1. Application documents (all documents in ENGLISH):

- ✓ Tabular CV
- ✓ Enrollment certificate
- ✓ Letter of motivation (approx. 1-2 pages)
- ✓ Proof of language skills (DAAD language certificate is usually sufficient, available through a mobility test at the Language Center of the FAU (<https://sz.fau.eu/examinations/mobility-tests/>) or TOEFL)
- ✓ Performance record (university and copy of the Abitur certificate)
- ✓ Report from a university lecturer certifying your suitability for studying abroad (special form)
- ✓ Copy of the German identity card or the residence confirmation or the certificate of free movement

2. Filling in the online application: <https://www.apps.tf.fau.de/anmeldung/partnerunis/?lang=en>

by 15 November

3. Nomination by StIB/SSC: December or January

4. Nominations are sent to the partner university by StIB/SSC: February/March/April:

5. The partner university may require special additional application formalities.

Note: The final decision on acceptance is made by the host university.



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- Often **higher** than in the home country
- Visa
- Vaccinations
- Authorities: Shipping and translation, registration with authorities, registration fees
- Tuition fees (not applicable in many programs)
- Insurance (health, liability, accident, etc.)
- Teaching materials
- Travel expenses
- Accommodation
- Cost of living



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- Mostly mixed financing (savings, parents, scholarships/foundations)
- Scholarships (FAU and external: e.g. DAAD or E-fellows-databases)
<https://www.fau.eu/studying/organizing-your-studies-and-where-to-go-for-advice/going-abroad/funding-a-stay-abroad/>
- TIPP: ERASMUS+-funding for internships from 60 days
- Tuition fee waivers/reductions in program partnerships
- Education Loan: www.bildungskredit.de (in German only)
- Auslands-BAföG (also for non-BAföG recipients in D)
www.auslandsbafoeg.de (in German only)
- Job abroad
- Internship: sometimes with a salary

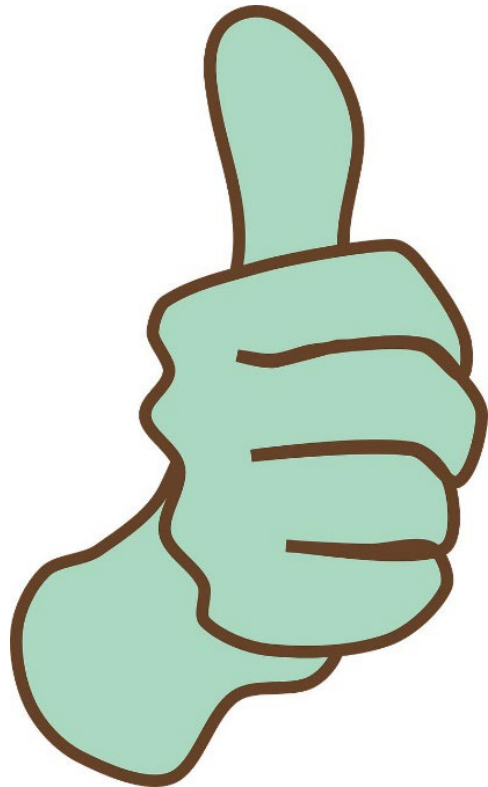


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- Clarify accreditation for internships with the **student or accreditation advisor or internship office** in advance
- In case of study abroad, please inform your local **study advisor/ academic recognition advisor** or university lecturer before your stay whether the planned courses can be credited (form "Learning Agreement")
- **A transcript of records** from abroad is required for the crediting of academic achievements, or **a certificate of internship** for internships
- **Theses need a supervisor** at FAU **and** at the university abroad
- Academic recognition advisors:
<https://www.tf.fau.de/studium/studienorganisation/anererkennunggsbeauftragte/>

FOR WHAT

Accreditation Officers



Study program	Accreditation Officer
ASC	Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ralf Müller
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CBI, CEN, BT (LSE), CEP	Chair of Stuko CBI CEN LSE CEP, Dr.-Ing. Anna Hilbig
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CE	Dr. Felix Schmutterer
CME	Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Gerstacker; Dr. Vivian Aehlig
EEI	Almut Churavy, Dr. Janina Fischer, Dr. Stephanie Plass
ET, BPT	Almut Churavy, Alexander Nasarow (Metalltechnik)
INF	Prof Dr. Harald Köstler
INF-LAG	Prof. Marc Berges
I2F	Christian Götz
ITS	Dr. Werner Massonne
IuK und ICT	Almut Churavy, Joanna Kudanowska
IP, MB, MECH, WING-MB, ACES	www.ip_oder_mb_oder_mechatronik_oder_wing_oder_aces.studium.fau.de/studierende/antrag-auf-erkennung/
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MT	Claudia Barnickel
MWT, NT, KIMT	Rebecca Schuster, Sandra Schindler

<https://www.tf.fau.de/studium/studienorganisation/erkennungensbeauftragte/>

IMPORTANT

Language Certificates



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Recommended:
Acquire language skills in due time!!

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
<https://www.ets.org/toefl.html>
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
www.ielts.org
- Mobility test available at the FAU language centre, 15 euros
"mobility test": <https://sz.fau.eu/examinations/mobility-tests/>
- other languages: e.g. French: DELF/DALF, Spanish: DELE, and more
- Where?
Language Centre of FAU
VHS
ERASMUS+-Courses (OLS language courses)
summer language courses abroad
private language schools

IMPORTANT

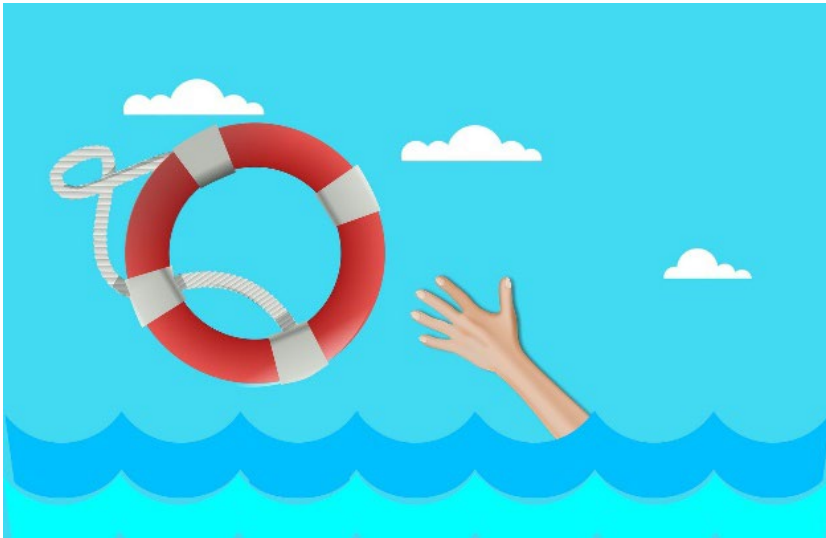
Visa / Work Permit



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Apply in time!!

- Information on the current status of visas, residence permits or work regulations via the Internet at the Federal Foreign Office <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en>
- Application at foreign embassies or consulates in Germany
- Application period sometimes several months
- For a study abroad or internship no entry as a tourist is possible
- Sometimes vaccination certificate or similar required



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Health insurance

- Inquire with your own health insurance company whether and which insurance cover exists
- "European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)" for necessary benefits available from statutory health insurers
- Especially outside the EU additional insurance with a private health insurance company is needed
- Think of preventive medical checkups, possibly get vaccinations before departure and assemble medication rations and first aid kit

More insurance

- Possibly take out accident insurance
- with DAAD funding or other providers combined insurance (health, accident, liability, luggage insurance) possible

IMPORTANT

Accommodation



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- Different prices and standards (e.g. at SKKU or Tongji 2-bed rooms)
- Limited number of seats
- Organize early
- Only a few (partner) universities automatically offer places in halls of residence
- Personal initiative is required

Direct partnerships of the TF (almost all tuition fee exempted)



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Contact StIB
except Brasil, Colombia and
Uruguay (Claudia Barnickel)

<https://www.tf.fau.eu/studying/international/partner-universities/>

- (AUSTRALIEN Queensland University of Technology => via FAUExchange)
- AUSTRALIEN Adelaide University (reduced tuition)
- BRASILIEN *Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba (Portuguese A2)*
- BRASILIEN *Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos (Unisinos), São Leopoldo (Port. A2)*
- CHILE Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, Valparaíso (Spanish B1)
- CHINA CQUPT, Chongqing
- CHINA Tongji University, Shanghai
- ISRAEL Technion, Haifa
- ISRAEL Tel Aviv University
- JAPAN NITECH, Nagoya, (Studies in Japanese only; research projects possible in English)
- JAPAN Tohoku University, Sendai
- JAPAN University of Tokyo (Bachelor in Japanese only, Master possible in English)
- KOLUMBIEN Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín (Spanish B1/B2, not much in English)
- KOLUMBIEN *Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Cali (Spanish B1)*
- SÜDKOREA College of Engineering, Sungkyunkwan University, Suwon/Seoul
- URUGUAY *Universidad Tecnológica (UTEC), Rivera (Spanisch B1)*



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- QUT, founded 1989, formerly Queensland Technical College since 1882
- About 50,000 students
- Numerous faculties, also engineering sciences
- Brisbane is well-known for its universities.
- Brisbane with 2 million inhabitants is the capital of the federal state Queensland situated at the Brisbane River in Northeastern Australia near the Coral Sea. Sunshine Coast und Gold Coast start here.

Exchange Bachelor/Master
(few seats without fees)

✓ Proficiency in English

NEW: Is FAU-Partner, Application FAUExchange



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- Since 2026, two universities in Adelaide have merged
- About 50,000 students
- Numerous faculties, also engineering sciences
- The coastal city of Adelaide has about 1.3 million inhabitants and is located in the south of Australia on the Saint-Vincent Gulf.

Exchange Bachelor/Master (Tuition fees)

✓ Proficiency in English



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- **Recruitment specialists**
 - Institut Ranke-Heinemann www.ranke-heinemann.de
Offer of all universities in Australia and New Zealand, some scholarships available.
 - [GOstralia!-GOmerica!](#)
Selected universities in Australien, New Zealand, USA and Southeast Asia, some scholarships available.
- **Internship opportunities**
 - At Australian universities at a lower cost (z.B. Queensland University in Brisbane)
 - Ask for contacts at FAU professors

Exchange Bachelor/Master (Tuition fees)

- ✓ Proficiency in English
- ✓ Internships



Picture: Wikipedia

Exchange Bachelor and Master

- ✓ Proficiency in English and Portuguese
- ✓ Application including CV, resume, a statement of purpose, and proof of Portuguese language proficiency (A2 level)

at **Claudia Barnickel**

- Founded in 1912
- Brazil's oldest university
- Approx. 50,000 students
- Portuguese language skills required, minimum A2 level
- Only for MT degree programs in Medical Image and Data Processing and HMDA
- Supervision of research projects in computer science available in German
- **CONTACT PERSON: Claudia Barnickel**
- Curitiba, with a temperate coastal climate, is located in southern Brazil, 90 km inland, and has approximately 1.9 million inhabitants.



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Exchange Bachelor and Master

- ✓ Proficiency in English and Portuguese
 - ✓ Application including CV, resume, a statement of purpose, and proof of Portuguese language proficiency (A2 level)
- at **Claudia Barnickel**

- Founded in 1969
- A private university founded by Jesuits, one of the best private universities in Brazil.
- Approx. 30,000 students
- Focus on science and technology
- TECNOSINOS: Industrial park on the university campus
- Portuguese language skills required, at least A2 level
- 11 faculties
- **CONTACT PERSON: Claudia Barnickel**
- São Leopoldo, with approximately 250,000 residents, is located in southern Brazil near Porto Alegre and is the cradle of German immigration in Brazil.



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- Founded in 1931
- Approx. 20,000 students
- One of the best Latin American universities with numerous faculties.
- Students find their own accommodation, partly supported by tutors
- **More for Bachelor's students only, few Master's courses on offer**
- Studies almost exclusively in Spanish (B1) The university is located between the port city of Valparaíso with approx. 250,000 inhabitants and the seaside resort of Viña del Mar on the "Placeres" hill.

Exchange Bachelor

✓ Proficiency in Spanish B1

China

Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications



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Exchange Bachelor/Master

- ✓ Proficiency in English

- Founded in 1950
- Approx. 25,000 students
- In particular IT and engineering
- Dormitories
- Limited English language offer
- The core city of Chongqing has approximately 4 million inhabitants and is located in the southwest of China at the confluence of the Jialing and Yangtze Rivers



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- Founded in 1907
- Approx. 31,000 students
- Numerous departments, a lot of engineering
- Dormitories
- Downtown Shanghai has approximately 15 million inhabitants and is the most important industrial city in China and one of the largest cities in the world.
- SEM (business) in Shanghai
- CDHK (technical subjects just outside)

Exchange Bachelor/Master

✓ Proficiency in English



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- Founded in 1803
- Colombia's oldest state university
- Approx. 36,000 students
- Wide range of subjects
- Various branches spread across Antioquia
- Medellín has around 2.4 million inhabitants and is the "city of eternal spring" with a warm and sunny climate all year round. Numerous gardens adorn the city.

Exchange Bachelor/Master

- ✓ Proficiency in Spanish at least B1
- ✓ English in Master only and PHD Chemical Engineering
- ✓ **Not suitable for the MT MSc program, as there are few lectures in the master's program.**



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- Originally founded in 1604, in Cali in 1970
- Main campus in Bogotá
- One of the oldest universities in South America
- Approx. 22,000 students (both campuses)
- Wide range of subjects
- Cali has around 2.4 million inhabitants and is the third largest city in Colombia. It is located 1000 m above sea level and has a tropical climate.

Exchange Bachelor/Master

- ✓ Spanish language proficiency at least B1
- ✓ Application with CV, motivation letter and proof of Spanish

to **Claudia Barnickel**



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- Founded in 1912
- Approx. 23,000 students
- Almost all subjects
- Dormitories
- Haifa has approximately 300,000 inhabitants and is located on the Mediterranean coast.

Exchange Bachelor/Master

✓ Proficiency in English



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- Israel's largest university
- Founded in 1956
- Approx. 30,000 students
- Wide range of subjects, more than 20 international programs
- Dormitories
- Tel Aviv, the high-tech, economic and cultural center of Israel, has approximately 430,000 inhabitants and is located on the Mediterranean coast.
- .

Exchange Bachelor/Master

- ✓ Proficiency in Hebrew and English
- ✓ TOEFL-Test needed!



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- Founded in 1905/1949
- Approx. 6,000 students
- Almost all engineering subjects
- Dormitories, tutoring system
- Europe Liaison Office at TF
- The seaport Nagoya has approximately 2.3 million inhabitants and is the fourth largest industrial center in Japan.

Exchange Bachelor/Master

- ✓ Proficiency in Japanese

Final thesis Master

- ✓ Proficiency in English
- ✓ Application via the departments



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- Founded in 1907
- Approx. 20,000 students
- Almost all subjects
- Degree programs in English
- Dormitories
- Sendai has approximately 1 million inhabitants and is located on the Hirose River.
- 100 km north of Fukushima

Exchange Bachelor/Master, internships

- ✓ English language knowledge



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- Founded in 1877
- Approx. 30,000 students
- Almost all subjects
- **English language offer for Master's only**
- Dormitories, tutors
- Tokyo's 23 districts have approximately 9 million inhabitants

Exchange Bachelor/Master

- ✓ Bachelor: Very good proficiency in Japanese (N1)
- ✓ Master: Proficiency in English
- ✓ **Scientific cooperation**

South Korea

Sunkyunkwan University, Suwon/Seoul



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- Founded in 1907
- Approx. 34,000 students
- Almost all subjects
- Degree programs in English
- Dormitories
- Suwon has approximately 1 million inhabitants and is approximately 50 km south of Seoul with 10 million inhabitants
- Technical subjects in Suwon

Exchange Bachelor/Master

✓ Proficiency in English



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Exchange Bachelor and Master

Proficiency in English and Spanish (B1)

- ✓ Application with CV, motivation letter and proof of Portuguese language proficiency at **Claudia Barnickel**

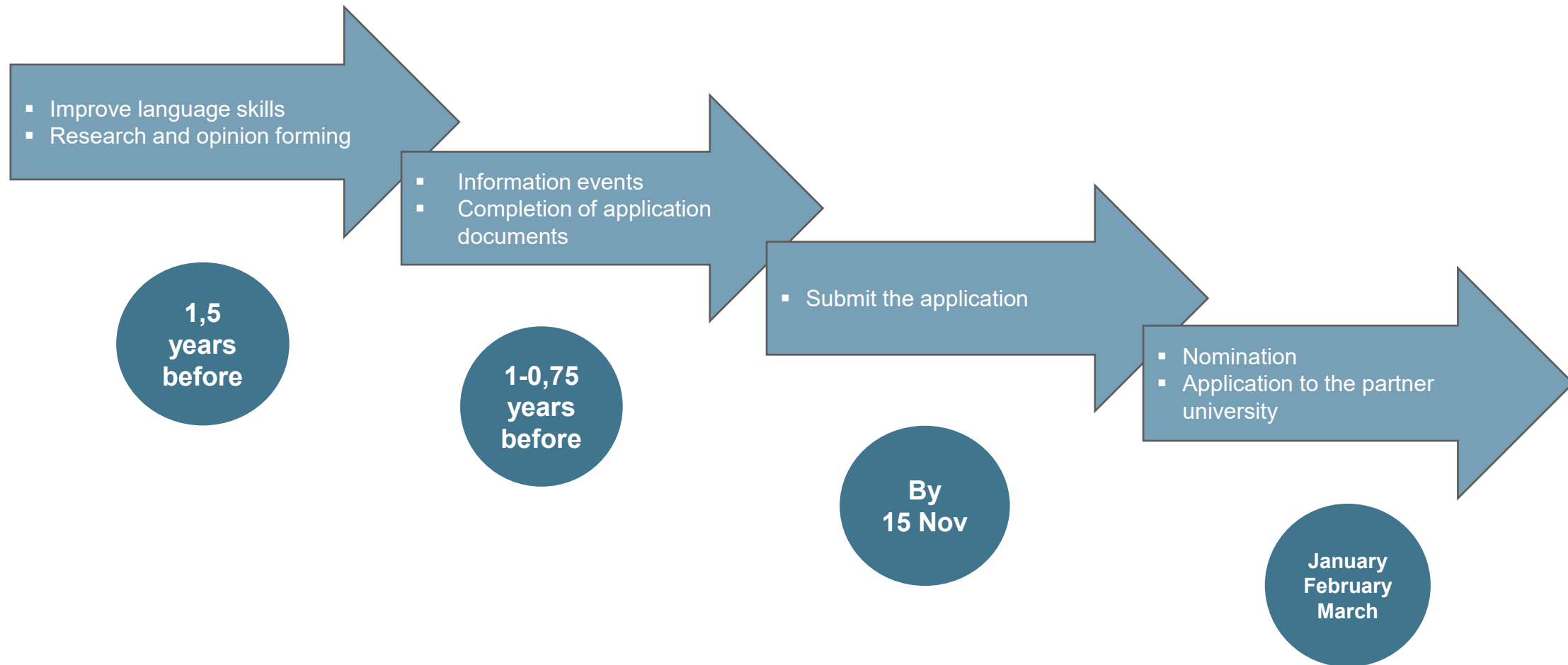
- Founded in 2012
- Small public university.
- Focus on science, technology and engineering
- Knowledge of Spanish required, at least B1
- Particularly suitable if interested in robotics
- **CONTACT PERSON: Claudia Barnickel**
- Rivera is located in the north of Uruguay on the border with Brazil.



- TECH study program
- Coursework and academic qualifications
- Motivation to stay abroad
- Language proficiency

Schedule application for WS (+ SoSe)

Direct partnerships of TF





- <https://www.fau.eu/education/international/going-abroad/>
- <https://www.tf.fau.eu/international/studying-abroad/>
- <https://www.daad.de/en/>
- <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en>

Advice

In person, by telephone or via Zoom individual consultation hours



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Good luck with your application abroad!

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