

1st International Staff Week in Greifswald:

11th June 2017 until 16th June 2017

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Programme

Sunday, 11th June and Monday, 12th June: Getting Here

Greifswald is a three-hour train ride from Berlin (four hours from Hamburg) and you would need to catch the train at 8.17 a.m. on Monday morning from Berlin's Central Station (6:13 a.m. from Hamburg's Central Station) to join us in time for the programme. We suggest you travel to Greifswald the day before and enjoy a summer evening before the start of the programme.

Monday, 12th June: Location! Location! Location! "It's the end of the world as we know it" or "In the Middle of noWHERE"

We will use the first day of the programme to get you acquainted with Greifswald, its university and their long history. How does the University's location and town's layout influence the quality of academic life in this small university town and how can we use it to attract international scholars? What do you draw from your university's geographical situation or are there similar factors which influence internationalization at your home institution?

11.00 a.m.- 12.00 p.m.	Welcome at the International Office
12:00 pm	Session 1: Introduction to the University of Greifswald and your programme, its participants and your hosts
1:30 pm	Guided tour (on foot) through the town and old University campus
	Time for Lunch
3.00 p.m	Session 2: Overview of the German higher education system and internationalization efforts. How do we use national and international trends - and of course funding opportunities - to further our university's internationalization?

Tuesday, 13th June: Local research networks as an asset for boosting international visibility (organized by the Centre for Research Support and Transfer – ZFF)

Local research networks, whether within a university or with external research institutes, can help boost international visibility. We are keen to learn how universities from other parts of Europe collaborate strategically with local research institutions. Following a brief introduction to the German research landscape, we will set the scene by showcasing some of our local research networks and explain why we think they help the University to attract researchers and research funding. Over the course of the day, you will visit some of the state of the art research facilities in the natural sciences and medicine

that Greifswald is home to, and there will be time for you to share your experience of local networking strategies with us and the other participants.

9.00 a.m.	departure by bus to the Natural Sciences Campus and the Leibniz Institute of Plasma Science and Technology (INP)
9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Session 3: Overview of the German research landscape followed by presentation of outstanding local research collaborations.
Noon	Short tour on foot of the campus and lunch at the cafeteria
2.00 p.m.	Session 4: visit to the Max Planck Institute of Plasma Physics (IPP).
4.30 p.m.	short drive to Wieck, a picturesque fishing village on the outskirts of Greifswald, visit to the famous abbey ruins of Eldena and walk by the sea (well, the Bodden).
6 p.m.	return to Greifswald with the group bus. OR You can choose to spend the evening in Wieck and take a public bus or walk back in to town along the river Ryck (about 60 minutes).

Wednesday, 14th June: Capitalizing on international - the University of Greifswald's International Day 2017

Please join us to celebrate internationality and our partners from all over the world. We invite you to present your institution at the Study Abroad Fair or in a short talk or other format depending on your ideas (and - unfortunately- availability of space and time)

Throughout the day: opportunity to visit administrative departments of the University, either current or potential partners for your university. Please let us know which departments you are interested in visiting or which working units of the University you would like to get to know.

11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.	Study Abroad Fair, lectures and other events.
5.00 p.m.	International BBQ for internationals and the internationally minded at the International Guest House Greifswald

Thursday, 15th June: Excellence in Teaching - international study programmes

Taking special study programmes and opportunities in environmental studies as an example, we would like to discuss how unique programmes can draw scholars to our universities, whether for a full degree or short term programmes. Is teaching in English the only way to further the internationalization of teaching or which other opportunities should we explore? What are your experiences in increasing the number of international students by offering regular study programmes or specialised programmes?

Afternoon:	Session 5: Today, we will drive and take the ferry to the beautiful island of Hiddensee, next to Rügen, where we will visit the University's Biological Research Station and learn about its work, as well as the different programmes in Landscape Ecology on offer at the University.
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	There will certainly also be time to explore the island over lunch. Please be prepared to spend the whole day on this trip!
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Friday, 16th June: Rounding up!

On the last day we would like to take the opportunity to draw a conclusion of this week we have spent together, and everything we have heard, seen and discussed. We hope to focus on the chances and challenges of smaller universities and reflect on their special opportunities for internationalization. We aim to use this day to draw on everyone's experiences to discuss and develop strategies on how to successfully support our universities' further development, both internationally and at home.

9.00 a.m. -noon:	Final Workshop
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Direct trains to Berlin: 12:38, 14:41, 16:41, 18:47. To Hamburg: 13.20, 14.22, 14.41, 15.20, 16.41, 17.20. However, we would suggest you stay on for another evening and travel home on Saturday morning.

