

GÖTTINGEN INTERNATIONAL

Newsletter

International news and activities

Professionalisation of Career Services in a Global Context

Due to the massification of higher education and the growing number of students and young researchers obtaining a PhD and postdoc, there is an increasing need in offering high quality structural career support that prepares students and young researchers to take their career into their hands and to successfully enter the labour market.

Career support varies between universities and countries. A new staff training "Professionalisation of Career Services in a Global Context" will be launched within the U4 network. It is a two year programme cycle (2016-2017) consisting of four workshops (organised at each university) with intermediary (distant) supervision among the participants. The main goal of the cycle is to focus on the professionalisation and quality assurance of the career services for Bachelor's and Master's students on the one hand, and for PhD and postdoc researchers on the other one. The target groups are career and study counsellors on the central and faculty level, graduate/doctoral schools' advisors and career



programme officers wishing to strengthen their expertise and to improve their career coaching skills. The first session takes place in Uppsala on March 3rd and 4th 2016.

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Career Trainings for Postdoctoral Researchers

Early and late stage postdoctoral researchers at the Göttingen Campus are invited to participate in tailor-made workshops and trainings for career development inside and outside of academia. Transferable skills that are necessary for an academic career are also an important part of the programme.

The programme is organised by the Academic Human Resource Development Unit and is open to all postdoctoral researchers who have a contract or fellowship at Göttingen Campus. Individual advice to all postdoctoral researchers who are planning their next career steps is also available.

For more information, please refer to www.uni-goettingen.de/akademische-personalentwicklung.

Mentoring Programme KaWirMento – Career Paths into Economy

Doctoral and postdoctoral researchers at Göttingen Campus striving for a career in economy are invited to apply for the mentoring programme KaWirMento.

The application period finishes on February 29th 2016. Further information can be found at www.uni-goettingen.de/mentoring.

Dorothea Schlözer Career Promotion Programme for Female Postdocs

Promoting the career development of young female scientists and scholars and preparing them to play a leading international role in research and academia – these are the objectives of the qualification programme for postdocs at Göttingen Campus. The one-year intensive programme provides a small group of up to 12 female scientists and scholars with training and coaching in key academic skills as well as practical career-relevant knowledge relating to international science management, research funding and networking.

The programme enhances career development in a flexible and individual manner: it combines a wide range of

methods (individual and group coaching, workshops and training) as well as information and intercommunication options with instructors from in and outside Göttingen University.

The programme is open for Dorothea Schlözer postdocs, all female scientists and scholars working on their habilitation, as well as female postdocs, junior research group leaders and junior professors at Göttingen University and Göttingen Campus.

Applications are to be submitted by February 14th 2016. For more information, please refer to www.uni-goettingen.de/en/122357.html.

Career Steps for Postdocs in Academia and Industry

On April 25th 2016, the workshop "Career steps for Postdocs in Academia and Industry" will take place in Göttingen. This event is jointly organised by the Max Planck Society, the Göttingen Graduate School for Neurosciences, Biophysics, and Molecular Biosciences (GGNB) and the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry. It aims at postdoctoral researchers from Göttingen and from all Max Planck Institutes across Germany.

The event will give orientation about career opportunities for young researchers and supporting measures, point out

how to make progress in the individual career development and thereby promote postdoctoral researchers in their next career steps. Participants can select from respective workshops, inform themselves about services at Göttingen Campus and within the Max Planck Society, and get insights into career issues by following an interview with Prof. Dr. Bill S. Hansson, Vice President of the Max Planck Society. The number of participants in the workshops is limited. For more information and registration (starting on February 22nd 2016), please refer to www.mpg.de/career/careersteps.

Applications for Doctoral Programme with the China Scholarship Council

This year again, Chinese doctoral students have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship from the China Scholarship Council (CSC). The programme for joint doctoral training of the University of Göttingen and the CSC encompasses all subjects offered at the University of Göttingen. The Chinese doctoral students receive a CSC scholarship for a period of up to 48 months. In order to register, Chinese applicants have to submit the invitation letter issued by their Göttingen supervisor and their CV to the China Office by email (chinaoffice@uni-goettingen.de) no later than March 20th 2016.

For further information on the application procedure and respective requirements please refer to our website www.uni-goettingen.de/en/476195.html and the documents provided there.

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Annual Alumni Meeting in China

The annual meeting of the Association of Chinese Alumni of the University of Göttingen took place on October 17th 2015 at the Sino-German Center for Research Promotion (CDZ) in Beijing. The University of Göttingen was, amongst others, represented by Prof. Dr. Casper-Hehne, Vice-President for International Affairs. The lively discussions during the afternoon sessions as well as the motivated conversations during the joint dinner resulted in a further intensification of the networking among the Alumni as well as with the University of Göttingen. More information can be found at: www.uni-goettingen.de/de/523659.html.

The next meeting of the Chinese Alumni of the University of Göttingen is scheduled for May 21st 2016 in Nanjing.

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Visit from Nanjing

Nanjing University School of Business (China) and the Department of Business Administration of the University of Göttingen have established close ties and friendly relations within recent years.

From September 28th to October 2nd 2015, a group of IMBA and EMBA students of the Nanjing School of Business, led by Professors Wenhong Zhang and Chunlin Liu, made a study trip to Göttingen. The one-week visit encompassed insightful lectures on "German Business Spirit", "Industry 4.0", and visits to successful companies in the Göttingen region, like Sartorius AG and KWS SAAT SE. They further explored sights typical of German



history such as the Burg Plesse and the University of Göttingen's Old Auditorium. For more information, please refer to www.uni-goettingen.de/en/524827.html.

Scientific Cooperation with Partners Abroad

The International Office of the University of Göttingen has acquired funds of 7,000 Euros from the Federal Ministry of Culture and Education of Lower Saxony in order to support international researchers who plan to visit Göttingen and likewise to cover the travel costs of Göttingen University members heading abroad, the aim being to strengthen international academic cooperation. Information on

the guidelines, the application form and reporting documents can be found here www.uni-goettingen.de/en/111935.html.

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Information on the DAAD Call Eastern Partnerships Programme

The University of Göttingen has an opportunity to apply for funding within this year's DAAD call "Eastern Partnerships Programme". The programme offers funding for student and staff mobility with universities in East Central, Southeast and Eastern Europe as well as in the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Scientists who maintain an active partnership with a university in these regions and are interested in the call should contact the International Office, which is in charge of coordinating the application, by March 10th 2016 the latest.

Please find further information on the DAAD website: www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen

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Erasmus Outgoing Staff Mobility

The next information day on outgoing Erasmus staff mobility will take place on April 21st 2016 in cooperation with the HR Development division. Staff Mobility supports the exchange of experiences, ideas and concepts and brings motivation.

For more information, please see www.uni-goettingen.de/de/306124.html (10.2 Special qualification courses).

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Erasmus Staff Training Week 2016

From May 9th to 13th 2016, the University of Göttingen is expecting to welcome up to 35 colleagues from the technical and administrative sectors from different European partner institutions. The aim of the Erasmus Staff Training Week is to enable the participants to exchange professional know-how in small groups, partake in discussions, and ultimately learn from each other.

The event will be primarily organised by the International Office, together with the IT Department, University Library, Student and Academic Services Department and Secretarial Network of the University of Göttingen. Further information can be found at www.uni-goettingen.de/en/480927.html.

International Policies with Effects on Forests

Within the Chair Group of Forest and Nature Conservation Policy, the Working Group "International Forest Regimes" is conducting political research on international forest-related policies in fields such as trade, management, agriculture, land use, and biodiversity conservation, also analysing their domestic impacts in a number of countries. The group is supervised by Dr. Lukas Giessen and has so far been funded by the interdisciplinary DFG-project on "The fragmentation of the international forest regime complex" (2012-2016), partnering with Göttingen-based disciplines such as International Law (Prof. Dr. Peter-Tobias Stoll), International Relations (Prof. Dr. Anja Jetschke), Forest Inventory (Prof. Dr. Christoph Kleinn), and Farm Management (Prof. Dr. Oliver Mußhoff).

From now on, the group will be financed by a DFG position grant for Dr. Giessen as principal investigator (2015-2018), and will be focusing on analysing regional forest-related policies on economic integration, land use, and environmental issues in regions such as Pan-Europe, South-East Asia (ASEAN), Central Africa, Amazonia, Asia- With three completed PhD projects and five dissertations as well as a habilitation close to being submitted, the group is now looking for new, enthusiastic students who are interested in pursuing a PhD in this research field.

For more information, please refer to www.uni-goettingen.de/en/350489.html.

University Welcomes International Scholars and Their Families

Shortly after the 1st Advent, on November 30th 2015, the University of Göttingen once again welcomed its international researchers and their families with an official reception. The annual event is also growing in popularity as the Welcome Centre of the University welcomed more than 300 guests this time. The programme included various Christmas market stalls in the patio of the historic observatory, a live band and a trombone choir. For more than 60 children, who were among the guests, activities such as baking campfire bread, face painting, Christmas handicrafts, a button machine and the visit of Santa Claus were part of the programme.

University President Prof. Dr. Ulrike Beisiegel and Prof. Dr. Hiltraud Casper-Hehne, Vice-President for International Affairs, welcomed the guests in the courtyard of the observatory. The Welcome Centre as a central service unit of the University of Göttingen for international researchers currently supports about 400 researchers from around 70 countries.



Staff Training “Marketing and Recruitment”

From December 10th to 11th 2015, the second workshop of the ‘Marketing and Recruitment’ working group of the U4 network took place in Uppsala.

The main focus of this meeting was on communication with prospective students. The group brought together those who deal with the universities’ marketing and those who handle the fruits of their work - student inquiries - on a daily basis. Different perspectives of these two groups on what constitutes communication and what the goals of communication with students are, made the discussion very enriching for all participants.

Marketing vs. expectation management, reactive vs. proactive communication during different phases of the application process, efficient use of online communication channels, best-practices for dealing with inquiries, and availability are just some of the topics that were discussed during the meeting.

The next workshop will take place in 2016 and will most probably deal with technical aspects of successful communication with prospective students.



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Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research is a New Partner of AstroMundus

Since the winter semester 2015/2016, the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research (MPS) in Göttingen is an associate partner of the European Union’s Master’s Degree Programme “AstroMundus”. The programme offers students from all over the world the opportunity not only to specialise in astronomy and astrophysics, but also to get to know different European locations where cutting-edge research is conducted. While all participants spend the first two semesters at either the University of Innsbruck or the University of Rome, each student can then choose his or her own path.

In the course of the two-year programme, this path will take the scholar to at least two and at most four of the AstroMundus locations.

Alongside five universities, among them the coordinating University of Innsbruck and the University of Göttingen as a founding member, four associate research institutes, including the MPS, are now part of the AstroMundus network. A new call for applications for scholarships can be expected later this year. Further information can be found at www.astromundus.eu.

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