



UBremen
Research
Alliance

Welcome
Center

Service partner for
international researchers

**Arrive prepared.
Start successfully.**



We are here to help you

Changing the center of one's life also involves clarifying many non-academic and practical questions. This was the motivation behind establishing our U Bremen Research Alliance Welcome Center.

The team stands by your side to advise and assist you – regardless of whether your change is permanent, temporary, or whether you come to us alone, with your partner, or with children. Through our own programs and external partnerships, we do our best to make your start and stay here as easy and comfortable as possible.

The U Bremen Research Alliance offers excellent conditions for the next step of your scientific career.

„Always by your side“

„It makes me very happy that we can offer such good conditions to scientists from all countries and cultures of the world. The U Bremen Research Alliance Welcome Center is a very important part of this.“



Prof. Dr.-Ing. Bernd Scholz-Reiter

Chairman of U Bremen Research Alliance and President of the University of Bremen

Focusing on what's most important

Twelve internationally renowned scientific institutions based in Bremen and Bremerhaven constitute the U Bremen Research Alliance. For international researchers, the alliance is a strong partnership at attractive locations for science. Ambitious research projects, flat hierarchies with short communication channels and multidisciplinary open up opportunities from which you can benefit in a number of ways. With the support of our Welcome Center, you can concentrate on your research work right from the very beginning. We'll take care of the rest.

Members of the Alliance:

- › Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI)
 - › German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI)
 - › German Aerospace Center – Institute of Space Systems (DLR)
 - › German Maritime Museum – Leibniz-Institute for German Marine History (DSM)
 - › Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Technology and Advanced Materials IFAM
 - › Fraunhofer Institute for Wind Energy Systems and Energy System Technology IWES
 - › Fraunhofer Institute for Medical Image Computing MEVIS
 - › Leibniz Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology – BIPS
 - › Leibniz Institute for Material-Oriented Technologies – IWT
 - › Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT)
 - › Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology (MPIMM)
 - › University of Bremen
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Optimally prepared

No matter which research institution of the U Bremen Research Alliance you may start at, we offer our support to you with individual services even before you arrive. We will help you with all administrative matters and additionally in finding a suitable accommodation. If you come to us as a family, we will be happy to expand our support to offer assistance for your partner and children. To ensure our service is optimally tailored to your needs, we recommend you to register as early as possible online:

www.uni-bremen.de/en/welcomecenter

- › **Registration**
- › **Planning your stay**
- › **Visa and residence permit, work permit**
- › **Information about Bremen/Bremerhaven and the members of the U Bremen Research Alliance**
- › **Support in finding accommodation**
- › **Services for accompanying partners and children**

„A good feeling“

„It was nice to know that the kindergarten and school spots for our sons were already reserved before we arrived in Bremen. Our whole family came here with a really good feeling.“

Dr. Diana Bustos-Montes

Scientist at the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT)







Personal support

With our comprehensive support you will soon feel at home in Bremen and Bremerhaven. We will provide you with competent advice and support in all matters of daily life. We will also be pleased to help you find a suitable language course. To ensure that you can manage both family and career, we have many services for families in our program. The members of the U Bremen Research Alliance can offer around 140 nursery and kindergarten places in the direct vicinity of the workplace. If the facilities are closed, our emergency and holiday care is available to you.

- › **Places in day nurseries and kindergartens close to the workplaces, emergency and holiday care**
- › **School registration**
- › **Dual career for life partners**
- › **Registration for German courses**
- › **Support with formalities and accompaniment to government authorities**
 - › **Registry Office and Foreigners' Office**
 - › **Opening a bank account**
 - › **Health insurance, pension scheme, liability insurance etc.**
- › **Campus formalities**
- › **Practical information about Bremen/Bremerhaven and the surrounding area**

„A perfect match“

„Thanks to the Welcome Center team, I immediately found a German course that quickly raised my German to the appropriate language level.“

Dr. Martin Castillo

Leader of the section Materials Science at ZARM, Centre for Applied Space Technology and Microgravity of the University of Bremen

Perfectly integrated

Are you looking for a smooth and successful start into your new life in Bremen or Bremerhaven? Are you looking to establish contact and exchange with other international researchers living in your area? The U Bremen Research Alliance provides you this opportunity and more. With the various social activities offered to you and your family, you will have the opportunity to discover Bremen and Bremerhaven, get to know Germany, its people, as well as its cultural specificities. In addition to this, there are many ways you can get involved with the international community. One of the most popular ones is our “Café International”, where you can meet new and exciting people and make new acquaintances.

› Social activities and workshops

- › Welcome Day
- › Guided city, campus and institute tours
- › Day trips
- › Intercultural training
- › Intercultural workshops, e.g. on pension scheme and tax system

› Events and networks

- › Café International
- › Reception for International Researchers
- › Christmas Jamboree

„Time for meetings“

„I have been able to expand my international network here. And more than that, some meetings resulted in friendships deep enough to outlive the time beyond my stay in Bremen.“

Dr. Takamasa Tsubouchi

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI)





An Alliance for the Future

Once your stay comes to an end, we will of course support you in all administrative matters that need to be dealt with before you leave – regardless of whether you want to terminate a mobile phone contract or deregister with your health insurance. Furthermore, we make it easy for you to keep in touch with us. Since you are now part of our Researcher Alumni Network, we would be happy if you carried the spirit of the U Bremen Research Alliance around the world.

The Alumni Association of the University of Bremen is open to you. With your registration in our Researcher Alumni Map you will remain connected to us. Wherever the future may take you, you are always most welcome here!

- › **Support before departure**
 - › **Deregistration with authorities, kindergarten and school**
 - › **Termination of insurances and other contracts**
- › **Active Researcher Alumni Network**
- › **General Alumni Association**

„A connection for life“

„After having left for the first time, I felt close to Bremen, even far away from the university. The Alumni Network helped me to maintain my good contacts. Now I am at the U Bremen Research Alliance for a second time and do research at the German Maritime Museum in Bremerhaven.“

Dr. Christina A. Ziegler-McPherson

Historian at the German Maritime Museum – Leibniz-Institute for German Marine History (DSM), Research alumna of the University of Bremen

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