



Working as an international  
student in Germany

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**Student FIT 4 FAU**  
Förderung internationaler Talente



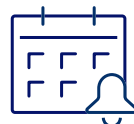


## 1. Working as an international student in Germany

- a) Regulations
- b) Job market situation for students
- c) Language
- d) Key factors for a successful career start



## 2. Scholarships



## 3. Upcoming events



**As an international student,  
how many days a year are  
you allowed to work?**

It depends...

**residence status**

EU / EEA

non-EU



## **Students from the European Union** and European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland

- You may take up any type of work in Germany under the same conditions as German students
- If you have a part-time student job or a paid internship in Germany, your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is then no longer valid
- **You must take out health insurance in Germany**

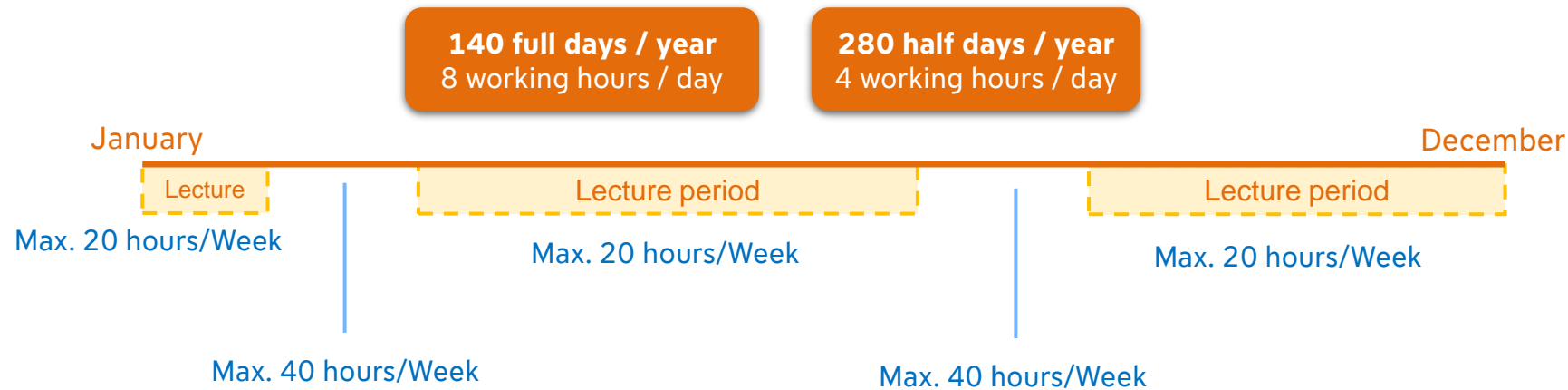


**It should not affect your  
academic performance**



### Students from third countries

with residence according to §16b Residence Act



If you wish to work more than the permitted number of days you need **prior and written approval from the foreigners' registration office**



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## Student assistant

### (Studentische Hilfskraft)

- at FAU
- at a scientific institution (Max-Planck Institute, Fraunhofer Institut)
- at the Student Service Organisation (Studierendenwerk, STW)
- or in the students' union (AStA/STURA)
- work contract with max. 20h/week
- **not** counted towards the 140 full or 280 half working days

## Working Student

### (Werkstudent)

- at a company
- max. 20h/week during lecture times
- >20h outside lecture times
- counted towards the 140 full or 280 half working days

## Intern



### Compulsory internships / or paid work for final theses

- With any suitable employer
- **First**, you need to find an FAU professor who agrees to supervise your final thesis.
- mostly full time
- **not** counted towards the 140 full or 280 half working days
- No need for permission of the Immigration Office or Employment Agency

### Voluntary internships

- With any suitable employer
- mostly full time
- counted towards the 140 full or 280 half working days
- If it exceeds these days, you need permission of the Immigration Office



## Is it necessary to know German in order to work in Germany?

**No, but...**

- German is the only official language in Germany
- Very limited job openings for applicants with no or little German skills
- Most companies ask for **at least B2** German skills

## Key factors for a successful career start

- **Practical experience in Germany**

The longer the practical experience and the more closely it aligns with the field of study, the higher the likelihood to find a successful career start.

- **Your background matches the industry-specific demand**

Inform yourself!

- **Knowledge of the application process**

Check out our weekly Career Service webinars.

- **Knowledge of the German language**

- Learn as much as you can.
- You will need B2-C1 for most positions.

## Key factors for a successful career start

- **Network in relevant areas**
  - Connect with and follow relevant professionals on LinkedIn / Instagram
  - Take advantage of Career Service events, like “Company meet up”
  - Visit career fairs, like Bonding or Contact



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Technische Fakultät Erlangen

## Key factors for a successful career start

- **Knowledge about cultural differences and intercultural communication skills**



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### Softskill Seminare

🏠 Inside Diversity of Germany ▼

🏠 German culture and society ▼

🏠 Effective Communication Skills ▼

🏠 Finding and applying for internships and jobs ▼

🏠 Job Search and Application Process ▼

🏠 Successful Interviewing Skills ▼



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### How to Study in Germany. An Introduction to German Academic Life

Angeboten von: Dr. Thomas Stahl  
Anbietende Hochschule: Uni Regensburg  
Kursssprache: Englisch





## Deutschlandstipendium

- For gifted and talented university students
- Important are the grades achieved so far during your studies or during the Bachelor
- 300 Euros / month
- online application at FAU site

## Oskar Karl Forster scholarship

- For gifted and talented university students who are in financial need
- for purchasing books or other study materials
- between 100 and 500 euros, one-off payment
- online application at FAU site



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**24.  
April**

14:00 – 15:30

## **Applications in a Nutshell - Create your own application documents**

Speaker: Ana Schönberger, via Zoom, Language: English



**29.  
April**

09:30 -12:30

## **Career(ing) Towards Your Calling: Finding the Right Path**

Speaker: Heike Dietzel, via Zoom, Language: English



**02.  
Mai**

17:00-18:30 Uhr

## **Job interviews - convince with authenticity**

Speaker: Sandra Adam, via Edudip, Language: English

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Schriftliche Bewerbung



Vorbereitung auf Vorstellungsgespräche



Berufliche Orientierung



Berufsrelevante Kompetenzen



Stipendien



Infotag Berufseinstieg

## ENGLISH

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Preparing a job application



Preparing a job interview



Career guidance



Working as an international student



Scholarships



Career Day for international students





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Your Career Service Team