



NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT



February 2025

Dear Subscribers,

For our February issue, we are happy to share exciting workshops and events as well as information and support services, such as the upcoming Academic Writing Week and events and workshops organized by the studierendenWERK Berlin. In addition, this issue includes a new section "Peer to Peer" with announcements from students.

The Newsletter is available via our mailing list and on our website in [English](#) and [German](#).

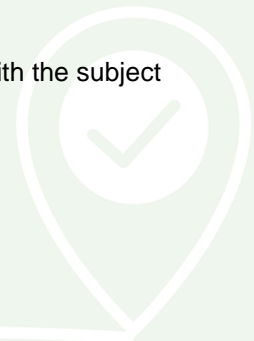
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Tips of the Month

Peer Mentoring Program for International Students

The International Student Support Team invites you to participate in the [Peer Mentoring Program 2025!](#)

The Peer Mentoring Program offers additional forms of support through events and workshops as well as peer mentoring sessions. You are welcome to join!

Events and Workshops

Throughout the semester, the International Student Support Team and peer mentors organize events and offer workshops, such as museum visits, foodie fests, library tours, writing groups, and more. Upcoming events and workshops include:

- ⇒ [Online Library Guide - all about using on- and off-campus libraries.](#)
19.02.2025. 16:00-17:00 s.t. In English.
- ⇒ [Discover Berlin's Public Libraries with Peer Mentors!](#) 27.02.2025. 10:00-12:30. In English.
- ⇒ [Interdisciplinary Writing Group for International Students writing their MA-Theses.](#) Starts 04.03.2025. In English.
- ⇒ [Join Our Online Writing Group – Let's Write Together!](#) Starts 11.03.2025. In English.

Peer Mentoring Sessions

The [Peer Mentoring Sessions](#) are led by current international students from departments across the FU campus and are offered in English. During the group sessions, you will have the opportunity to share experiences and knowledge as well as to get to know other students.

Upcoming peer mentoring sessions:

- ⇒ [Peer Mentoring Sessions with Anna: Your Guide to Navigating University Life.](#) Starts 20.02.2025. In English.

For more information and to register, please visit our [website](#).



EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Academic Writing Week: February 24-28, 2025

The winter writing week starts with a revised and expanded program. With the support of our department libraries and colleagues from various areas of Freie Universität, the University Library and SchreibGeist – Geisteswissenschaftliche Schreibwerkstatt offer a week of events on academic writing.

Further information about the related events is available [here](#), which includes the complete program.

Events offered in English can be found [here](#).

Registration: Starts February 1, 2025

Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling

In addition to [academic advising](#) and [psychological counseling](#), the Center for Academic Advising and Psychological Counseling regularly offers workshops. A complete list can be found [online](#).

- [Kreative Schreibwerkstatt](#) (Creative Writing Workshop). Starts 24.02.2025. In German.
- [Neustart ins Studium](#) (A fresh start to your studies). Open session. In German.

Career Service

The [Career Service](#) of the FU Berlin regularly organizes events, workshops and courses that focus on professional development to support you alongside your studies. Here you will find a selection of workshops offered by and in cooperation with the Career Service:

- [E.ON Inhouse Women Career Event](#). 26.-28.03.2025. Application Deadline: 02.03.2025.

Upcoming in March: Career Week 2025

Organized by Career Services of universities and universities of applied sciences in Berlin and Brandenburg, [Career Week 2025](#) is taking place from March 10 to 14, 2025. Events at the FU Berlin include:

- [Fail early and often! Erfolgreich durch Design Thinking](#) (Success through design thinking). 10.03.2025. Registration is open. In German.
- [EU Careers – die verschiedenen Karrieremöglichkeiten bei der Europäischen Union](#) (different career opportunities in the European Union). 11.03.2025. In German.
- [Chancen mit Initiativbewerbung](#) (Opportunities with proactive applications). 12.03.2025. In German.
- [5 Schritten zum Wunschjob](#) (5 steps to a dream job). 13.03.2025. In German.
- [Berufseinstieg mit Behinderung oder chronischer Erkrankung](#) (Starting a career with a disability or chronic illness). 14.03.2025. In German.

studierendenWERK BERLIN

The [studierendenWERK BERLIN](#) offers a range of services, including [counseling for financing your studies](#), [psychotherapeutic counseling](#), [counseling for barrier-free studies](#), as well as [writing tutoring](#). The [Centre for Student Refugees](#) is also located at studierendenWERK BERLIN, which provides prospective students and students with refugee backgrounds extensive information about studying in Germany as well as advise on asylum and residency, and much more. A full list of upcoming events is available [online](#). Here is a brief preview:

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- Centre for Student Refugees: [Buddy Matching Event](#). 20.02.2025. In English and German.
- [Wie schreibt und nutzt man ein Exposé](#) (How to write and use an exposé). 21.02.2025. In German.
- Centre for Student Refugees: [SprachCafé: Let's speak German!](#) 25.02.2025. In German.
- [Goodbye Loneliness!](#) 28.02.2025. In German.
- [Writing with AI? Opportunities and risks for Your Writing Project](#). 28.02.2025. In German.
- [Creative LAB: Artists' Social Security Fund \(Künstlersozialkasse\) & Co.](#) 03.03.2025. In German.
- [Tax Returns: Basics for Students](#). 04.03.2025. In German.
- [BAföG for Refugees: Online information event on BAföG for refugees](#). 05.03.2025. In English and German.
- [Overview of Employment Law in Germany](#). 05.03.2025. In English.
- [ADHS-Meetup](#). 06.03.2025. In German.
- [Writing in German as a Second Language](#). 07.03.2025. In German.
- [Queer enough?!: Empowerment Gruppe für Bi+ Studierende](#) (Queer enough?! Empowerment group for Bi* Students). 07.03.2025. In German.
- [Filmworkshop - Post-production](#). 08.03.2025. In German.
- [Online writing week](#). 10.-14.03.2025. In German.
- [Shakespeare's Sämtliche Werke - leicht gekürzt](#) (Shakespeare's Complete Works - slightly abridged). 12.03.2025. In German.
- [Writing Marathon: Get started. Keep going. Finish up](#). 17.-21.03.2025. In English and German.

Peer to Peer: By Students, for Students

In this new section, current students at Freie Universität Berlin are welcome to post announcements, calls for papers, as well as share tips! If you are interested in submitting a post for an upcoming newsletter issue, please email us at: international@studienberatung.fu-berlin.de.

Call for Participants

My name is Özden Bulutbeyaz and I am a master's student at the Institute of Sociology at Freie Universität Berlin. I am writing my master's thesis about international students from non-EU countries who work or have worked in Berlin. Therefore, I am interviewing students for my research.

Interview language is in English. The interviews will take about 30-60 minutes and will be recorded. Data processing and protection are taken seriously. Participants will need to sign official documents for that.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to me via my email address: ozdeb00@zedat.fu-berlin.de.

Thank you!