## **Stays Abroad**

A period of study abroad brings many benefits: You get to know another country and its culture, acquire or improve your foreign language skills and broaden your range of experience. As well as helping your further studies, this is also beneficial for your future career.

Although planning to study or do an internship abroad with a health impairment may appear unrealistic at first glance and present a major challenge, it is also possible with appropriate support. In addition to the question of which host universities and facilities are suitable, one also has to determine whether appropriate accommodations, on-site assistance and funding options are available. You might also have to modify your health insurance to avoid additional costs due to impairments that you cannot fully bear yourself.

Information about the opportunities for studying abroad, University of Bonn partner universities in other EU countries and worldwide, and general information on how to organize a stay abroad is available from the Study Abroad Advisory Service in the <u>International Office</u>, <u>Deutsches Studentenwerk</u>, or <u>DAAD</u> (German Academic Exchange Service).

Students with impairments may benefit from <u>dedicated funding</u> if they go abroad under **ERASMUS+ or DAAD programs**. <u>International BAföG</u> funding is also possible, even if you do not receive BAföG for your studies in Germany. Since more time is required to process these applications, it is recommended that you **submit your application at least six months before your planned stay abroad**.

More links and information:

- Erasmus+ > <u>Study placements</u>
- Erasmus+ > Traineeships
- Erasmus Student Network Bonn e. V.
- DAAD checklist for studying abroad
- Study worldwide
- EU network: www.thelinknetwork.eu/
- US: National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange (NCDE/MIUSA)