3.1 Welcome Center

Service and Advice for International Researchers

The Welcome Center is the University of Bonn’s central service and advisory point for international researchers. We offer wide-ranging advice and practical support when you are planning your research stay as well as once you have arrived. We will provide you with information and tailored help on all the aspects that are important for your research stay in Bonn. We aim to make it as easy as possible for you to relocate to the University of Bonn and find your feet here. We also run regular information sessions and excursions which we hope will play a major role in ensuring your research stay is both successful and pleasant.

Our services at a glance:
- Online portal in German and English
- Assistance in finding accommodation
- Checklists for preparing your stay and managing the first few days after arrival
- Advice on formalities (visa, residence permit, health insurance, pension schemes etc.)
- Support in your dealings with the authorities
- Help in finding a kindergarten or school for your children
- Excursions and events
- German courses

On our website you will find regularly updated information and links, which should help you to organize your stay and manage everyday life, as well as information on current events and offers. Please do not hesitate to turn to the team at the Welcome Center if you have any questions, problems, wishes or suggestions. You can reach us by e-mail, phone or just drop by – we are here to help you!
3.2 Family Office

Service and Advice for Families

The University of Bonn actively promotes the reconciliation of work and family life. As part of our central services, we therefore have a Family Office which will give you advice and help on the following issues:

- Maternity leave, parental leave
- Parental allowance
- Childcare
- Care of dependents

You will encounter a lot of information, rules and offerings on the topic of reconciling work and family life. We will help you to find the right information and contacts to suit your own personal situation.

Make our online portal your first port of call: Here you will find a raft of important information and advice which will help you to acquire an overview of the main topics and discover the many offers.

Come to the office and speak to us personally. We will be pleased to help find solutions that fit your particular needs. If you wish, these advisory sessions can be held in English.

Family-Friendly University

Since December 2011, the University of Bonn has held an “audit” certificate for family-friendly universities. To obtain this certificate the university pledges to build a family-friendly infrastructure and to continue developing regulations and offers that help members of the university to reconcile childcare and other care-related responsibilities with their professional obligations. The “re-audit” that was conducted in March of 2015 confirmed that the University of Bonn has proved successful in this area.

3.3 Equal Opportunity Commissioner

The main contact person for all women working, studying, teaching or researching at the University of Bonn is the "Gleichstellungsbeauftragte" (Equal Opportunity Commissioner). Her tasks, rights and duties are legally defined. The Equal Opportunity Commissioner is chosen by a women’s electoral body. She advises and supports university management in implementing gender equality policy. She campaigns to ensure that university structures observe gender equality, that any disadvantages relating to women are removed and that the general conditions for women entering academia are improved.

Equal Opportunity Commissioner at the University of Bonn

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53113 Bonn
0228 / 736573 or 737490
gleichstellung@uni-bonn.de
www.gleichstellung.uni-bonn.de
The University of Bonn has elaborated a number of measures to recruit more women for science, to motivate them to continue their academic careers and to support them on their path in science and research. These measures are part of the Maria von Linden Program, named for the first titular female professor at the University of Bonn.

The mentoring and training program “MeTra” for female doctoral candidates, post-docs and junior professors is a permanent constituent of the program. It features a framework program of training seminars and networking meetings as well as finding mentors who help female scientists and scholars to plan their careers.

Furthermore, the Maria von Linden Program offers a comprehensive raft of measures tailored to the needs of each individual qualification level. These include fellowships, for example, or financial and personal support for the various phases of academic qualification. Not least with an eye to how the figures for the number of women at the various qualification stages develops, these measures are regularly evaluated and adjusted.

The Equal Opportunity Commissioner’s main tasks include:

- Developing and implementing measures to increase the percentage of women in professional or managerial positions
- Accompanying and monitoring professorial and other appointment procedures
- Developing measures to promote female junior researchers
- Improving the reconciliation of science, studies, job and family
- Enhancing awareness of gender-relevant issues and gender equality
- Advising in cases of sexual harassment and discrimination in university life, at the workplace and in connection with applications
- Promoting the institutionalization and dissemination of gender research

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3.4 Human Resources Development & Career

The Human Resources (HR) Development & Career Department at the University of Bonn supports all status groups in matters relating to the diversity and planning of career paths as well as to the acquisition of competencies by individuals and by the university itself. It is our task to boost and maintain the ability of both individual members and the university as a whole to learn, perform and achieve. We do this by imparting professional, personal and methodological competencies, using a diversity of formats.

By amalgamating the “brands” HR Development, Career Center and Healthy Campus Bonn under one roof, we have bundled our expertise in health, career guidance, career planning/development and qualifications/continuing education.

As one of the university’s strategic factors for success and competitive advantage, HR Development strives to secure its pool of specialist and managerial staff for the long term and gain the commitment of high achievers and key employees for the university. Qualifications, leadership development and change management regarding the University of Bonn’s strategic goals are our thematic focus. In addition to academics, our target groups include staff employed in technical and administrative areas as well as students and graduates.

Our offers for academics are differentiated according to the various stages of career development. The PostDoc Plus series, which includes management workshops as well as seminars on self-management, career management, presentation and project management, essentially targets postdocs, assistant professors and junior professors. Academics in leadership positions can come to us for advice and workshops on management themes. For doctoral candidates we offer opportunities to acquire soft skills through the Promotion Plus program which is run by the Bonn Graduate Center (BGZ). Finally, Startkabel is an onboarding program for new professors that is designed to help them get off to a good start at the university.

3.5 Research Support

For all issues relating to funding advice, dual career, third-party agreements and technology transfer, the Research Support Unit is the central contact point for researchers at the University of Bonn.

Funding Advice

If you are looking to apply for third-party funding for a research proposal, the Funding Advice Service is the first place to turn for advice. We will advise you on both national and international funding programs and help you apply for collaborative research funding as well. If you register online for our regular newsletter, you will receive information on the latest calls issued by the various funding organizations.

Dual Career

The University of Bonn’s Dual Career Service is designed for all newly-appointed professors and junior researchers with their own research groups. We should like to help you and your family settle down in Bonn and the area and be able to combine a successful professional career with partnership and family. To this end, we cooperate with other services at the University of Bonn as well as with external partners in academia and business.

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3.6 University Computer Center

Every university needs a computer center to centrally organize all the IT services required for research, teaching and studying. The University Computer Center (HRZ) is also conceived as a university service provider, sharing its specialized IT knowledge with students and staff.

The portfolio of the University Computer Center at the University of Bonn includes:

- Maintaining the central server for the purposes of research, teaching and studying, including providing network services such as e-mail, identity management, web hosting, file storage facility etc.
- Maintaining and extending the university’s internal communication network BONNET (including wireless)
- Advising on IT issues and supporting users at the IT Helpdesk
- Conducting IT training sessions
- Providing workstations for public use by members of the university
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Apart from the huge servers working in the background, there is a collection of other hardware available for students and staff to use (in some cases a fee is chargeable). This includes:

- Workstations (Windows) with fast internet access and frequently used applications
- A multifunctional printer and copier
- Plotters for color printing on normal paper or photo paper up to DIN A0+
- A roll laminator for laminating posters
- A large-format scanner for digitizing and copying documents up to DIN A0+

If you want to make use of the services offered by the HRZ you must be a member of the University of Bonn and have a valid university ID (“Uni ID”).

E-Mail

Your e-mail address: Uni-ID@uni-bonn.de

You can use the Identity Management (IM) “GOsa” to save a private e-mail address for password recovery and register up to two additional e-mail addresses as an alias. You can easily check your e-mails via https://mail.uni-bonn.de.

IT Training Sessions

As needed, the HRZ offers its users a broad spectrum of free, high-quality IT training sessions. Topics include, for example, office and statistics applications, presentation, data bases and programming.

Assistance

A lot of information about using the university’s IT services can be found on the HRZ website. If you have any other questions you will find friendly staff to help you at the HRZ’s “IT Helpdesk”. You are most welcome to drop in, call or send an e-mail with your questions or problems.
Software Licenses for Employees
On behalf of the University of Bonn, the HRZ has signed basic agreements with software companies which mean that this software can be used via the university, often at a much reduced cost. Most of these software packages are for the exclusive use of university institutions, but some of them are available for students and employees. A software shop has been set up for the University of Bonn with “ASKnet AG” where staff and students can register and purchase software at special prices. Visit the HRZ website for further details.

Net Security (Anti-Virus Software)
Using the internet is always a risky business, involving danger to workplace systems and data. Malware (viruses and trojans), in particular, can do a lot of damage. All members of the university are allowed to use state-of-the-art anti-virus software, under license to the university, completely free of charge. This applies both to the university’s own hardware and to private computers and notebooks used for academic work. Visit the HRZ website for further details.

Internet and Network Access / Mobile Devices
At various places around the university, wireless internet access is available. It is intended for users who want to access the internet in lecture halls, seminar rooms and other public areas within the University of Bonn. In order to access Wi-Fi you will have to use an authenticator or VPN client or edunet. You can then sit outside on the grass behind the main building and work at your laptop.

WLAN@BONNET is constantly being extended but it is, of course, not possible to service every part of the university in the short term. Users who need to connect with the University of Bonn’s data network externally (e.g. from home) can also use an authenticated VPN client. Further information can be found on the HRZ website.

CIP Pools
When you come to the university you will discover rooms in all the faculties containing workstations which can be used by students and other members of the university free of charge, and from which you can access the Internet. If you do so, you are bound to be confronted with the cryptic abbreviation “CIP-Pool”. This refers to a Computer Investment Program which helped universities build up the number of workstations. Consequently, CIP Pool has become the term everyone uses to refer to the central computer rooms in the individual departments and faculties.

In order to work at a CIP pool computer, you will need a valid university User ID which you can obtain from the University Computer Center (HRZ). In some cases, you will also have to apply for a code card to enter certain rooms. On the whole, you can use whichever CIP pool you like, but it is possible that use is restricted to the member of the faculty or subject group that maintain the CIP pool. The individual faculties will inform you about the terms of use and opening hours.

Current, the University of Bonn uses well over 300 buildings; so even in the medium term it will not be possible to ensure that Wi-Fi is available everywhere. However, in the central buildings wireless internet access is ubiquitous. So far, the following areas of the university have Wi-Fi: the central section of the university main building (around the inner courtyard), the “Hofgartenwiese” (grounds behind the university) and the “Akademisches Kunstmuseum” (University Art Museum), the “Juridicum” (Law Faculty), a number of the institutes in the Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Agriculture (in Poppelsdorf and Endenich), the Bonn University Library, the “Zentrale Studienberatung” (service providing course guidance) and the Nassestraße dining hall. A complete list can be found under “Wifi” on the HRZ website.
3.7 Language Courses

Language is the key to a country’s culture. And even if it is possible to pursue English as a working language in many institutes and seminars at the university, for the purposes of leisure and everyday life it is much easier if you speak at least some German.

German Courses offered by the International Office

Every semester, the International Office at the University of Bonn offers German courses for foreign academics and their (marital) partners. They usually cater for beginners (Levels A1-A-2) and advanced learners (Levels B1-B2) and are subject to a fee.

The way the courses are built and timetabled is designed to enable you to attend regularly without impinging on your research activity.

You have to register at the beginning of the semester. You can find a detailed description of the courses, current dates and information on how to register online.

The Language Learning Center (SLZ)

The Language Learning Center ("Sprachlernzentrum") offers a broad spectrum of language learning opportunities to all members of the university. It currently maintains a media center stocking some 1,800 largely multimedia learning programs for more than 72 languages. Teachers and students may use them for course teaching and private study.

Tandem language learning

The SLZ also arranges tandem learning opportunities. Tandem language learning means that two people with different native languages cooperate in order to learn systematically with and from each other. If, for example, you want to improve your German, you can work together with someone - in addition to your language course or quite independently - whose native language is German and who, in turn, wants to learn your native language. The SLZ team will be pleased to help you organize your tandem activities.

3.8 Libraries

As befits an old university that has grown up over the years, Bonn does not have one central university library of the type found especially at the new universities founded in the 1960s. Rather, there is a bower library system which means that library stocks are spread around the city and organized via the university library and the individual departmental libraries. The conditions for using the libraries differ.

Bonn University Library

The Bonn University Library (ULB) is the central lending library and archives for the University of Bonn and has two branches:

- The main library is situated at Adenauerallee 39-41 and holds stocks of general information and literature in the humanities and social sciences, law and economics, theology and psychology.
- The departmental library for medicine, natural sciences and agriculture ("MNL") is located at Nußallee 15a and stocks, as its name suggests, literature on medicine, natural sciences, computer sciences and agricultural sciences.

The ULB is open to students, teachers and employees of the University of Bonn as well as to the inhabitants of Bonn, the region and members of other universities in North Rhine-Westphalia. Visiting academics are usually able to use the university library on much the same conditions as other members and affiliates of the university. In order to borrow books, you need a library card with a user number which can be obtained from the circulation desk at the main library or at the MNL. New members of staff have to present their employment contract and passport to apply for a library card. If you are a visiting academic, you will need your passport and a letter from your host institute confirming the length of your stay. Help is available for new users online and in the brochure "ULB quick & easy" which everyone is given when they register.
The constantly growing and already comprehensible range of digital contents, which the ULB has licensed centrally for the entire university, can be accessed at any computer in the university network. If you are a member of the university you can get access from anywhere at all provided that you log in using your personal university User ID (see Chapter 3.6).

The German Research Foundation (DFG) sponsors a special program designed to enhance regional stocks of scientific literature. In this context, the ULB maintained three special collections for decades: “General Romance Studies”, “French Language and Literature” and “Italian Language and Literature”. As a result, the literature relating to these subjects has been collected more or less in its entirety. Since the beginning of 2016 under the follow-up program “Scientific Library Services and Information Systems” (LIS), the ULB has been building a “Scientific Library Service for Romance Studies” together with the Hamburg State and University Library. In addition to holding specialist scientific literature, the unit carries out other research-related services. The ULB is also the library of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia and, as such, is tasked with preserving written cultural heritage and legally obliged to collect and make accessible the publications of the Cologne administrative district.

Working in the Library

There are plenty of workplaces at both branches of the ULB. Computers in the Information Center allow you to access the catalogs and databases, e-books and e-journals as well as the Internet. The reading rooms with their individual workplaces provide a quiet working atmosphere, and there are additional rooms for group work or a coffee break. By activating your university User ID, you can get wireless access from your own notebook wherever you happen to be. The libraries are open from 8 a.m. to midnight seven days a week. Visit the website for details of opening hours and current announcements.

Media – Search and Find

You can view the entire library collection simply and quickly online. The “bonnus” discovery service covers books, journals and other media held by the University of Bonn. Not only print media but also electronic media can be accessed directly online – in many cases, however, only within the Bonn university network. “bonnus” also contains a large number of documents that are not available in Bonn. If you are a registered user, you can order them from other libraries through inter-library loan.

Training and Tutorials

At the beginning of each semester, the ULB offers an introduction to help you find your way around the library, including regular training sessions on “Citavi”, the reference management program. In addition, the ULB’s specialist staff will be pleased to give you guidance on using the library for your specific subject – on a one to one basis and in English, if preferred. They are the people to turn to if you need information or want to make suggestions for acquiring specialist literature.

The ULB staff will be happy to answer your questions about the library and its use, either personally or by telephone or e-mail.

Institute Libraries

In addition to the central ULB there are also many libraries belonging to the faculties and institutes. They range from small specialist collections on the institute’s particular research area to major specialist libraries. The institutes themselves decide who may use them, when they are open and how to register. Most of them are reference libraries, i.e. they are freely accessible but you cannot borrow anything to take away with you. Most of the books in these libraries can be found on the search portal “bonnus”, as can the addresses and opening hours. So you can do all your research at home in peace and only then set off for the library itself.
3.9 University Museums

To discover the individual museums’ own websites, visit: www.museen.uni-bonn.de

Ägyptisches Museum – Egyptian Museum
(Regina-Pacis-Weg 7; entrance next to the Koblenzer Tor, in the direction of the Alter Zoll)
The Egyptian Museum presents its treasures at a central location directly above the Koblenzer Tor. With some 700 exhibits, it is the most important Egyptian collection in North Rhine-Westphalia. The permanent exhibition conveys a comprehensive picture of the cultural history of Ancient Egypt.

Bonner Altamerika-Sammlung – Pre-Columbian American Collection
(Oxfordstraße 15)
Everyone can go on a journey through the time and space of the Americas in the Bonn Pre-Columbian Collection. You can also take a slight detour to Africa or the Pacific for exciting insights into the different cultures and their ways of life.

Botanische Gärten – Botanical Gardens
(Mecklenheimer Allee 177)
In investigating, preserving and experiencing the diversity of plant life, Bonn’s Botanical Gardens are some of the most beautiful and traditional gardens in Germany. Over 11,000 different species of plants are cultivated in grounds covering more than 12 hectares.

Goldfuß-Museum - Museum of Fossils
(Nußallee 8)
The Goldfuß Museum contains fossils from all over the world, concrete evidence of life on earth going back over billion years. Apart from fossilized marine animals and plants, there is no shortage of dinosaurs either.

Mineralogisches Museum – Mineralogical Museum
(Poppelsdorfer Schloss)
No less than four different exhibition rooms are dedicated to minerals, rocks, meteorites, ores and precious stones, enabling you to gain new insights into the stuff the world is made of.

Museum Koenig - Natural History Museum
(Adenauerallee 160)
The permanent exhibition “Our Blue Planet” is an exciting presentation of the interplay between all forms of life on earth. The visitor is invited on a tour of discovery through the savannah, rain forests, Arctic/Antarctic, Central Europe and the bird world. The shop and cafe are inviting, too.

Akademisches Kunstmuseum – University Art Museum
(Althoffgarten 21)
The museum contains plaster casts and originals of Greco-Roman art. With 700 exhibits and 1,500 objects not on display, the collection of plaster casts is the largest in Germany. In addition, there are some 5,000 original works made of marble, terracotta and bronze.

Arithmeum – Museum of Mathematics
(Lennéstraße 2)
The Arithmeum is not only a modern museum at the interface of art and science in terms of architecture; apart from exhibiting historic calculating machines, it also explains all about modern computers; and visitors can also investigate the workings of microprocessors.

Horst-Stoeckel-Museum – Museum for the History of Anesthesia
(Sigmund-Freud-Straße 25)
This permanent exhibition containing more than 1,800 items documents the development of anaesthetics from the use of ether and chloroform drops to the integral anesthetic rooms. There are also collections relating to intensive and emergency medicine.
3.10 Culture Forum

Music & Dance Forum

The ensembles in the Music & Dance Forum provide opportunities for music enthusiasts, be they students, professors, staff or those from outside the university, to put their enthusiasm and curiosity for music and ensemble playing into practice. We have something on offer for every kind of musical taste:

- **Chamber Choir and Orchestra**
  Magnificent choir and orchestra music, from ancient to modern, in diverse formations, always under professional leadership.

- **Since 2011, during the vacations, the University of Bonn Chamber Choir has worked on challenging choral works from the Renaissance to the present, placing special emphasis on a cappella literature. Concert tours have taken the choir to Padua/Venice (2012), Paris (2013) and Oxford (2015). Experienced singers are invited to register their interest.**

- **Camerata Musicale**
  Originally started as a chamber orchestra, this ensemble has grown, especially during the last few semesters, into a major student symphony orchestra.

- **Choir and Orchestra of the Collegium Musicum Bonn**
  Composed of some 120 active, largely student members, the Choir of the Collegium musicum Bonn concentrates its enthusiasm on many different varieties of choral music. The program chosen by the Orchestra of the Collegium musicum Bonn covers the whole spectrum of the symphonic repertoire with a particular focus on great Romantic works.

- **BigBand**
  Since it was established in 2002, the BigBand has become one of the university’s flagships. It regularly performs at university events.

- **Uni Bonn Jazz Choir**
  Ever since it was formed, the Uni Bonn Jazz Choir has given, particularly students, their very own voice. The choir concentrates on 20th century jazz arrangements.

- **Campus Brass**
  Campus Brass is a cross-orchestra brass project which plays a range of literature for brass ensembles.

- **Joining In**
  All the ensembles meet every week and usually rehearse one program per semester which is then performed at university concerts and events or on other occasions in and around Bonn. Anyone interested is welcome to attend an open rehearsal (usually at the beginning of the semester).

**Am Hof 7**
53113 Bonn
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musik@uni-bonn.de
ballett@uni-bonn.de

www.musik.uni-bonn.de
www.ballett.uni-bonn.de
In addition, staff at the University of Bonn are also welcome to take part in the following ensembles:

**Lunch Break Choir**
For any members of university staff who enjoy singing together in their lunch break. No previous experience necessary!

**Parents’ Choir**
Choir music of all types from nursery rhymes to Romantic music, to a cappella pop and any special requests. Children can participate, listen and/or play.

**Ballet Studio**
Classes in the Ballet Studio are open to those in all faculties. They are held in combination with University Sport in the Ballet Studio at Römerstraße 164. In order to participate in lessons, a fee is due for a semester card, which can be ordered from University Sport.

**Litterarium (Literature & Theater)**
The palette of events run by the “litterarium” ranges from readings, literary-musical evenings, theatrical and musical performances such as jazz sessions and literary concerts, to theater courses and book groups. The regular monthly program includes formats like “quizbar” and “hörbar”: In the university’s FAZ-Café/Infopunkt, cultural quiz nights are held and visitors listen to professors chatting about their literary heroes or discuss a piece of literature with other book lovers.

**Atelier (Arts Studio)**
The “Atelier für bildende Kunst” (Fine Arts Studio) has existed since the university was founded. During the semester, it offers artistic and creative courses in addition to regular studies. Courses include painting, drawing, sculpture, printing, graphic reproduction and photography for beginners and advanced learners.

**Litterarium & Atelier**
Head: Anja Stadler – Cultural Director
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litterarium@uni-bonn.de (litterarium) and kulturforum@uni-bonn.de (atelier)
www.kulturforum.uni-bonn.de

**Newsletter**
If you want to receive regular updates on events, just send your e-mail address to:
kulturforum@uni-bonn.de

**3.11 University Sports: “Keep Moving!”**
There is a long sporting tradition at the University of Bonn. From the very beginning, exclusive sporting activities were offered to young academics: fencing, riding, dancing and gymnastics. Today, University Sports embraces more than a hundred different types of sport, offering students, staff and members of the university a huge program to choose from. Irrespective of whether you are a beginner or an expert – everyone can choose from a raft of well-known and less well-known, old and new sports: Aquarobics, beach volleyball, archery, fencing, golf, Hip-Hop, indoor cycling, jazz dance, canoeing, rowing, dancing, diving, Tai Chi, trampolining. Thai Bo and yoga are just a few examples among many. Not to forget the other opportunities that demonstrate the cultural diversity and cosmopolitanism of the university sports program, such as Oriental dance, Salsa, Irish dancing and Tango-Argentino, or martial arts like Aikido, Capoeira, Judo, Katori-Shinto Ryu or Taekwondo.

**University Sports Office**
Rheinstraße 164
53177 Bonn
0228 / 734185
hochschulsport@uni-bonn.de
“Click here for Fitness”

On the website of the university sports facilities you are just a mouse click away from sport and exercise. You can find out exactly what is on offer every day. As a member of staff or visiting researcher you will need a “Semesterkarte für Bedienstete” (semester staff card) in order to use the sports facilities. It costs 25 euros per semester and can be ordered online. You can also decide which classes you want to take online.

Many classes are available at no additional charge. More expensive types of sport incur an additional fee.

Use the online booking system to acquire the ticket for the activity of your choice. If you are on a waiting list for a course and a place becomes available, or if the times or location of courses change, the system will inform you by e-mail automatically.

University Sports makes use of some 30 spaces (sports halls, gymnastics and dance studios, fencing halls) and outdoor facilities (football pitches, beach volleyball and tennis courts) covering a total of nearly 37,000 square meters at three large university sports centers. The center on the “Venusberg”, a district of Bonn in a conservation area at the top of a hill, is particularly picturesque. The sports center in “Römerstraße” is near the city center in “Bonn Nord”. It has several sports halls and is also home to two of the university’s highlights: the fitness studio and the climbing walls.

Due to the way the university’s sports facilities function, even traditionally expensive sports like rowing, canoeing, trampolining, fencing, ice hockey and diving, are affordable.

Advice & Introductory Offers at the University Sports Office:

On arrival, all new foreign staff and visiting researchers are given a “Semesterkarte für Bedienstete” (semester card for staff) free of charge if they collect the card personally from the University Office. This is a one-off concession (the card costs 25 euros per semester online, as of 2016). By presenting the semester card and proof of employment from your institute you will be able to use the sports facilities and attend any of the free courses run by University Sports. Please remember that you will need both if you want to use the sports facilities.

The health initiative, Healthy Campus Bonn, is a joint project run by the German Sport University Cologne and the University of Bonn. The aim is to educate students and staff about health consciousness and an sustainable healthy lifestyle. It is designed to exercise, food and fitness. It is designed to motivate both students and staff to adopt a healthy lifestyle. To this end, the Healthy Campus provides a wide range of information, advice and events on the topic of health.

University Institutions and Services

3.12 Dining Halls and Cafes

To provide sustenance for the bodies as well as the minds of its students and staff, Bonn Student Services run their own restaurants. Every day, at the university and the neighboring university of applied sciences, up to 10,000 people are catered for in dining halls, cafes and bistros.
Menu on your smartphone

Mensa Rheinbach
Van-Liebig-Straße 20, 53359 Rheinbach
Mon. – Fri. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Casino ZEF / ZEI
Wolter-Ham-Straße 3, 53113 Bonn
Mon. – Fri. 12 noon – 3 p.m.

cafeleven
Nassasseite 11, 53113 Bonn
Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.,
Sat. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Café Campo
Enderscher Allee 10, 53115 Bonn
Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Cafeteria vb
Sigmund-Freud-Str. 25, 53127 Bonn
Mon. – Fri. 8.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.,
Sat. 12 noon – 4.30 p.m.

Cafeteria koffe-In
Grantham-Allee 20, 53757 St. Augustin
Mon. – Thu. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.,
Fri. 8 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

cafe campus
Von-Liebig-Straße 20, 53359 Rheinbach
Mon.–Fri. 7.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Juri§hop
Adenauerallee 24 – 42, 53113 Bonn
Mon. – Thu. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.,
Fri. 8 a.m. – 2.45 p.m.

cafe unique
University Main Building,
Am Hof 1, 53113 Bonn
Mon. – Thu. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.,
Fri. & a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

medikiosk
Sigmund-Freud-Str. 25, 53127 Bonn
Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Please note:
These are the opening hours during the semester. During the vacations the opening hours may be different.

Dining Halls and Bistros

Anything up to eight different dishes are on offer daily in the dining halls (“Mensa”), including vegetarian and vegan options. There is also a large salad bar.

The prices for students are subsidized; employees and members of the university can eat in the dining halls and bistros at special rates. If you wish to do so, you will need a Mensa Card which you can obtain from the information point at the Mensa Nassestraße or at any cash desk.

Cafes

Born Student Services run cafes offering drinks and snacks at reasonable prices to keep you going. They exclusively serve fair trade coffee as well as tea, cocoa, cold drinks, sandwiches, cakes, sweets and ice cream. Some cafes also sell stationery and newspapers.

University Institutions and Services
3.13 Offers by and for Alumni

My Global Network: the University of Bonn’s Alumni Network

Since 2007, the University of Bonn’s Alumni Network has connected current and former students and staff. Membership of the Alumni Network is free. Former students can search for and contact university friends or keep up-to-date with developments at the university and on the network. This is also where you will find fascinating articles, for example on our “Bonn alumni worldwide.”

You can communicate with other Bonn alumni in specialist and regional groups and, if you are relocating, quickly make new contacts. Via the dedicated “International Research Alumni” group you can receive information on research and funding at the University of Bonn as well as return opportunities.

When you join the Alumni Network you will receive your personal “Alumni-Karte” (Alumni Card). It entitles you to benefit from special concessions that have been negotiated in and around Bonn. As a member, you are also welcome to continue using your personal University of Bonn e-mail address and receive regular newsletters as well as the online edition of the University Magazine “Forsch”.

We should like to stay in touch with all members of the “Bonn University family” – so do join the Alumni Network!

Bonn University Society

On 7 July 1917, the “Gesellschaft von Freunden und Förderern der Rheinischen Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn” (GEFFRUB – The Society of Friends and Supporters of the Friedrich Wilhelms University Bonn) was born – and is thus one of the oldest societies in Germany promoting a university. By amalgamating with the Alumni Club in 2007, the GEFFRUB became the non-profit “Universitätsgesellschaft Bonn – Freunde, Förderer, Alumni e.V. (UGB – Bonn University Society – Friends, Supporters, Alumni).

Since its foundation, UGB has dedicated itself to promoting the University of Bonn. Membership fees are used, amongst other things, to award various prizes. Special mention should be made of the Doctoral Award for an outstanding doctoral thesis, the Initiative Award, which is granted to a student initiative for special services, and the Ernst Robert Curtius Award, which recognizes a life’s work in letters.

The UGB is involved in the Germany Fellowship, supports events at the university – such as the University Fest and the opening of the academic year – and sponsors various projects, particularly student initiatives. Consequently, in the last few years, it has supported a raft of cultural projects, excursions and conferences.

Furthermore, the UGB sees its role as a linchpin between the university and the regional economy. Join a well-established network – become a member of the UGB.
Voices

Dr. Misbaudeen Abdul-Hammed | Nigeria
Life and Medical Sciences Institute (LIMES)

“A creative and supportive atmosphere in Bonn coupled with outstanding work conditions make my research at the University of Bonn a great pleasure. Being an international researcher at the University of Bonn is a great opportunity to further enhance my research prowess and also to contribute to the abundant academic repertoire. The program is well structured and enjoyed every bit of it from the state-of-the-art research facilities to the challenging engagements. Moreover, the community is not only research-friendly but also hospitable and family-friendly. In fact, Bonn is my second home.”

Dr. Maryse Bourgault | Australia
Institute of Crop Science and Resource Conservation (INRES)

“My stay at the University of Bonn has been very productive. The day to day interaction with excellent colleagues has given me a much deeper understanding of relevant methodological and scientific questions. I am very keen to continue this collaboration in the future. The service center for international researchers provided useful support which helped me to quickly settle in. Therefore, I was able to fully concentrate on my research and did not have to battle with red tape. On an unrelated note, the Botanical Gardens on campus are absolutely beautiful!”

Prof. Dr. Felipe Valencia Caicedo | Columbia
Institute for Macroeconomics and Econometrics

“After almost completing my first year at the University of Bonn, I look back with satisfaction and gratitude at my decision to come here as junior professor in Economics. The academic and professional environment is top notch, with generous research conditions, exciting seminar series, collegial peers and good students. I think that Bonn is a great place to grow as a researcher and hope to continue benefiting from the unique academic environment. I am very grateful for all the help I have received from the Welcome Center for International Researchers throughout my stay. Their friendly and helpful staff supported me with everything ranging from housing, taxes, visa and permit issues. Last but not least, the Center also offers nice opportunities to socialize with fellow international researchers in different venues.”

Prof. Dr. Margherita Disertori | Italy
Institute for Applied Mathematics, Hausdorff Center for Mathematics

“When I moved to Bonn a few months ago, I had never lived in Germany before. The support offered by the Welcome Center was greatly appreciated and helped me to keep track of all practical matters such as health insurance, taxonilion or language courses. Thus, I was able to focus on my new job right away. I can also recommend joining one of the regular Welcome Center events, especially the hiking tours are really nice!”

Dr. Jayagopi Surendar | India
Institute of Medical Microbiology, Immunology and Parasitology

“Ever since I began my research stay in Bonn, each day has been unfolding with new lessons and surprises; it is not an exaggeration, if I mention this stay as the best part of my professional life so far. I am very much indebted to my entire lab for accommodating me so sincerely and for being supportive in all difficulties faced by a foreigner relocating to this country. I must acknowledge that the Welcome Center has been instrumental in making life easier for us and for serving as a solid support mechanism to fall back on. Our queries have not once gone unanswered and I really appreciate the commitment shown by the staff to help foreign researchers during all stages of their stay.”

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