

## Rostock – A city of culture and science

Traditio et Innovatio – motto of the University of Rostock.

Founded in 1419, the University of Rostock is the first one in the Baltic area and one of the oldest in Germany in general. About 15.000 students are enrolled at the time.

Rostock is the most important urban center in North-East Germany – about 200.000 people live here. Rostock offers a wide range of arts and cultural highlights. The theater invites you to enjoy interesting productions. Nightclubs, pubs and bars offer a rich music scene and the Rostock Gallery of Art presents regular exhibitions. The University of Music and Drama, diverse choirs and cabaret groups enrich the city's cultural life. Traditional street fairs and maritime events like the 'Hanse Sail' attract thousands of visitors from everywhere every year.

The University of Rostock offers a balanced choice of subjects with innovative courses of studies and excellent research opportunities. There is an interdisciplinary faculty founded in 2009 with the three profile areas: "Life, Light and Matter", „Maritime Systems“ and „Ageing Science and Humanities“. Additionally, Rostock as a central scientific location is equipped with external scientific centers and institutes like the Max-Planck-Institute for Demographic Research and several Leibniz- and Fraunhofer-Institutes.



Welcome Center office

University of Rostock

ROSTOCK INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

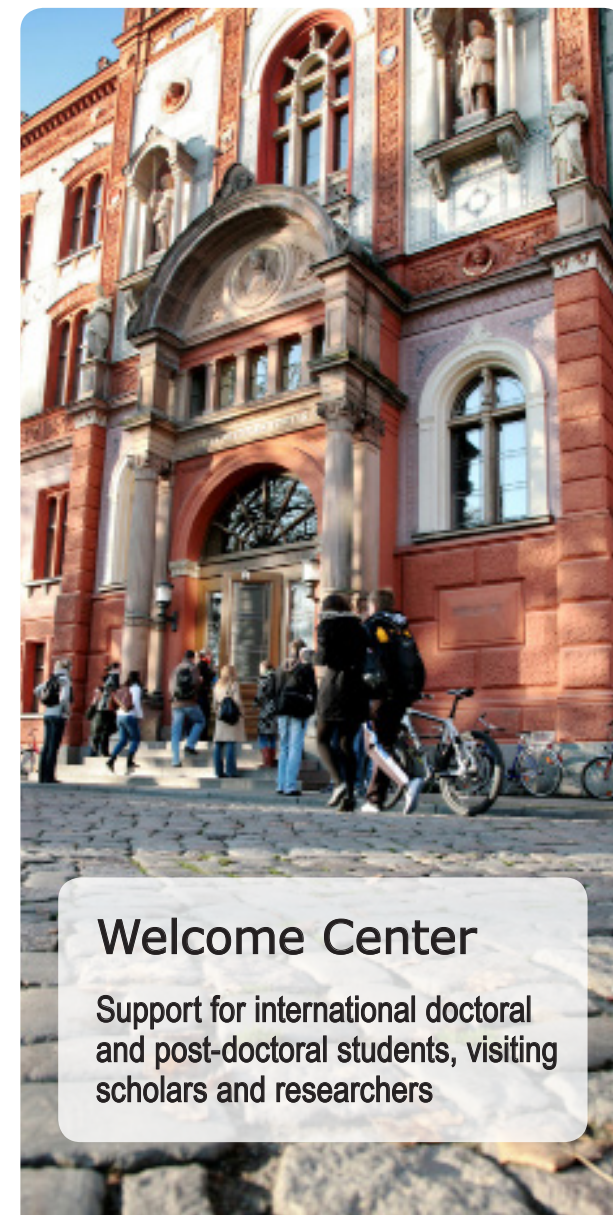
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Support for international doctoral  
and post-doctoral students, visiting  
scholars and researchers

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# Welcome to Rostock

The University of Rostock welcomes you as a guest at our University, either as an international doctoral student, post-doctoral student, researcher or scientist.

The Welcome Center provides personal support for planning and organizing your research stay and time here in Rostock, regardless of whether you stay for a month or several years.

We would like to be the initial point of reference and the central information point for you and your family. We want to help with well-directed assistance at the preparation stage and with the realization of your stay in Rostock in all practical matters.

The Welcome Center is part of an already existing network of other service facilities of the University and external partners. Thereby you will be supplied with the latest information and developments that relate to your life and work in Rostock.



We offer a wide range of welcome material with information about the university and the city. We help with personal conversations and individual plans, for example opening a bank account, taking out the right health insurance contract, searching for accommodation and so on. We stay in touch with you during your time here.

We wish you a pleasant and successful time in Rostock.



## Services

### Services prior to your stay

- Assistance with applying for a visa
- Information regarding the required entry documents
- Assistance with finding accommodation
- Help on family reunion arrangements
- Advice regarding PhD requirements

### Services after your arrival

- Pick-up upon arrival in Rostock
- Assistance with searching for accommodation
- Escort to government offices and translation
- Matters regarding work or grant contracts
- Assistance, advice, and support regarding questions about health insurance, taxes and banking
- Arranging for access to the library and computer center
- If applicable, enrollment into a doctoral program

### Services during your stay

- Coordination of family reunion
- Visa Extension
- Advice regarding work-life balance
- Dual-career support
- Help in arranging child care services
- Assistance in finding schools in Rostock
- Language courses: German as a foreign language
- Assistance with applying for funding
- Information regarding cultural events, sports and social activities

### Services at the end of your stay

- Organization and coordination of formalities before departure: Cancellation of contracts like housing and bank accounts
- Advice on continued support before returning to your home country
- Alumni support