



Info Session | The German Academic System

Date: 12 October 2026, 10:00–12:00 h

Place: online via Zoom

Trainer: Simon Kresmann

Target group: International researchers at UDE, international researchers interested in pursuing a research career in Germany

Language: English

Content and approach

This info session provides an introduction to the German academic system and some of its key characteristics. It offers insights into the academic landscape in Germany and can help you better understand and navigate your new research environment. The session is particularly relevant for international researchers who are new to the German academic system, as well as for those considering an academic career in Germany.

Trainer

Simon Kresmann is head of the Graduate Center Plus at the University of Duisburg-Essen. He also represents the UDE in the Research Academy, the cross-university platform for promoting early career researchers within the University Alliance Ruhr.

Through his many years of affiliation with the UDE and his experience in research and research management, he has gained extensive institutional expertise as well as an in-depth understanding of the German academic system: After completing his teacher training, he held research positions at the Alfred Wegener Institute, the University of Duisburg-Essen, and RWTH Aachen University. In addition to research stays in Hungary and France, he coordinated international DAAD projects as well as the NRW Research Training Group FUTURE WATER.