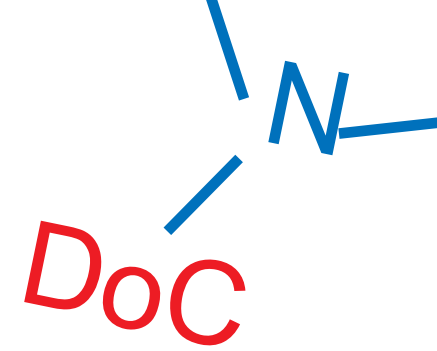


The International Office is currently setting up a programme for non-technical mentoring of international doctoral candidates. Thanks to the support of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the following measures will be offered to German and international doctoral students:

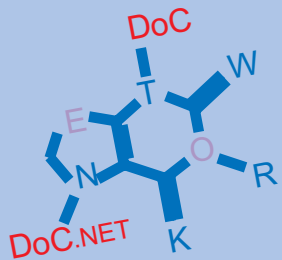


- Language qualification in German as a Foreign Language
- Workshops in English
- Teaching Assistantships for international doctoral students
- Initiation of an informal network for doctoral students
- Field-trip programme "RWTH Leisure & Pleasure"

## Informal Network for Doctoral Students

An informal network for German and international doctoral students will be established in cooperation with the International Office and the Center for Doctoral Studies. The network will give doctoral students the opportunity to engage in an exchange beyond cultural and disciplinary boundaries.

If you are interested in participating in the network or meetings, please contact the International Office.



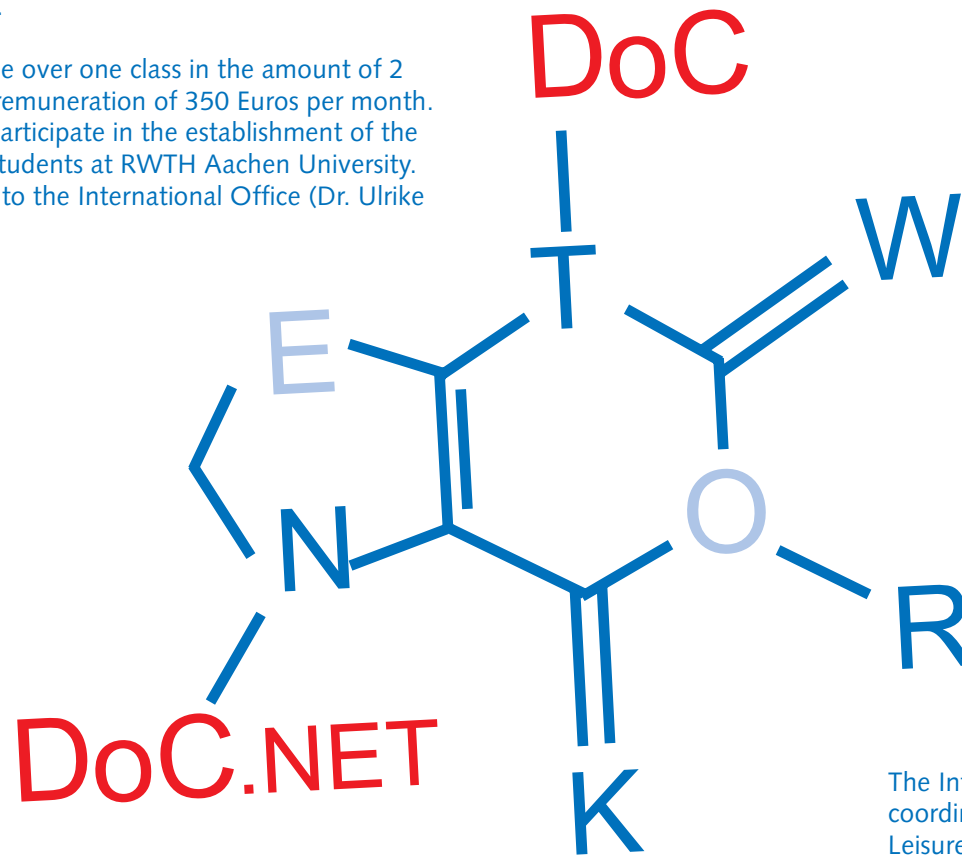
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# Teaching Assistantships

For the first time, international doctoral students may apply to Teaching Assistantships, starting in WS 2007/2008. While the students will have the opportunity to gain teaching experience and obtain partial financing for their doctorate, this measure will contribute to the internationalisation of teaching.

The Teaching Assistants will take over one class in the amount of 2 credit hours (per week) with a remuneration of 350 Euros per month. In addition, they will agree to participate in the establishment of the informal network for doctoral students at RWTH Aachen University. Applications may be submitted to the International Office (Dr. Ulrike Brands).



## Welcome Meeting

New doctoral students at RWTH Aachen University will receive an official welcome and be provided with first orientation at the University. The first Welcome Meeting was organised successfully in December 2007. Next Welcome Meetings will take place by the end of April and end of October 2008.

# Language Courses

With funds from DAAD for support of doctoral students, the Language Center ([www.sz.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.sz.rwth-aachen.de)) offers English and German language courses for visiting researchers and international doctoral students.

The German language courses usually take place early in the morning, late afternoon or Saturdays, depending on the schedule of the scientists and doctoral students. For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Bruna Battistella-Allgeier at [battistella@sz.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:battistella@sz.rwth-aachen.de).

The topics of the English courses are:

- Effective presentations
- Job-Hunting in Business and Industry
- Job-Hunting in Academia
- What do publishers want?
- Scientific Writing
- Conference English

For details on these courses, please contact Dr. Robert Koch at [koch@sz.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:koch@sz.rwth-aachen.de).

## Socialising and Culture

The Info-Service Center of the International Office coordinates the leisure and event programme "RWTH Leisure & Pleasure" for international researchers and their families. The offer comprises field-trips and tours in Aachen and the Aachen region, as well as social events of international and German members of the RWTH, with the aim to contribute to the integration of international researchers and their families into the University community.

[www.rwth-aachen.de](http://www.rwth-aachen.de) > English > International Affairs > Info-Service Center