Welcome RuhrFellows,

We would like to welcome you as fellows of our RuhrFellowship Program 2018!

According to the DAAD, the German Academic Exchange Service, Germany is already the third most important host country for American students – after Great Britain and Canada. The Ruhr area is hereby increasingly attracting American students with its close network of universities, its innovative and worldwide operating enterprises as well as its lively cultural and social scene. This is exactly where the RuhrFellowship comes in, with the aim to improve the image of the Ruhr metropolis and get talented young people from American elite universities interested in our region. The demand is high: this year about three times more students applied to the RuhrFellowship than there were positions to award.

In a program that combines a four-week summer school at TU Dortmund University and a four-week internship, you will improve your German language skills, get to know the universities of the University Alliance Ruhr, discuss actual topics during the “Cultural Series” lectures, participate in exciting excursions and have internships in German companies. Against this background you will get to know the Ruhr area as an environment for living, studying and working.

For the internship part of this year’s program, we are proud to partner with Bayer, BRENNTAG, DSW 21, HOCHTIEF, innogy, ista international, Ruhrverband, SMS group GmbH, Taros, Vaillant and Wirtschaftsförderung Dortmund.

The RuhrFellowship Program is organized by the University Alliance Ruhr in cooperation with the Max Kade Foundation and the Wirtschaftsförderung Dortmund and brings students from renowned US universities to the Ruhr area since 2012. No matter whether university, economy or RuhrFellow – all parties profit from our program. This applies particularly to participants who return for further qualifications or with the aim of starting a professional career in our region. After their return to the USA, the RuhrFellows are closely integrated into the alumni program of the Liaison Office of the UA Ruhr in New York. We are excited to have you on board for our RuhrFellowship Program 2018 and hope you will return with lots of new insights, transatlantic connections and valuable experiences.

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The University Alliance Ruhr is an alliance between the Ruhr University Bochum (RUB), TU Dortmund University (TUD), and the University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE), the three largest universities in Germany’s thriving Ruhr area. Each of our institutions has a strong tradition of breaking down walls between disciplines. We believe in the benefits of collaboration on all levels of scholarship and research, which is one of the reasons we came together in this unique university alliance.

More than 120,000 students, of which 19,000 are international, as well as over 9,000 researchers study and work within the UA Ruhr universities. Together, the three universities have 800 partnerships with universities in over 130 countries and a combined annual budget of close to 1.4 billion euros – which provides our students and researchers with virtually unlimited possibilities for exchange and resources for development. To support our already strong global network of international exchange and collaboration, the UA Ruhr has also created academic liaison offices for North America, Latin America, and Russia.

The Ruhr area is not only Germany’s largest academic hub, but also an epicenter of innovation that fosters close interaction between academia and the private sector – and our alliance provides students and researchers from around the world with an open gateway to our region.

We invite you to learn more about the UA Ruhr alliance and our universities, and we look forward to welcoming you in the Ruhr area soon!
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Skyline of Dortmund
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Wednesday, June 20, 2018
Whole Day
Introduction To Internship

Thursday, June 21, 2018
10:00am-4:00pm Excursion: Ruhr University Bochum

Friday, June 22, 2018
8:30am-11:45am
German Language Course Cultural Series: Social Innovation (Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt)
2:00pm-3:30pm

Monday, June 25, 2018
11:30am-3:00pm
Exclusion: Evonik Creavis

Tuesday, June 26, 2018
9:00am-10:30am
German Language Course Cultural Series: Differences in Cultural Standards between the U.S. and Germany (Prof. Dr. Hartmut Holzmüller)
2:00pm-3:30pm

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
10:00am-1:00pm
Guided Site Tour Wirtschaftsförderung Dortmund

Thursday, June 28, 2018
9:00am-11:00am
Faculty of Biochemical and Chemical Engineering
BBV Tour / Stadium Signal Iduna Park
2:10am-3:10pm

Friday, June 29, 2018
10:30am-12:30pm Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics
1:30pm-10:00pm Meeting of the Minds
Participants

Tatsuya Daniel
Tatsuya (Tats) Daniel will be a junior at MIT in the fall majoring in Physics and Mathematics and minoring in German. He is half Japanese and half African-American, and mostly grew up in the Chicago area. One of his biggest hobbies is distance running, about 40-60 miles a week. He loves learning new languages — he can currently speak English, Japanese, German and a little bit of Spanish, and he wants to eventually be able to speak ten different languages. Additionally, he has been in 19 different countries (and counting!) since starting college.

Madison Erdall
Madison (Maddi) Erdall is a senior at the University of California, Berkeley majoring in Environmental Science, German, and Hispanic Linguistics and minoring in Public Policy. She has experience researching the distribution of Bay area air pollutants and the historical ecology of Silicon Valley’s watersheds. She is interested in environmental policy and plans on furthering her academic career studying the mechanisms that connect renewable energy technology and poverty alleviation. While growing up in Minneapolis, she spent time living with her family in Barcelona and Bavaria. She speaks German, Spanish, and English and enjoys playing soccer, traveling, and supporting FC Barcelona and Liverpool FC.

Sarah Fendrich
Sarah is a rising junior at the University of Pennsylvania studying Cognitive Neuroscience, with minors in Statistics and German studies. Her primary interest is in the intersection of neuroscience and business. Sarah is involved in neuroimaging research regarding decision making and communication, and is the academic chair for the Wharton Neuroscience Initiative Student Society. Sarah is also passionate about writing; she is a writing tutor and an editor for The Daily Pennsylvanian, the PennScience Journal of Undergraduate Research, and the F-Word, a feminist literary magazine. She grew up in Westchester, New York, and enjoys hiking, soccer, music, and traveling.

James King
James (Jeb) King is a junior at Harvard College studying Computer Science as well as German, which he can speak proficiently. He is Director of Studio Engineering at Harvard’s undergraduate radio station WHRB 95.3 FM, where he voices and produces commercial announcements and occasionally hosts Blues shows on weekend mornings. He is also a member of the Harvard Computer Society and Harvard Undergraduate Robotics Club. Jeb is from Indianapolis, Indiana, and likes learning foreign languages, world travel, and Ritter Sport chocolate. As an Eagle Scout, he enjoys backpacking and camping whenever he can get the chance.
James McIntyre

James McIntyre is a rising junior at Harvard College, studying Statistics and Government. At Harvard, he plays for the varsity football team, and participates in multiple extracurricular groups, including the Harvard Political Review, Harvard Political Union, and Harvard Investment Association. He has a passion for German language and culture as well as for international exploration. In fact, he spent last summer studying abroad in Greece, where he engaged in interdisciplinary seminars combining historical, literary, philosophical, and linguistic approaches to cultural exchange. Jake grew up originally in Orlando, Florida, where he attended Bishop Moore Catholic High School.

Vineet Jagadeesan Nair

Vineet Jagadeesan Nair is a recent graduate of UC Berkeley, where he studied Mechanical Engineering and Economics with a minor in Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences. He is passionate about renewables, energy efficiency, and sustainability. As an undergraduate, he undertook research spanning new solar cell materials, home energy monitoring for smart grids, and optimizing both Printed and Li-ion batteries. In addition, he engaged in activities including environmental consulting, STEM outreach, peer tutoring, and student government. After completing the RuhrFellowship, Vineet will begin graduate school at the University of Cambridge, pursuing an MPhil in Energy Technologies as a Gates-Cambridge scholar.

Nicholas Ritter

Nicholas Ritter is a rising junior at Princeton University majoring in Economics with certificates in Statistics, Machine Learning, and Applied Mathematics. He is also interested in international relations and development studies, and directed a dinner series with professors specializing in development this academic year. Last summer, he worked for a nonprofit in China focused on environmental issues. At Princeton, Nicholas is on the debate team, for which he directed the largest student-run event on campus, and serves as a representative to the faculty committee on academics. He is from Summit, NJ. In his free time he plays soccer and writes poetry.
Samar Saad graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, this past May with a degree in Civil Engineering. She will be pursuing a Master of Science in Structural Engineering, Mechanics, and Materials this fall at UC Berkeley. Her research interests include concrete materials, sustainable design, and post-disaster rehabilitation in third world countries. Samar grew up in Southern California and outside of her academic interests, enjoys making sculptures, tap dancing, and deep-sea fishing. This past year she began to study Arabic and looks forward to continuing these studies in her future academic career.

Daniel Tokarz is currently a rising junior at Yale University where he is pursuing a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Math. He is an active member of the Yale Political Union and sits on the executive board for the Yale Undergraduate Sports Analytics Group and Christian Union at Yale. He grew up in Palatine, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, where he graduated from Fremd High School in 2016. He has previously worked as a research assistant in Professor Eric Brown’s fluid dynamics lab. He is also an avid sports fan and enjoys following both the NFL and the NBA.

Eric Zhong is currently a rising junior student at University of California, Berkeley studying Energy Engineering. In particular, he is interested in the mechatronic features of propulsion systems within the energy field. The previous summer Eric worked at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, assisting researchers in developing new holographic microscope technologies. Aside from energy, Eric is an avid sports fan. He is extremely excited for the upcoming World Cup and the opportunity to experience it in a true football nation. Eric grew up in the Los Angeles suburbs, is fluent in Chinese, and enjoys exercising, eating, and traveling.

Hanming Zu is an electrical engineering student at University of Pennsylvania. He comes from Beijing, China, and speaks English, Chinese and German. His academic interests are robotics and analog circuit design. He was a research assistant at Architected Materials Lab in University of Pennsylvania, where he designed auger extruder for paste material 3D printer and programmed corresponding firmware. He has experience in PCB design, Solidworks, C, Java and Python. He also worked as a College House Manager, with the responsibility of planning events and building community in student dormitory. He likes doing quantum mechanics for fun, playing tennis and travelling.
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DEW21 is a local provider for power, gas, volumetric energy and water. As a modern company supplying energy services, DEW21 has approximately 32,000 employees providing its services for more than 10,000 customers. DEW21 is觉得 in Dortmund and surrounding areas. As a company in urban majority ownership DEW21 feels very connected to the local and regional network with more than 530 locations in 74 countries. In 2017, the company which has a world market of more than 350 locations in 74 countries. In 2017, the company which has a world market of more than 350 locations in 74 countries.

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The Max Kade Foundation, Inc. takes pride in participating and sponsoring various programming activities promoting the exchange of academic ideas among universities and colleges both here in the United States and in German-speaking countries. This ever-changing global society, recognizing the fostering of cross-cultural understanding has become more important than ever before. The Foundation supports initiatives which promote international understanding by sponsoring exchange programs between Germany, Austria and the United States such as post-doctoral research exchange programs, visiting faculty exchange programs, and exchange programs of undergraduate and graduate students both here and abroad.

The Ruhrverband— an operating water management company

The Ruhrverband is a non-profit oriented water management company based on public law. This applies to the operation of its reservoirs, ensuring water supply for 4.6 million people, as well as the sewage treatment for 60 communities in the whole catchment area of the River Ruhr. The River Ruhr and its tributaries are managed as an entity across political administrative units. This kind of river basin management creates a fair balance between different uses and interests surrounding the rivers and lakes. This concept saves costs and – as postulated by the EU Water Framework Directive – promotes environmental protection as well as general public interests.


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