

Mission Statement

The **International Office (IO)** is the University of Freiburg's central institution for international affairs. Together with the university's respective faculties and other institutions, the IO works to further integrate the university in internationalized networks.

- **Administration and further development of international partnerships and contacts.** The IO maintains a system of ca. 150 exchange partnerships with other universities, receives guests and delegations to the university, and organizes travel and events on behalf of the university. The office is responsible for the university's numerous international agreements as well as for the university's memberships in international networks and consortia.
- **Support and consultation for international students and scholars at the University of Freiburg.** The IO is the primary resource and first contact for international and exchange students and scholars at the university. The office offers a multitude of informational resources and services – for example (and in particular) information on housing resources – and supports the several international clubs and organizations of the University of Freiburg.
- **Information about opportunities for study and research abroad and arrangement of stays abroad.** With regional expertise and in association with our exchange programs, the IO facilitates university students in identifying potential hosts for study and research abroad. The office helps students to familiarize themselves with general requirements and to identify resources for support. Furthermore, the IO helps students not only to prepare their stay abroad, but serves also as a support resource for students while abroad.
- **Consultation and coordination for other university institutions' international activities.** The IO offers direct support to the faculties, administrative bodies, institutes and other institutions of the University of Freiburg: The IO serves as a centralized resource for providing information on developments in the international domain and facilitates the coordination of measures toward internationalization, toward international marketing, and toward fostering international contacts and partnerships.