International Internship
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- Visit one of the world’s top institutes in the fields of molecular sciences, spectroscopy, and simulation
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- A regional network for the universities at Bochum, Dortmund, and Duisburg-Essen supporting
- 110,000 students
- 15,000 international students
- 8,000 researchers
- 800 partnerships with universities in 130 countries
- with an annual budget over 1.1 billion euros

Bochum in the Heart of Metropolis Ruhr
- Modern cultural, scientific, and technological area
- High standard, lower cost of living
- Eleven metropolitan cities
- 5.2 million people
- 30 universities
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Ruhr-Universität Bochum
"RUB" is one of Germany’s leading research universities. It draws its strengths from the diversity and the proximity of many different scientific disciplines on a single, coherent campus. This highly dynamic setting enables students and researchers to work across traditional boundaries of academic subjects and faculties. The range of cross-disciplinary networks include the RUB Research School, two German Clusters of Excellence, and RUBiss for international student support. The Ruhr-Universität is a vital institution in the Metropolis Ruhr and hosts about 34,000 students and about 4,700 staff.

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- Kemnade See 5 minutes
- Düsseldorf 0.5 hour
- Cologne 1 hour
- Berlin 4 hours
- Amsterdam 3 hours
- Brussels 3 hours
- Luxembourg 3 hours
- Paris 6 hours
- Prague 7 hours
- North Sea 3 hours

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▪ The Master’s Program takes two years
▪ The teaching language is English
▪ 1st Semester every Winter Semester in October
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▪ 10 ECTS in mathematics and 8 ECTS in theoretical chemistry and/or spectroscopic techniques and/or quantum mechanics are required prerequisites
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▪ Mathematics
▪ Biochemistry
▪ related Engineering fields

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What skills do you need?
This highly competitive program relies on your skills in quantum mechanics, mathematics, physics, and chemistry. Basic knowledge of classical mechanics and thermodynamics / statistical mechanics is required.
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▪ Schrödinger’s equation and wave functions
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▪ Methods of Structural Analysis**
▪ Fundamentals of Magnetic Resonance**
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▪ Master’s Thesis

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