



Diana from Colombia

Diana is from Medellin, Colombia's second largest city. Besides her mother tongue Spanish, she speaks English and German fluently and some French.

In her home country, Diana started her Bachelor's degree in

electrical engineering, while she learned German in a private school.

During her senior year in college, she decided to participate in a cooperation programme offered by her home university and the University of Applied Sciences in Münster. In August 2015, she received a double-degree in *Communications Engineering* and *Electrical Engineering*. At present, she is studying *Electrical Engineering and Information Technology* in her third master-semester with concentration in *Communications Technology* at RUB.

For Diana, the idea of volunteering alongside studying is self-evident. It also provides the possibility to engage actively on campus.

Currently she is active in different projects at RUB. She supports pupils for their orientation at the university as a **RUB-Guide**. As a mentor in AKAFÖ's project **Study Buddy** she provides orientation support to international students, who want to simplify their everyday life and studies. Due to personal experience she knows how challenging it can be to gain a foothold as an international student in a foreign country. Diana plans to help support international engineering students even after finishing her studies. Women in the engineering field are underrepresented and she wants to help change this, at least here at RUB.

“The country of writers and thinkers always piqued my interest. Because I study Electrical Engineering, I am especially fascinated by German engineering. I am very proud that I was accepted to study at RUB because the faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology offered here is one of the best German university research programme available.”

“What makes me help other people is the privilege and the possibility to study in one of the leading technical countries, Germany. This fills me with gratitude, because I know, that not everyone will receive the same opportunity. Therefore, I feel obligated to add my part and help other people, in order to I can give back.“

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Aydin Sezgin (Lehrstuhl für Digitale Kommunikationssysteme): “Diana is a person of excellent character. Among all other students in our master programme, I regard her as belonging to the top 1-2%.”

We wish Diana a lot of success in her further studies and in implementing her ideas!