



Hamid from Morocco

Hamid is 27 years old and comes from Outat El Haj, a small town located near to the city Fes in Morocco. Besides his native language Arabic, he speaks German, French and English fluently.

He already started learning the German language in Morocco and passed his DaF-exam in Bochum. This gave him access to a Bachelor study programme in Mechanical Engineering at Ruhr-Universität. Since winter semester 2014/15 Hamid is studying the equivalent Master programme with a focus on energy and process engineering.

As an international student, Hamid is aware of the challenges internationals have to face while studying abroad in a foreign language and culture. This is the reason why he understands his support of international students studying in Germany as his duty. Therefore, he created together with other students the website www.dayzine.de in order to support and advice especially Moroccan study applicants and to provide a non-bureaucratic platform.

“Germany – the Land of Technology – was my very first choice, because it is a very diverse and culturally rich country. For the first time I have heard of RUB from a German textbook. Finally, I decided to apply at this university, because RUB offered me a well-organised support regarding German language courses, orientation and introductory events after my arrival in Germany.”

In the past, Hamid has been involved in numerous voluntary activities within an international context and shared his experiences with other international students. For example, he was already active as a Campus Guide during the orientation weeks of the International Office. Moreover, he already has ideas for the future: Next, Hamid wants to extend the service of dayzine to all Arab-speaking areas and develop a mentoring programme that provides RUB-Buddys to international students from the very beginning to the end of studies.

We are wishing Hamid a lot of success for his further studies and for implementing his ideas!

PD Dr.-Ing. Cemal Esen (Applied Laser Technology): “I got to know Hamid as a highly committed person. Moreover, he stands out due to his good performances, his ambition and his diligence.”

“It can be very frustrating to exit the plane while having no idea what to expect of your stay abroad. Therefore, I see it as my obligation to get involved and to assist during the next steps. I am passionately committed alongside my studies, because I am aware that I was in need for support myself when I started my stay in Germany.”