A place where ideas are born to thrive
Welcome to the University of Bayreuth

Over the past 40 years, the University of Bayreuth has earned a reputation for excellence in research and academics throughout Germany and around the world. It is therefore with great pleasure that I present to you our unique university on the following pages.

You may ask how a small German university hidden away in a corner of northern Bavaria can attract so many of the world's leading international researchers and most talented students. No one factor alone can account for it. There is for example the University's Bavarian Research Institute of Experimental Geochemistry and Geophysics (Bayerisches Geoinstitut); our groundbreaking research on Africa; discoveries in polymers and colloids that are laying the groundwork for the materials of the future. Yet our success in traditional academic fields is only one side of the story. With its strategically positioned Focus Fields, the University of Bayreuth also offers unique interdisciplinary opportunities that generate synergies and drive innovation.

And last, but certainly not least, is our tight-knit campus community — the source of our inspiration and the heart of this university. It's where friendships blossom, partnerships are founded, and ideas are born. Ideas that are steadily transforming our university into a highly-valued think-tank — for the benefit of all of society.

If ideas are what inspire you, we would be delighted to learn about yours.

Kind regards,

Professor Stefan Leible
President of the University of Bayreuth
One vision, countless opportunities

Or perhaps you prefer to concentrate on a more technical field. Environmental and bioscience engineering could be the answer, but your options don’t end there at the University of Bayreuth. The courses of study and fields of research that make us something special, both within German academia and abroad, are many. Here, you can combine philosophy with economics — or study emerging disciplines such as health economics, global change ecology, and sports economics.

Plotting a strategy for success

We live in a thoroughly globalized world, bombarded by new and increasingly complex problems. Finding the right solutions now requires close collaboration and a willingness to combine knowledge and skills from as many fields as necessary. And that is exactly what takes place at the University of Bayreuth today. Coming up with the idea in 1975 to establish an innovative German university to foster interdisciplinary research and instruction seems prescient in retrospect. Since then, we have built a space where academic freedom, scientific progress, and real-world applications intersect, always informed by an understanding of and responsibility for socio-cultural context.

Choose Bayreuth, choose a bright future

Come to a place where academics and research reinforce one another in a unique and beautiful campus setting. Make deeper and more meaningful connections as part of a vibrant academic community that strives to be the best, not the biggest. Conversations develop quickly here — before you know it, you may be involved in an exciting project. The University of Bayreuth welcomes and fosters scholars regardless of their cultural and personal backgrounds. We actively promote equality in everything we do. Students, instructors, and researchers find the intellectual freedom and opportunities that allow them to pursue their interests here. Through partnerships with universities and other institutions, we are also able to offer exciting opportunities that reach far beyond our campus grounds.
Our university supports independent research and study. One example is the international "Formula Student" design contest, which challenges students to construct a Formula One racecar prototype, and then race it.

Does it take hundreds of years to gain a reputation for pioneering research and academic excellence? It can, if your idea of higher education is centuries old.

We've chosen a different path. According to Times Higher Education's "100 Under 50," which ranks the top 100 universities founded within the last 50 years, the University of Bayreuth is among the best young universities in the world.

Extensive academic advising
As a member of our next class of students, would you go on to solidify the outstanding reputation of the University of Bayreuth? Your chances are very good — our approach to education involves extensive academic advising for our students. Built on basic research and real-world applications, you will receive an education that focuses on excellence both within individual disciplines and across traditional academic boundaries. Freed of the constraints imposed by traditional academic fields, we prepare you to solve the scientific, technical, and social challenges of the future.

The CHE University Ranking — top marks for the general educational environment
It's no wonder the University of Bayreuth keeps earning top rankings from the Centrum für Hochschulentwicklung (CHE). Students rate the general educational environment and equipment of our labs as excellent. They give the advising they receive in fields such as biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and computer science top marks. Scientific publications and research in the field of geoscience were also noted for their excellence. The engine driving these success stories is the University's interdisciplinary approach towards its research activities. Some examples include macromolecular and colloid science, nonlinear dynamics, and ecology and the environmental sciences. There are plenty of topics to dive into here. Come test the waters, we'd be delighted to meet you.
Good performance in traditional academic subjects opens the door to exciting interdisciplinary projects at Bayreuth.

Interdisciplinary to the core

The University of Bayreuth has earned itself a place among the top universities both within Germany and around the world. Founded in 1975, it was one of the first institutions of higher education here to have a charter with an interdisciplinary focus. Today, the University is a pioneer in teaching and innovative research.

The first step was to establish a core curriculum including mathematics, physics, biology, chemistry, geoscience, and African studies. Thanks to the close ties among our campus community, innovative interdisciplinary research projects quickly began to emerge, garnering widespread attention.

Approval of first research specializations
Just a few years after the first classes were held at the University, we received accreditation from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) for our research in the fields of ecological systems, polymers, and African studies.

The next milestone
Consolidating the law, business, and economics programs to form a single faculty was a resounding success. The Faculty of Law, Business Management and Economics now offers a number of programs that are in high demand including Health Economics, Sports Economics, Philosophy & Economics, Commercial Engineering, and our concentration in commercial law.

Excellence of African Studies recognized
African Studies came next at the University of Bayreuth, drawing from six different disciplines within the humanities — English studies, Romance studies, history, sociology, religious studies, and ethnology. The results speak for themselves — the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS) continues to receive funding through the Excellence Initiative of the German federal and state governments to this day.

Engineering raises the bar
The material science program at the University of Bayreuth was founded during the 1990’s. It was created to promote cross-disciplinary collaboration between chemistry, physics, and ecology. Later, it served as the foundation for establishing the Faculty of Engineering Science. Today, this faculty sets standards in fields such as nanotechnology, placing Bayreuth at the very forefront of international materials research.

Interdisciplinary degree programs >>
Between 2008 and 2012, 811 scholars earned their doctorates in our Faculties. 50 of them went on to complete postdoctoral habilitation degrees — the perfect start to a promising career in science.

It’s surely no accident that universities such as Harvard, Yale, Oxford, and Cambridge are situated amongst trees and greenery. Perhaps research flourishes where the mind is free to think and the surroundings offer inspiration for the soul.

If this is indeed the recipe for success, it’s no surprise we have all the ingredients here on our green campus in Bayreuth as well. The city itself, for instance, has more to offer than just a famous opera house these days. And our university and research facilities have earned international notoriety of their own.

A diverse array of academic disciplines are represented here, composing a vibrant campus community where knowledge transfer is second nature. This interconnectedness is probably one of the key factors that have helped the University of Bayreuth earn frequent national and international awards for exceptional research.

Internationally renowned
Our university and its unique spirit are drawing a growing number of scholars who appreciate the exceptional conditions for academic research here. For researchers from abroad, Bayreuth is one of the most attractive universities in Germany, frequently earning one of the top spots in the Humboldt Rankings. 150 partnerships with foreign universities and scientific institutions attest to the University’s outstanding international connections. What’s more, our scholars benefit from the services of the University of Bayreuth Graduate School. The Graduate School facilitates knowledge transfer for independent research right from the start while supporting multidisciplinary education through supplemental courses and training programs.

An outstanding atmosphere
We actively ensure equal opportunities for the members of our academic community. We provide employment counselling for careers in science, coaching, and mentoring in addition to our Dual-Career Support program, which is designed to help couples and families maintain a healthy balance between their jobs and private lives. As a small, selective university campus, our aim is not to increase enrolment, but rather to further enhance the quality of our academic programs. To this end, we choose to specialise in those disciplines and interdisciplinary concentrations that allow us to be among the best in the world. Thanks to our outstanding research results, we are able to raise a considerable portion of the funding we require from third parties. Over the last 30 years, 201 scholars from the University of Bayreuth have been awarded domestic or international professorships.
Did you know the next generation of Africa scholars are earning their doctoral degrees here, in northern Bavaria? Or that every Airbus 380 takes off with the help of pioneering materials developed in Bayreuth? Wouldn’t it be good if we could easily identify the quality and origin of foods with absolute certainty?

These are only a few of the many questions whose answers you’ll find at the University of Bayreuth. The next generation of Africa scholars, for instance, are here at the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS). Regarded as a leading educational institution, the School has received €10 million in funding from Germany’s federal and state governments. The Airbus project took off thanks to the close collaboration between our chemistry, physics, and engineering departments, which the University has supported through special research areas and research centres for polymer research. And consumer protection studies is now at home in the Food and Health Sciences focus field. Scholars in this new field at Bayreuth seek to identify the relationships between food quality, nutrition, general health choices and physical well-being.

Hotbeds of innovation
The examples above are just a small sample from the 12 focus fields that give the University of Bayreuth an excellent reputation for research and teaching around the world. But what makes them so successful? Our focus fields are where the most innovative minds at our University come together. These researchers have strong backgrounds in demanding academic disciplines and work across academic subject boundaries to pursue strategic initiatives. The think tanks they’ve created take advantage of synergies and bolster the University’s ability to innovate.

A two-pronged route to pioneering research
We call our established Focus Fields advanced fields, designated here with an A. They are recognized research areas characterized by research partnerships with well-known entities. The emerging fields, on the other hand, compose our new interdisciplinary areas of research and have been developed in response to an acute need for research on issues society currently faces. Both types of fields offer scholars excellent opportunities to help write the future of academic research. Perhaps you’ll be next to leave your mark.
The University of Bayreuth has six faculties committed to academic excellence. They develop concentrations that reside within a particular field or span multiple disciplines, making a name for the University at home and abroad in the process. It’s the perfect structure to remain among the best in teaching and research.

How large should a university be to provide the perfect environment for research and teaching? At Bayreuth, we agree — this is one goal a sprawling institution simply cannot achieve. Massive universities can, of course, be tempting due to the sheer number of courses they offer. But can they maintain the same high academic standards in each of their many programs?

Strength in academics, the source of our success
We understand that academic excellence is the foundation any interdisciplinary university must be built upon. That’s why the University of Bayreuth has purposefully chosen to focus on just six faculties which it fosters and supports across all aspects of teaching and research.

Advanced Grants from the European Research Council
Success has vindicated our strategy, with our faculties making headlines in the academic community on a regular basis. In 2013 for instance, three exceptional scholars from Bayreuth were awarded Advanced Grants, the European Union’s highest academic honour. The grant-winning colleagues work at the Department of Physical Chemistry I and the Bayerisches Geoinstitut, a research centre at the University of Bayreuth. They conduct basic research on the design of new materials.

Where there’s one award, there are many
The notoriety gained through these academic successes has a positive impact on every aspect of our University’s image. Our research facilities and programs have established our long-standing position as an attractive international hub for research and academics. Perhaps another reason why the University of Bayreuth can claim title to so many international awards for exceptional scholarship.
A faculty of international renown
Our Faculty’s reputation allows us to recruit exceptional researchers time and again. They come here for the excellent research environment and our dedication to teaching on our close-knit campus. Once they have arrived, their own students submit glowing evaluations, and the cycle repeats.

All the tools for outstanding teaching and research
The Faculty has at its disposable modern laboratory facilities, a 97.6-teraflop HPC cluster, well-equipped lecture halls, and computer labs to facilitate instruction and research. Our well-stocked natural sciences library lends e-books free-of-charge. Students also benefit from research internships, access to powerful mathematics software, and the opportunity to complete their bachelor’s and master’s degrees as part of international research teams which focus on fields ranging from robotics, computer graphics, and algebraic geometry to dynamics and optimization, biological physics, innovative materials, and energy technologies.

Exciting joint projects
The institutes within the Faculty come together to organize interdisciplinary research projects and graduate colleges on topics such as polymer and colloid science; molecular bioscience; high pressure and high temperature research; and nonlinear dynamics and complex systems.

How will we harvest and use energy more efficiently in the future? Is it possible to save the environment and conserve our natural resources over the long term? What will the next phase in the evolution of information technology be? Questions like these are what drive research in modern materials chemistry. And they also provide insight into the pioneering nature of our Faculty’s work.

Take for instance Collaborative Research Centre 840 “From Particulate Nanosystems to Mesotechnology”, which receives funding from the German Research Foundation. Mesotechnology is set to revolutionize a number of different fields. This new approach takes nanotechnology and combines it with macroscopic structures, enabling completely new hybrid and composite materials. No less spectacular in their impact are the ongoing experiments at the Bayerisches Geoinstitut. Here, scientists are conducting internationally-renowned high pressure and high temperature research to investigate the very structures that keep our world from falling apart.

Millions in funding from the German Research Foundation
For over 30 years, our Faculty has been doing excellent work in its special research areas, receiving millions in funding from the German Research Foundation. The University of Bayreuth, together with its Mainz location, actually receives the most funding for polymer research from the Foundation of any institution in Germany by far.

High rankings among universities
Our Faculty is also pleased to see the current Centrum für Hochschulentwicklung (CHE) rankings. Over 250,000 students once again rated the University of Bayreuth as one of the best universities for biology, chemistry, and geosciences. Overall academic conditions, student advising, and laboratory facilities were some of the areas in which the University received top marks.

Outstanding biology and environmental sciences programs
The Expertenkommission Wissenschaftsland Bayern 2020, a commission established to promote science in the state of Bavaria, has recognized the Molecular Biosciences and Environmental Sciences programs at the University of Bayreuth for excellence in scientific research. Whatever your goals, an excellent academic environment awaits you at our Faculty.
A globalized future will increasingly demand universal skills. That’s why our Faculty places a great deal of emphasis on a universal education designed to extend across disciplinary boundaries and get students involved in research projects early on.

We have united the study of law, business management, and economics under a single roof to offer students innovative, multi-disciplinary academic options such as our Health Economics, Sports Economics, Commercial Engineering, and Philosophy & Economics programs. Students can also pursue a law degree with a supplemental concentration in business, science, or engineering.

We live and breathe research
This tight integration of law and business studies allows us to conduct research in exciting new ways. Our numerous interdisciplinary research centres reflect this approach. The centres help shape academic life at the University of Bayreuth by organizing a wide array of events spanning everything from ongoing lecture series and colloquia to annual conferences, congresses, and workshops. Research results are regularly published in respected professional and academic journals as well as in books and editorials.

Excellent academic advising
Our faculty has a long track record of high rankings. And not only have our own students given us top marks. Businesses also consistently rate our graduates highly. Noteworthy here are our above-average rankings for “study situation” and “study organisation” across all fields of study. In addition to excellence in research and academics, we feel it is essential to also provide students an ideal learning environment. Upon completion of their studies, students can take advantage of our well-organized alumni network and excellent contacts in the business world.

A global network
The University of Bayreuth has over 150 partner universities around the globe. A successful guest lecturer program brings internationally renowned scholars to Bayreuth each semester.

Language is the key to unlocking knowledge of other cultures. The Faculty of Languages and Literature at the University of Bayreuth is dedicated to opening doors to the cultures of the world. Small class sizes enable close contact with instructors and create the perfect conditions for intensive learning and comprehensive academic support.

Building bridges to foreign cultures
Our Faculty includes the African Studies, Anglophone Studies, and Romance Studies programs. You can also study musicology, German language and literature, or theatre and media studies. What makes studying the humanities at Bayreuth so attractive is that the participating academic disciplines have been structured as comparative cultural studies, with a focus on intercultural processes. Of particular interest are the relationships between European and non-European languages and cultures as well as their literature and the application of research in the real world.

Conduct international research, or earn your doctorate
Humboldt’s philosophy on the unity of teaching and research is the ideal upon which the departments within our Faculty are based. They are funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Research Foundation, for instance as part of the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies. The Faculty also maintains close contact with international scholars and supports the establishment of intercultural academic programs involving several European and Asian universities.
Faculty of Cultural Studies

The European Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Social Sciences and Humanities is a unique accolade. The Central European University (CEU) has awarded this prize for exceptional teaching in the field of humanities and social sciences since 2011. It is the first and only pan-European award of its kind. We at the Faculty of Cultural Studies are proud to already have a winner of the CEU Award among our ranks.

Inter-faculty collaboration
The Faculty of Law, Business Management and Economics also has cause to celebrate since this award for exceptional teaching also applies to the Philosophy & Economics degree program, which is jointly run by the two faculties.

Sports Economics is another inter-faculty academic program with an excellent international reputation. It’s just one more example of how traditional academic boundaries pose no limit to the pursuit of knowledge at the University of Bayreuth.

Intercultural competence
Our faculty also transcends conventional academic limitations in the fields of ethnology and African studies. The Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS) is a poignant example, receiving funding through the Excellence Initiative of Germany’s federal and state governments. And of course limits are an important topic in our secondary education, religious studies, sociology, and history programs as well, which also bring award-winning scholars to the Faculty. Perhaps the academic challenges that will help you achieve and go beyond your own limits are waiting for you here?

Faculty of Engineering Science

Did you know that spider silk has five times the tensile strength of steel — yet it is as elastic as rubber? It’s just one of the many phenomena our departments within the Faculty of Engineering Science are examining.

With great curiosity, our Faculty explores a vast breadth of subjects spanning environmental sciences, biology, and advanced materials. Our research focuses on various topics that involve materials, processes, energy technology, mechatronics, and sensor technology.

An ideal environment for research and teaching
Our Faculty participates in the unique northern Bavaria technology alliance, TechnologieAllianzOberfranken (TAO). The alliance was created to foster cooperation and take advantage of synergies in teaching, research, and training between the Universities of Bayreuth and Bamberg as well as the Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts and the Hof University of Applied Sciences. Together, we carry out innovative projects centred around a number of core issues such as energy and mobility. These projects frequently take a cross-disciplinary approach to investigating for instance sensor technologies, information technologies, materials, and the human-machine interface. New core subjects such as healthcare are being established. Technologies stemming from the fields of bioanalytics, food and beverage technology, and water resource management that have potential for broader applications are also being explored. At Bayreuth, this diverse array of research topics is connected by the Centre for Materials Science and Engineering and the Centre for Energy Technology.

The world is your laboratory
And of course our students benefit from this cooperation. They get the chance to wrestle with some of the most challenging problems facing engineers today while enjoying an extensive offering of tutorial courses and recitations. State-of-the-art laboratories, small lab section class sizes, and personal contact with instructors help establish an ideal learning environment.
Congresses and conventions take place at the University of Bayreuth on a regular basis. Colloquia, lecture series, conferences, and workshops held at the University give students insights into the pressing issues of our times.

A university of networkers

A university that wishes to be among the best in the world must never rest on its laurels. That’s why at Bayreuth, we are always thinking of ways to improve and expand our academics and research activities. The University now benefits from a number of strategic alliances which will continue to enhance our attractiveness long into the future.

The University of Bayreuth cooperates with top German universities, frequently taking a lead role in federally funded projects concentrating on subjects such as algebraic geometry, rare earth metals, and material modelling. We are also active in European research associations, heading several international consortiums covering topics from STEM education policy to energy-efficient windows. Another good example of our thriving international network is the AEGIS network. It links the leading African studies programs in Europe, including our own Institute for African Studies and organizes a joint summer session each year.

Research for the real world

The work we do with the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is of particular significance for practical applications. There are not one but two groups of Fraunhofer researchers at the University, strengthening our ties to industry both domestically and abroad. Together with the Max Rubner-Institut, we also jointly run the research group for food and beverage quality with participation from regional businesses in the industry.

Extensive institutional collaboration

We work closely with neighbouring institutions of higher education in Erlangen-Nuremberg, Würzburg and Bamberg. Together, we conduct new research on fundamental aspects of the natural sciences and humanities while also developing innovative real-world applications. Our work in polymers and plastics offers excellent examples of this type of cooperation. The TechnologieAllianzOberfranken alliance promotes collaboration and knowledge transfer among the higher education institutions of our region.
The advising and activities we offer bring German and international students together right from the start. We also offer regular intercultural projects and training programs while maintaining close ties to our alumni.

You might be surprised to learn that every fourth doctoral candidate at our university is from abroad. But it’s not just our next generation of scholars who have an international background. Our students, instructors, and researchers come from over 100 different countries around the world.

The University of Bayreuth is known for its bilateral and multilateral dual degree programs. Courses held in foreign languages and summer sessions are also quite popular. There are numerous research projects our university conducts in collaboration with international partners as well as doctoral programs run jointly with foreign universities. All of these positive developments can be traced back to our internationalization strategy, which passed an audit conducted by the German Rector’s Conference, an organization of German universities, in 2012-2013. The audit, part of the government-sponsored Internationalization of Universities project, highlights the University of Bayreuth’s commitment towards working with the very best partners and recruiting excellent new researchers from around the globe.

African studies, international through and through

At the University of Bayreuth, we have been researching Africa in collaboration with African colleagues for over 30 years. Our Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS) and the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies (BA) are open to Africa scholars from around the world. Our researchers work with over 30 African universities and 25 African nations. The international collaboration has been so successful that over €40 million in third-party funding has been granted over the last 10 years. BIGSAS receives funding from the Excellence Initiative of the German government, with our BA academy obtaining support from the German Research Foundation.

Attractive interdisciplinary projects

With decades of experience gained through a great many international projects, we compete vigorously on the international stage while continually pursuing the further internationalization of the University. That’s why our success for instance in recruiting exceptional international researchers continues to improve. Our Focus Fields and the exciting interdisciplinary research projects they have given birth to contribute greatly towards attracting top candidates.

Study and research internationally

The International Office is the nerve centre of the University’s international network. Here, strategic concepts are developed and coordinated; international partnerships are initiated and maintained. In addition, we actively advise students and researchers who are considering travel abroad or hail from overseas. The University also supports scholars and their families in the European economic region by assisting with mobility and establishing contacts in their fields. Our services for international students, the Welcome Centre, and the Bayreuth International Alumni Centre continue to win awards for their work.
A level playing field for high chairs and department chairs

For the third time, our family-friendly campus infrastructure has received a positive evaluation from berufundfamilie gGmbH, a project of the Hertie Foundation. The University of Bayreuth can proudly refer to itself as a Family-Friendly University for another three years.

As a family-friendly university, our objective is to create the ideal conditions for the pursuit of career, academic, and family endeavours. The certificate from berufundfamilie recognizes our extensive and successful efforts in recent years to establish a family-friendly campus for research, academics, and the University’s administrative staff.

Beyond childcare
Flex-time, telecommuting (even for managers), and flexible part-time options are just some of the benefits offered beyond the childcare facilities we have both on and off campus. We even take into consideration special family situations in the examination policies for our bachelors and master’s degree programs.

Equal opportunities foster innovation
The University of Bayreuth has set a goal of increasing the percentage of women in management positions and technical or scientific disciplines. Our women’s representatives assist us in making gender equality a reality at the University. They make certain our female researchers and students do not face any disadvantages due to their gender. Women and men should at all times enjoy the same opportunities here, regardless of ethnicity or nationality. By promoting diversity, we strengthen our University and enhance our power to innovate.

Walking the walk
The University’s equal opportunity department ensures that we do more than just talk the talk. This motivated team keeps an eye on scholarship distribution, supports female academics with coaching and mentoring, and provides assistance in re-establishing the careers of accompanying life partners in Bayreuth. Our local STEM programme also encourages the participation of local female school students in technical and scientific fields.
In contrast to very large universities, people get to know each other here. In addition to our vibrant campus, the city of Bayreuth beckons with many establishments and attractions.

You don’t have to love Wagner to love Bayreuth

Students, researchers, and staff agree: when they first came to the University of Bayreuth, they felt at home straight away. And with an enrolment of 13,000 students, we’re not too big, and not too small — there are plenty of interesting people here, but it’s still easy to meet them.

At 73,000 inhabitants, the city of Bayreuth is not outsized either. You’ll soon run into people you know there, too. And this world-famous home to Richard Wagner’s Bayreuth Festival has a vibrant cultural scene even if you’re not a fan of the opera. The city’s nightspots are naturally quite popular among the student body. You’ll be surprised at how quickly you’ll acclimate to life in Bayreuth — before you know it, you’ll feel just as comfortable in the city proper as you do on campus.

On-campus culture

Perhaps you enjoy creating as well as consuming cultural offerings. There are plenty of opportunities for both here. You can sing with the University choir or gospel choir, join the University Orchestra, or play swing music with our big band. We show movies on campus when classes are in session, there are art exhibitions here, theatre performances, the Glashaus culture cafe with its music events, and of course our annual outdoor concert, the Uni-Open-Air.

Get away for the weekend

Bayreuth is located right on the doorstep of Bavaria’s Franconian Switzerland region. It’s an excellent place for outdoor sports such as cycling, hiking, climbing, canoeing, boating, and skiing. But if you ever long to see the big city lights, just catch a train to Nuremberg (1 hr.) or Munich (2.5 hrs.), Berlin is not even a four-hour drive, and Leipzig only takes half the time to reach by car. And don’t forget, you’re also in the heart of Europe — you can be in Prague just three hours.
The University of Bayreuth continues to enhance its international reputation. The University leadership’s effectiveness is based on deep mutual trust.

Welcome to our campus

Come visit us, and experience the unique spirit of our university for yourself.

Maybe you’ll be hooked, just like Professor Dr Andreas Voßkuhle — the president of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany. He discovered his love of science here, later remarking that “attending a young and exciting university was a conscious choice. I quickly grew to appreciate the student-friendly city and the extensive academic support from professors during my first few semesters there.”

Come discover for yourself what makes this interdisciplinary university special — to its students, researchers, alumni, and donors. Who knows, maybe you’ll want to stay.

Get in touch
If you have any questions, we’re glad to assist you.

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