

“Ways to successfully communicate, perform and cooperate in an international scientific context”

Intercultural workshop for doctoral researchers

As doctoral researchers you are required to communicate and cooperate effectively with people from various countries and scientific domains with different cultural backgrounds. At first sight the “culture” of scientists might appear to be almost similar everywhere in the world. But in real cross-cultural scenarios at your workplace you may experience different ways of perceiving, understanding and interpreting situations. In our one-day workshop you will develop cross-cultural skills and abilities to cope with typical differences and challenges in international – not only scientific – surroundings and find sustainable and effective solutions. The workshop is based on practical scenarios and provides interactive training tools and skills.

Topic covered

- Ways to get well adapted to your workplace at the University of Würzburg
- Getting aware of your own cultural communication patterns and how they can match with patterns expected by your local peers, professors and supervisors
- Finding proactive ways of dealing with misunderstandings, irritations and conflicts
- Coping with different learning and teaching styles, approaches to research, and academic writing
- Adjusting to different approaches and understandings of supervision and leadership styles of professors and supervisors
- How to perform successfully in international teams and working groups
- Creating useful synergies through diverse perspectives

Trainer

Our trainer is a coach for intercultural communication and cooperation and organization development. She cooperates with universities and other institutions in the education sector and contributes her expertise in creating successful intercultural working environments. She spent 3 years in Bénin / West Africa as a teacher and has considerable personal experience with intercultural settings.