



## Support for international students returning after graduation

Many students after completing their degree programmes in Germany are interested to return to their home countries in order to bring their knowledge and skills to others and contribute to their countries' development. The following German organizations help students and experts who need counselling or specific information to make a decision on their returning plans.

### **CIM**

The Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM) is a joint operation of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the International Placement Services (ZAV) of the German Federal Employment Agency. CIM runs a Returning Experts service, which is a German government programme to help integrate experts into the development cooperation activities of their home country. The programme seeks to help experts from developing or emergent countries who have completed a training or a university degree in Germany or worked in their profession in Germany and would like to return to their home countries. Depending on your qualification the assistance may include subsidies for travel expenses and/or a top up of a local salary.

More Info: <http://www.cimonline.de/en/aspirant/61.asp> or  
[http://www.zav-reintegration.de/CIM\\_12003\\_Flyer\\_PRF\\_en\\_Web.pdf](http://www.zav-reintegration.de/CIM_12003_Flyer_PRF_en_Web.pdf)

### **WUS**

The World University Services (WUS) is an international organization working in more than 50 countries. In Germany, the WUS works in collaboration with the CIM to execute its Returning Experts programme. The assistance may include subsidies for equipping a new workplace.

More Info: <http://www.wusgermany.de/index.php?id=foerderprogramme> (German)

### **ZIRF**

The Information Centre for Voluntary Return (ZIRF) can provide you with an extensive information and data service for voluntary returns and has been established at the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees. The ZIRF offers targeted, individual counselling on assisted returns. A broad spectrum of questions is covered, such as economic infrastructure, local housing and labour markets, reconstruction aid, healthcare, social concerns, and potential for basic and further training.

More Info: <http://www.bamf.de/EN/Rueckkehrfoerderung/Rueckkehrberatung/rueckkehrberatung-node.html>

### **STUBE – Rheinland**

The word STUBE is drawn from **Studien**begleitprogramm meaning Development Education Programme which offers students a forum in which they can share experiences and development-related information. It is financed through the German protestant church and public funds. STUBE Rheinland is an interdisciplinary, interreligious and intercultural organization mainly targeting students from Africa, Asia and Latin America, but it also welcomes students from other regions. The programme focuses on intercultural competence, democratic development process, ecological sustainability, poverty reduction, justice and a worldwide partnership between the poor and the rich countries. The programme offers students weekend seminars, excursions, courses, workshops and evening events on development-related topics during study days as well as semester breaks. Active participants in the STUBE-Programme may receive assistance to visit their home countries to conduct research for their thesis and to prepare their return.

More Info: <http://www.stube-rheinland.de/index.php?page=3>