



Welcome speech by President Angela Ittel for first year students

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Dear students,

A warm welcome to the Eintracht Stadium, and a heartfelt welcome to Technische Universität Braunschweig!

The Welcoming Ceremony for the first year students at TU Braunschweig in the football stadium is a very special occasion. Each year, we greet around 3,000 new students in this impressive stadium with a rich history.

Your time at TU Braunschweig will mark a new chapter in your life and will significantly shape your further journey. We are confident that choosing TU Braunschweig is the right decision for this transformative period. Why? Because: TU Braunschweig imparts knowledge and skills, but more importantly, character and a mindset!

Our university is a community of creative people united by a deep interest in the world. Here you will find fellow campaigners to overcome the limits of the unknown together. Every question and every idea is welcome here! Here we build a bridge between what we know today and what is possible tomorrow. For us, for the society, for the planet.

Today we warmly welcome you as members of this courageous and open-minded community!

Dear students,

You are embarking on your studies during challenging times. Your school years were shaped by the pandemic. Peace and security are no longer taken for granted in our surroundings. The climate crisis shapes our vision of a shared future.

At TU Braunschweig, we believe in personal development and professional success despite these challenges. In these challenges, we see opportunities to reshape our environment. To seize these opportunities, it is crucial that we remain optimistic and open. That we are willing to think outside the box.

In this endeavor, your TU Braunschweig stands as a strong partner not only during your studies but also in the years that follow. We believe that the global openness and spirit of exploration of our university

will assist you, even as alumnae and alumni of TU Braunschweig, in making a positive contribution to society in the spirit of sustainability, justice, and peaceful coexistence.

An example of how former students and staff of TU Braunschweig shape their surroundings will accompany you daily in your studies. The new student building at the Oker River was designed by two alumni of our university and recently received the German Architecture Prize for its sustainable construction. The new open spaces in the student house can be used for studying, teamwork, or socializing with friends and fellow students.

TU Braunschweig is a place of exchange, learning, and engagement. The numerous student initiatives offer you an excellent opportunity for this: Whether it's sustainability, aircraft construction, or social entrepreneurship – in student initiatives, you can engage with topics that resonate with you. Additionally, these initiatives provide a chance to meet other students with similar interests and forge lifelong friendships.

Dear students,

We are proud that you have chosen to study at TU Braunschweig and encourage you to embark on this journey with open eyes and an open heart. Welcome and thank you!