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## Mentoring

Each BMS student has a mentor from the BMS faculty.

During **Phase I** your mentor:

- advises you on your study and follows your success
- meets with you regularly to evaluate your progress.

After each semester, you write a short report on your activities. These reports form the basis for discussion with your mentor and are then forwarded to the BMS One-Stop office.

On the other hand, as a **Phase II** student, you have a separate mentor in addition to your thesis advisor. While your advisor supports you concerning progress on the PhD thesis, choosing the right conferences and publishing articles, your mentor can

- guide you concerning career planning and networking
- give you a second opinion
- help in case of problems with your advisor.

The mentor must be a member of the BMS faculty and should not be a member of your research group, but it is quite reasonable if he or she works in the same field.



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## Soft-Skills Seminars

Becoming, being and staying a successful mathematician requires more than excellent research. You must be able to speak in front of a large audience in a lecture hall or at a conference, and prepare posters and applications for research grants. Then you need to manage your research group and its projects including advising PhD students. You must also be able to write up your research results compellingly. To help you along that long path, the BMS offers seminars on key competencies with a special focus on the needs of graduate students.

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## Language Courses


For international students who don't yet speak German, the BMS will cover the cost of one preparatory language course (60 hours of German as a foreign language, "Deutsch als Fremdsprache", aka "DaF") to be taken before the start of the first semester. If there is sufficient interest from students, we will offer a special BMS German course, starting in September, 4 to 6 weeks before the beginning of the semester.

Depending on our budget, support may be available for an additional language course (during the semester break) for international students who are already here. Language classes taken during the semester cannot be supported by the BMS.

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## For Women

The BMS offers informal meetings for our female students, with the intention of exchanging experiences and mutual assistance. Sonia Kovalevskaya Colloquia (as a part of the regular BMS Friday) will feature female mathematicians, both senior and junior, who are seen as successful role models. The speakers will be asked to share their experiences as women in the mathematical community with the female part of the audience. This will take part during lunch before the lecture.





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## Summer Schools

The BMS regularly sponsors summer schools: concentrated periods of lectures on specific mathematical topics. In 2013, summer schools will be organized in the areas of “Moduli and Automorphic Forms” and “Discretization”. In 2014, the summer school will be in the area of “Applied Analysis” and take place at the TU Berlin.

If you have an idea or a specific academic interest, which you would like to cover more deeply but have no time for during the semester, come and talk to us! We are looking for your input, and may be able to turn your idea into the next BMS summer school or into a BMS workshop.

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## Conference Travel Support

The BMS encourages students (in both Phase I and Phase II) to attend mathematical conferences! To help you do so, the BMS will cover registration fees and travel costs for one conference over the course of Phase I, and one conference per year during Phase II.

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## Office Space

The BMS provides office space for Phase I students, and Phase II students usually have space in their research group.





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## Lounges and Computer Pools

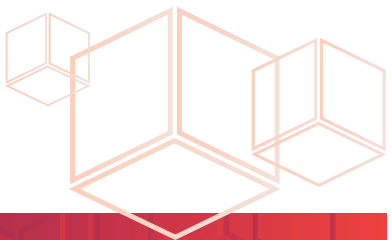
There are BMS lounges at the FU, HU and TU. These lounges serve as meeting places for BMS students to relax, discuss ideas over coffee, and meet the staff of the One-Stop Office during our rotating office hours.

BMS students have computer access at all three universities. Please let us know if you would like to use the computers and need an account.

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## Families at the BMS

We will find individual study solutions for students who have or are expecting children. Students can take time off, study part-time or with some other kind of reduced load. The BMS will find a way to cover the student's individual needs as a parent. Extra financial support is available to students with children, in order to cover part of the costs associated with childcare. TU, FU and HU have suitable rooms for parents with children and there are also daycare facilities on campus. The Diversity Manager will help you in all matters associated with childcare.





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## Buddy Program

The BMS offers a buddy program to welcome new students to Berlin. Their buddies can pick them up at the airport when they first arrive, and help them find their way around the city. Please consider volunteering to be a buddy!

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## Sports Courses

All three universities offer a wide variety of sports to their students at very reasonable prices. The universities' sports websites (below) are in German, but the One-Stop Office can help you find suitable courses, if needed.

[www.tu-sport.de](http://www.tu-sport.de)

[www.hs-sport.fu-berlin.de](http://www.hs-sport.fu-berlin.de)

[www.zeh.hu-berlin.de/angebot](http://www.zeh.hu-berlin.de/angebot)

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## Cultural Events

The One-Stop Office can also help with advice on Berlin's cultural life. Ask us or have a look at these websites for information (in English) about Berlin, concerts, theaters, cinemas, bars, restaurants, etc.:

[www.exberliner.com](http://www.exberliner.com)

[www.berlin.de/english](http://www.berlin.de/english)

[www.visitberlin.de/en](http://www.visitberlin.de/en)

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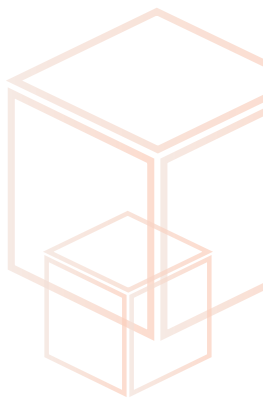
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