# ASSIST

**Active Partnership and Support of Senior Consultants for International Students**

Dear international students at Ulm University of Applied Sciences,

We would like to invite you to join the activities of ASSIST.

### What is ASSIST?

Elderly and experienced adults – Senior Consultants – support international students during their stay in Germany while they study at Ulm University or Ulm University of Applied Sciences. This is the basic idea of ASSIST. The word is the short form of **Active Partnership and Support of Senior Consultants for International Students**.

ASSIST was initiated by the Centre for General Scientific Continuing Education of Ulm University, shortly ZAWiW, in 2006 for students in study courses taught in English at the University of Ulm.

Since 2011 also students of the international programs of Ulm University of Applied Sciences may join the activities of ASSIST.

The project got a start-up financing until 2008. Currently cultural activities e.g. visits of museums are still supported by Ulm University.

Within ASSIST intercultural and intergenerational bridges are built. Practically the project's output is an exchange of experiences and competences between students and Senior Consultants, for example at common parties, by learning the German language and on excursions. Contacts are possible in groups or individually.

Typical activities in groups or individually:

- Excursions to places of touristic or technical interest
- Guided city tours
- Welcome and Christmas party
- Joined cooking
- Individual help like dealing with authorities (municipality, police)
- Shopping hints
- German language coaching

Students of Ulm University of Applied Sciences, who would like to receive invitations to activities of ASSIST or request individual help should contact Prof. Ulrich Petri (retired Vice President of Ulm University of Applied Sciences, mailto: petri@hs-ulm.de).

They will be included in the mailing list of ASSIST and receive all information about current activities.

Further information about ASSIST may also be found at https://assist-ulm.de/