



Speech by the President of TU Braunschweig, Professor Angela Ittel, during the central reception of first-year students on 23 October 2023

Dear students,

welcome to the Eintracht Stadium, welcome to TU Braunschweig!

TU Braunschweig's first semester welcome in the football stadium is really something special. Year after year we welcome about 3000 new students here, in this impressive stadium with a long history. Studying at TU Braunschweig is a new phase in your life and will have a significant impact on your entire life. We are convinced that you have made the right choice with TU Braunschweig for this formative time. Because: TU Braunschweig imparts knowledge and skills, but more importantly, it imparts a character and a mindset!

Our university is a community of creative people united by a deep interest in the world. Here you will find peers to push the boundaries of the unknown. Every question and every idea is welcome here! We build a bridge between what we know today and what is possible tomorrow. For us, for society, for the planet. Today we invite you to become a part of this brave and open-minded community!

Dear students,

You are starting your studies at challenging times. Your school years were marked by the pandemic. Peace and security are no longer a given around us. The climate crisis is shaping our vision of a common 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 essential that we remain optimistic and open-minded. That we are willing to think outside the box.

In doing so, TU Braunschweig is a strong partner at your side, not only during your studies but also afterwards. We believe that the cosmopolitanism and spirit of discovery of our university will help you, also as alumnae and alumni of TU Braunschweig, to make 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 environment will accompany you every day during your studies. The new TU Braunschweig student residence on the banks of the river Oker was designed by two alumni of our university and was recently awarded the German Architecture Prize for its sustainable construction. You can use the new open spaces of the

student house for studying, for teamwork or for meetings with friends and fellow students.

TU Braunschweig is a place of exchange, learning and commitment. The numerous student initiatives offer you an excellent opportunity to do so: Whether sustainability, aircraft construction or social entrepreneurship - in the student initiatives you can get involved in topics that move you. Student initiatives also give you the chance to meet other students with similar interests and make friends for life.

Dear students,

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