UNIVERSITY OF AUGSBURG

Financing Your Studies



Important information before starting your studies

The International Office of the University of Augsburg has put together a series of presentations for international first-year students with the most important information about studying and living in Augsburg.



This presentation is the sixth of seven. It addresses the question of how you, as students, can **finance your studies.** We recommend that you carefully review all presentations so that you are well prepared to start your studies and can clarify any important questions.

All presentations are available online and can be downloaded via the following link: https://www.uni-augsburg.de/en/portal/internationals/abschluss/study-preparation-course/.

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The (financial) situation of international students at German universities

- There are currently just under 500,000 international students in Germany (about 17 percent of all students) (https://mediendienst-integration.de/integration/hochschule.html, 27.09.2025)
- Main motivations: high quality of life, desire to work in Germany after completing one's studies, Germany's economic situation, getting to know Germany
- 95% organize their stay on their own – **just like you!** - they come without an exchange program
- Challenges: Finding accommodation, connecting with German classmates, navigating the academic system, and financing one's studies and living expenses
- Financing one's studies:
  - 63% have their parents' support
  - 50 % finance their studies with their own earnings
  - 15 % receive scholarships (mainly German ones)
  - *(54% have two or three sources of funding)*
- 51% of international students take on jobs while studying; for 75% of them, working is absolutely necessary

Cost of living in Augsburg

- **<u>At least</u> EUR 1.000 – 1.300 Euros per month**

at least 400 - 600 Euro/ month	Rent
approx. 20 Euro/ month	Public broadcasting fee
approx. 145 Euro/ month	Public health insurance
approx. 250 Euro/ month	Groceries
100-200 Euro/ month	Books, copies, leisure time, clothing

- **Attention:**

  Semester fee (approx. 190 Euro)

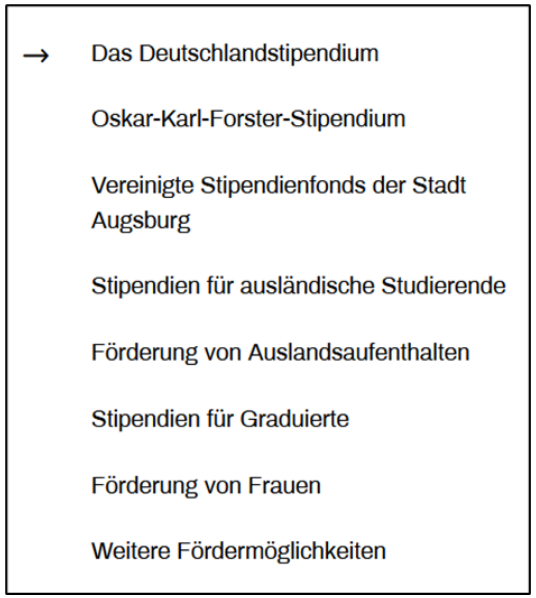
  Extension of residence permit (non-EU approx. 12.000 Euro)

Scholarships at the University of Augsburg

- **Scholarships offered by the International Office:**
  - Only for students in their 2nd master's semester or higher / 3rd bachelor's semester or higher
  - very limited number
  - Criteria: Need & Eligibility
  - Applications are only accepted if a call for applications has been issued

→ Keep an eye out for posters, flyers, and the aaa-info-mailing list

- **Scholarship department**
  - „Book Scholarship" (one-time payment of 100 euros)
  - Financial support for women (and families)
  - „Deutschlandstipendium" (300 Euro/Monat)



→ https://www.deutschlandstipendium.de/deutschlandstipendium/de/services/english/the-deutschlandstipendium-best-of-both-worlds-for-students

→ https://www.uni-augsburg.de/de/studium/studieren-augsburg/stipendien/das-deutschlandstipendium/

Scholarships from other funding sources

- **A wide range of (political) foundations and associations**
  - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung
  - Cusanuswerk, Evangelisches Studienwerk, Avicenna-Studienwerk
  - Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wirtschaft, Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft, DAAD
- **A wide variety of databases; the most important ones:**
  - www.stipendiumplus.de
  - https://www.begabungslotse.de/themen/stipendium
  - https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/

BAföG for international students



- BAföG – **B**undes-**A**usbildungs**fö**rderungs-**G**esetz
  (= "Federal Law on Financial Assistance for Education")
  - „Government funding" → 50% grant & 50% interest-free loan
  - up to 992 euros per month (depending on the parents' income, rent, etc.)
  - Loan repayment: five years after the end of the standard period of study, up to 10,010 euros

- International students are also eligible for BAföG, though the requirements are strict
  - Contact: Studierendenwerk Augsburg, https://studierendenwerk-augsburg.de/bafoeg/
  - General informationen:
    https://www.mystipendium.de/bafoeg/bafoeg-fuer-auslaender
    https://www.stw.berlin/en/baf%C3%B6g/baf%C3%B6g-faq/20.-baf%C3%B6g-for-international-students.html

Financial assistance in emergencies

- **f.au.st e.V.**
  - can quickly provide assistance if talented international students from lower-income countries need financial aid

→ Scholarships (limited)
→ Student grants
→ mainly loans

Förderung Ausländischer Studierender Augsburg e.V.

https://www.uni-augsburg.de/en/portal/faust-en/

Student Jobs – Legal Basics

- Non-EU citizens (residing under §16b) have been permitted to work **140 full days or 280 half days per year, or 20 hours per week (!!)**, since June 2024.
- If you work more than **20 hours a week**, you no longer qualify as a "student." This could lead to problems with your student health insurance.

→ EU students working in Germany need German health insurance (the EHIC card is no longer valid in this case)

→ Beratung bei Fragen:

- b!st – Studierendenwerk, https://studierendenwerk-augsburg.de/sprechzeiten/
- Check with your health insurance provider

Student assistant positions at the university 1/2

- **Hiwi** = **Hi**lfs**wi**ssenschaftler*in
  → General term for *student* or *research assistant*
  → Students employed by a department, a professor, a project, or another unit at a university
    - **Student assistant** = **studentische Hilfskraft (SHK)** – has not yet graduated, Income: 14,00 €/h
    - **Resarch assistant** = **wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft (WHK)** – with a (bachelor's) degree, income: 16,00 €/h
- Maximum working hours as a student assistant: 86 hours per month → zählt nicht zu den 140 Tagen, die Nicht-EU-Studierende arbeiten dürfen

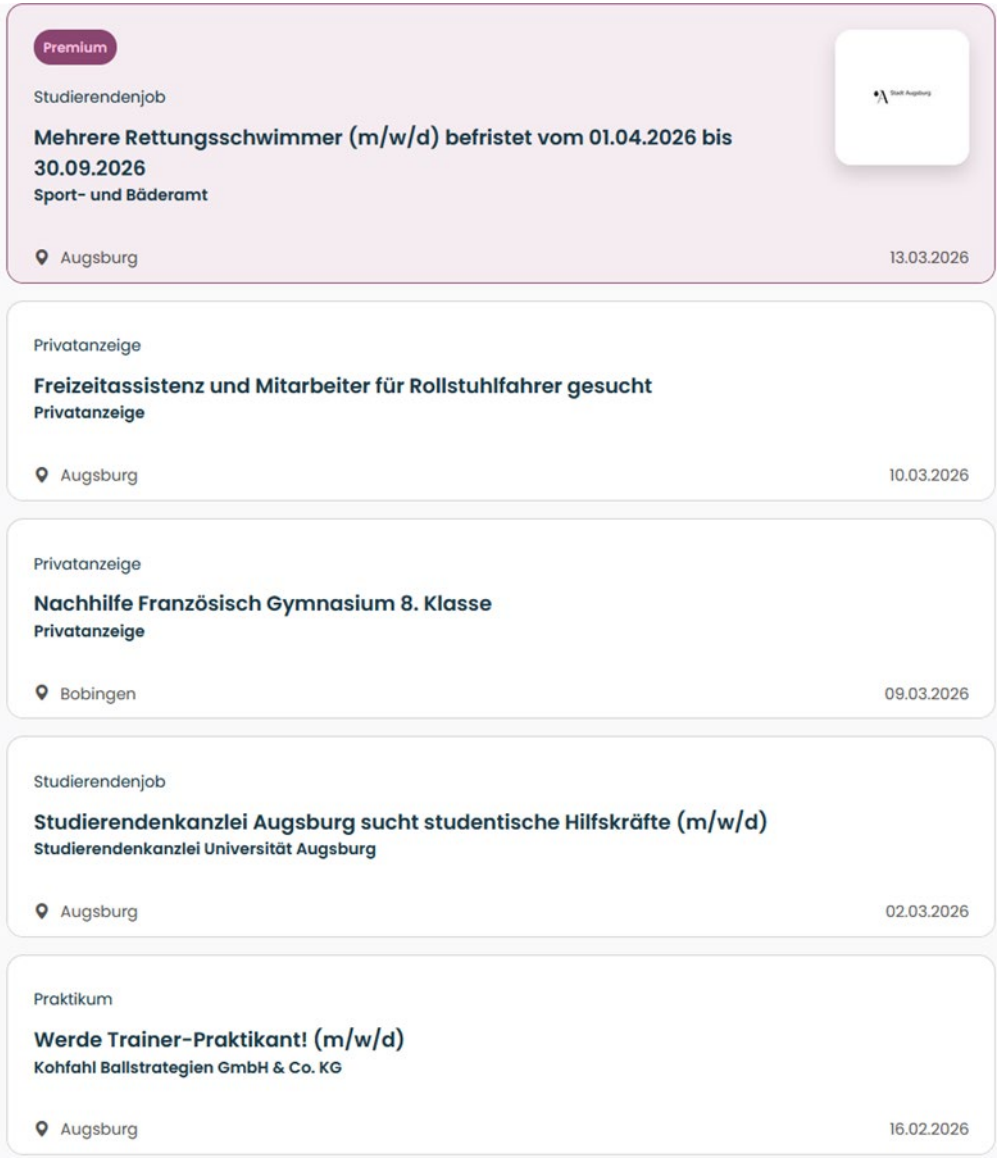
Student assistant positions at the university 2/2

Where can you find student assistant positions?

- Studierendenwerk: https://www.studierendenjobs.de/
- Digicampus „Jobbörse“ (student assistant job board and “external” jobs)
- Department offices: near the administrative offices (notices on bulletin boards) & websites
- „Bulletin boards “ (notes and posters) all over campus
- International Office (or other departments)
  → Posters, AAA-InfoMail, website
- library



Studierendenwerk: www.studierendenjobs.de



Temporary employment agencies in Augsburg

- BUHL Gastronomie: https://www.buhl-gps.de/
- Jobmensa: http://www.jobmensa.de/studentenjobs/augsburg



Personalspezialist für Gastronomie, Hotellerie, Catering und GV

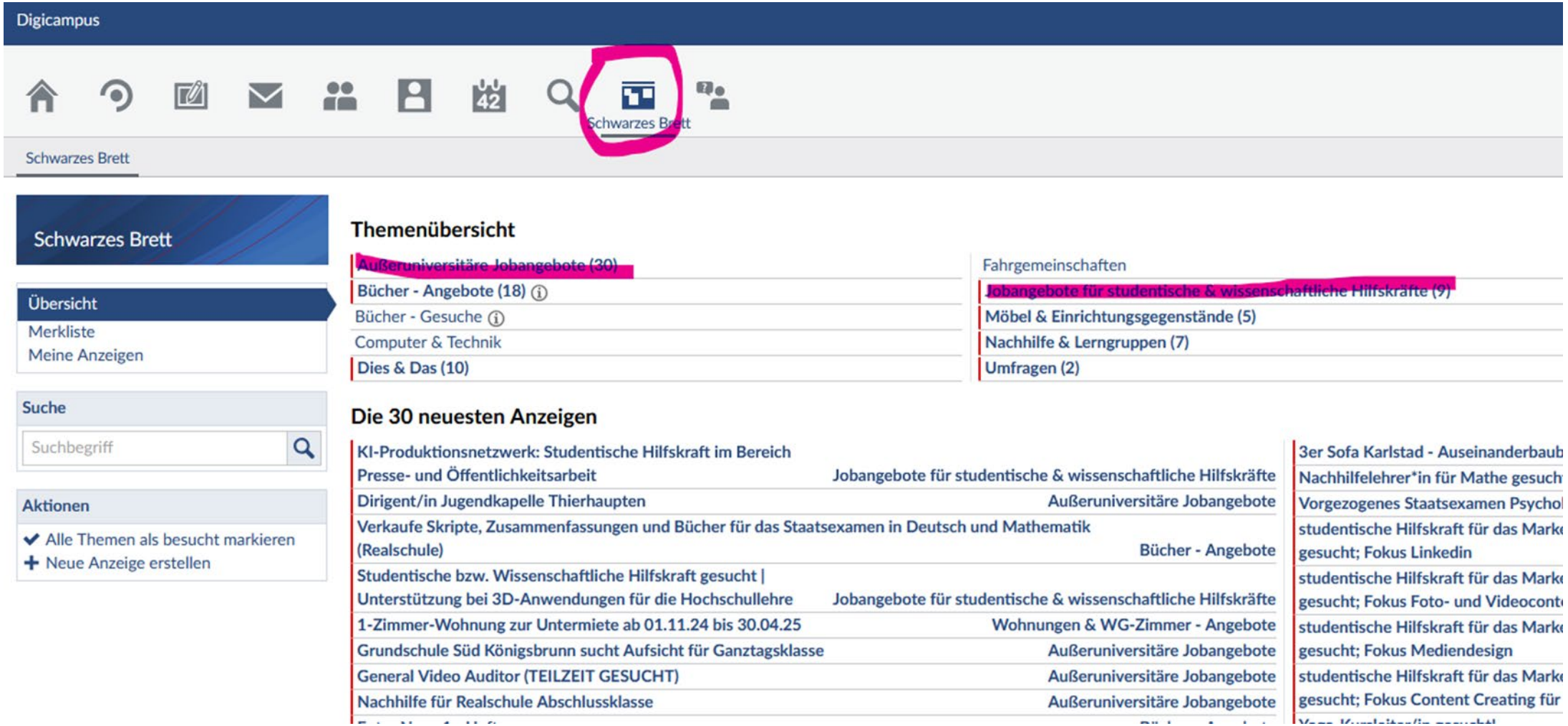
BUHL Personal

Wir stellen deutschlandweit Mitarbeiter ein!

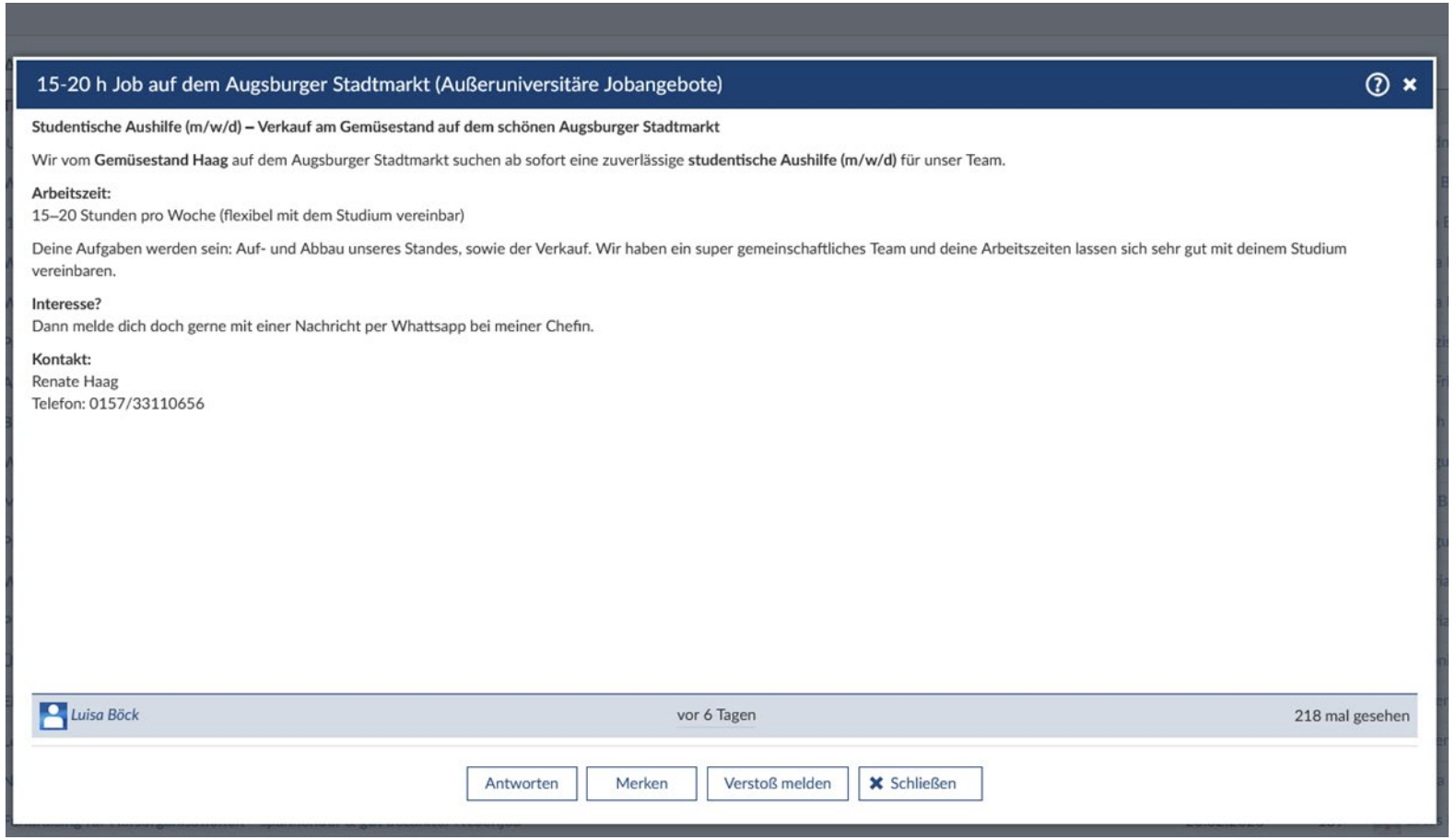
Als Personalspezialisten für Gastronomie, Hotellerie, Catering und Gemeinschaftsverpflegung sind wir seit mehr als 30 Jahren die Nummer 1! Zum Einsatz in unseren Kundenbetrieben suchen wir ganzjährig Mitarbeiter aller gastronomischen Qualifikationsstufen für

- Service
- Eventservice
- Küche
- Kantine
- Business
- Empfang

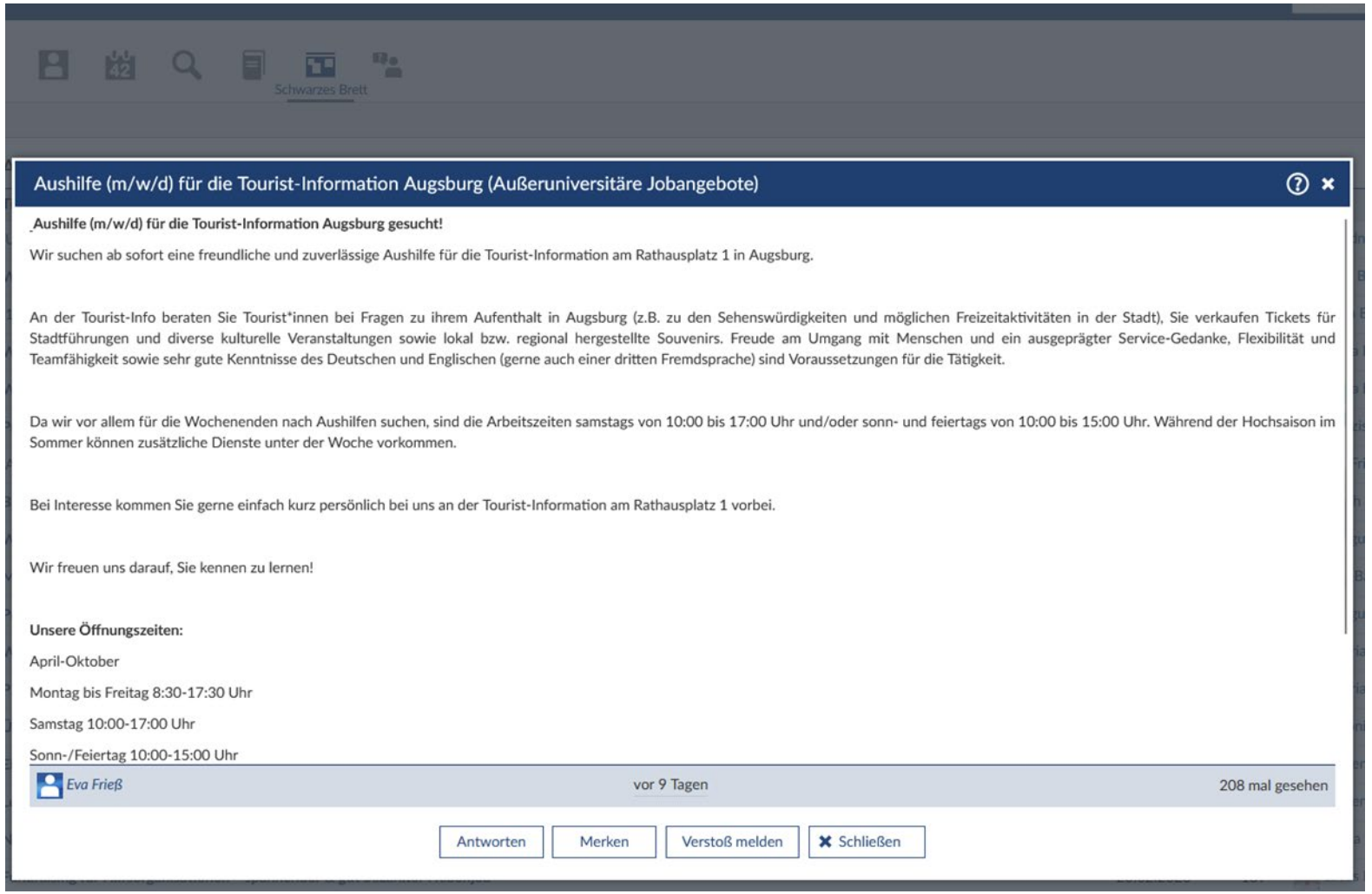
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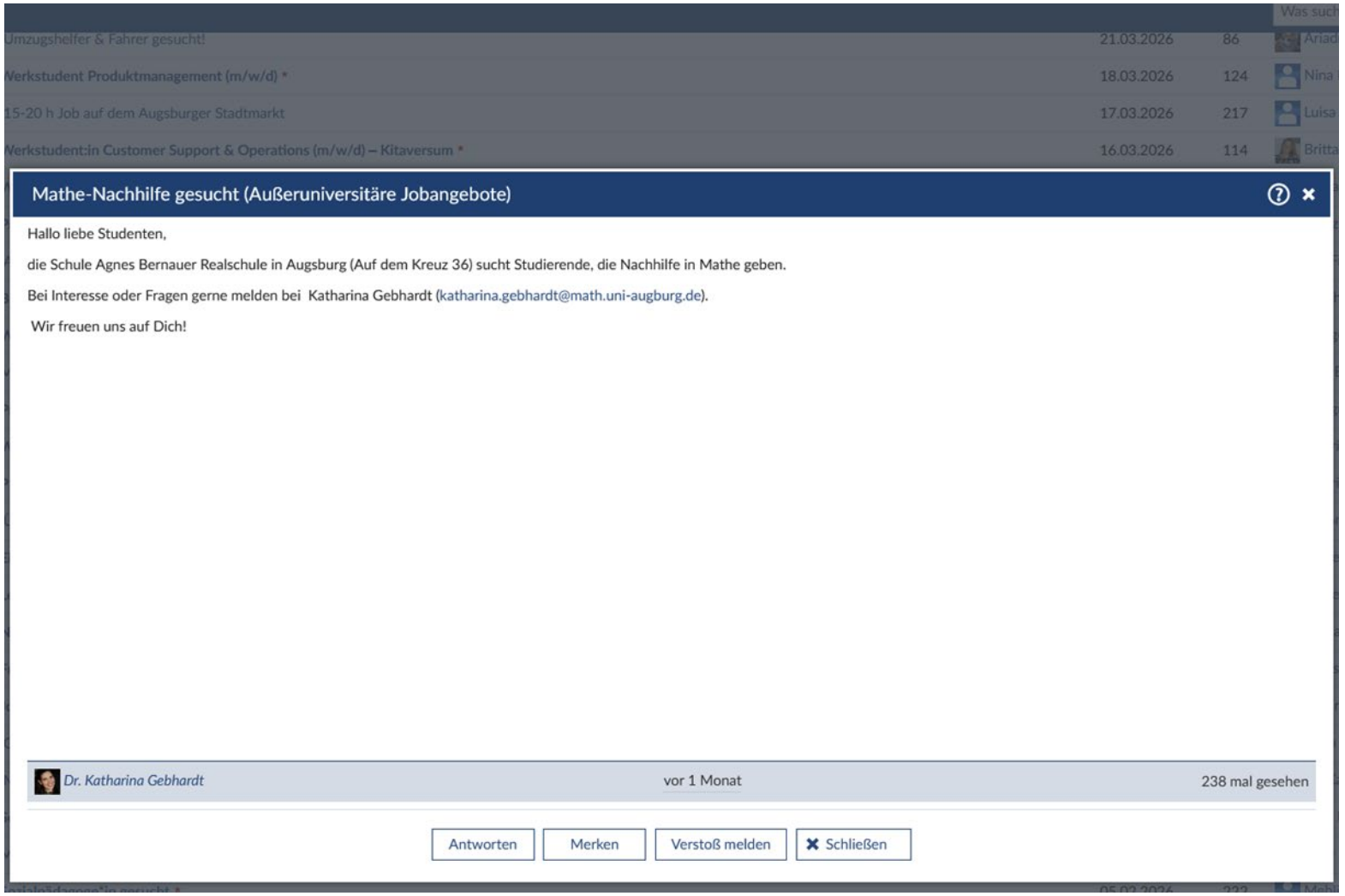
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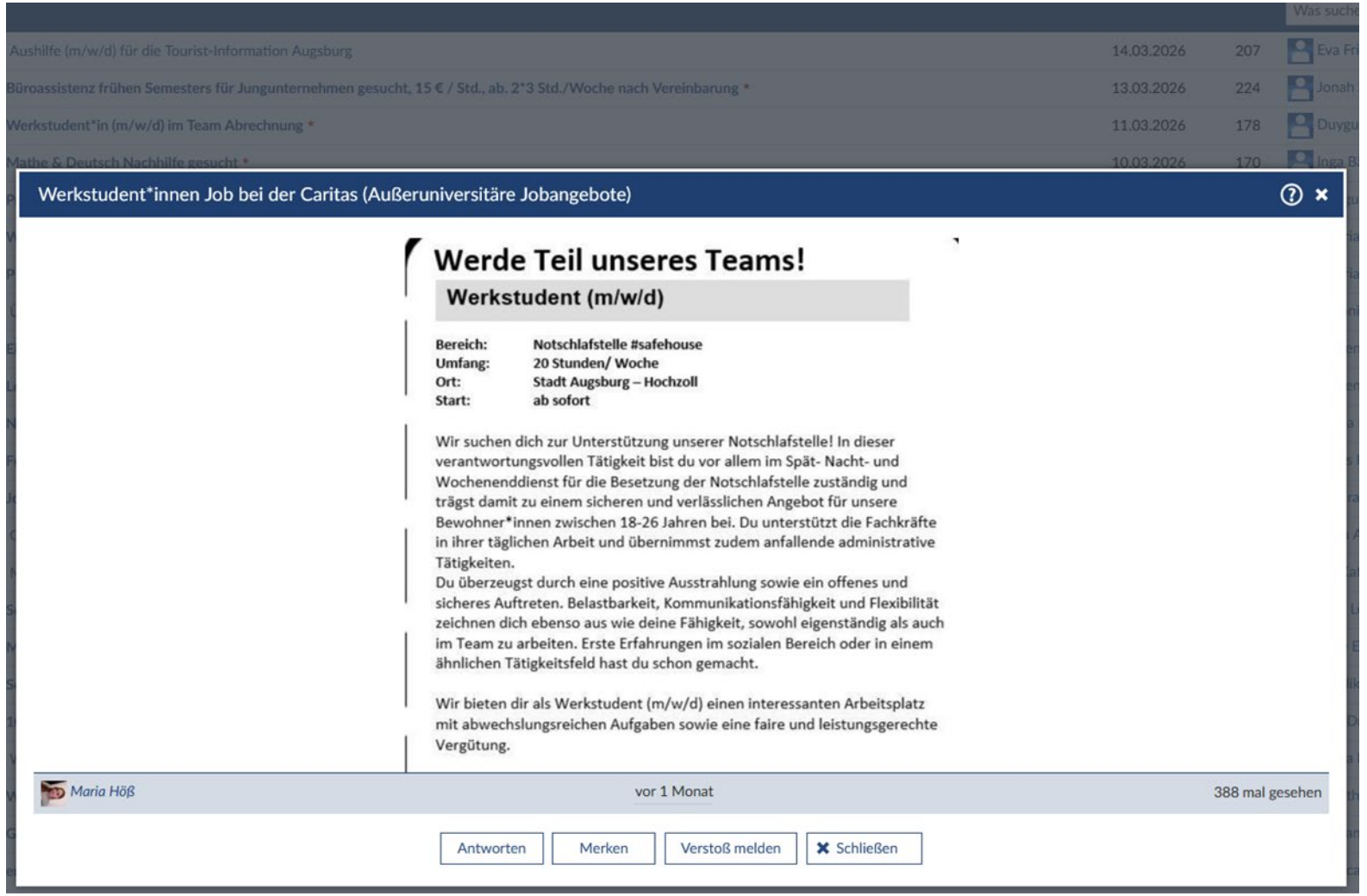
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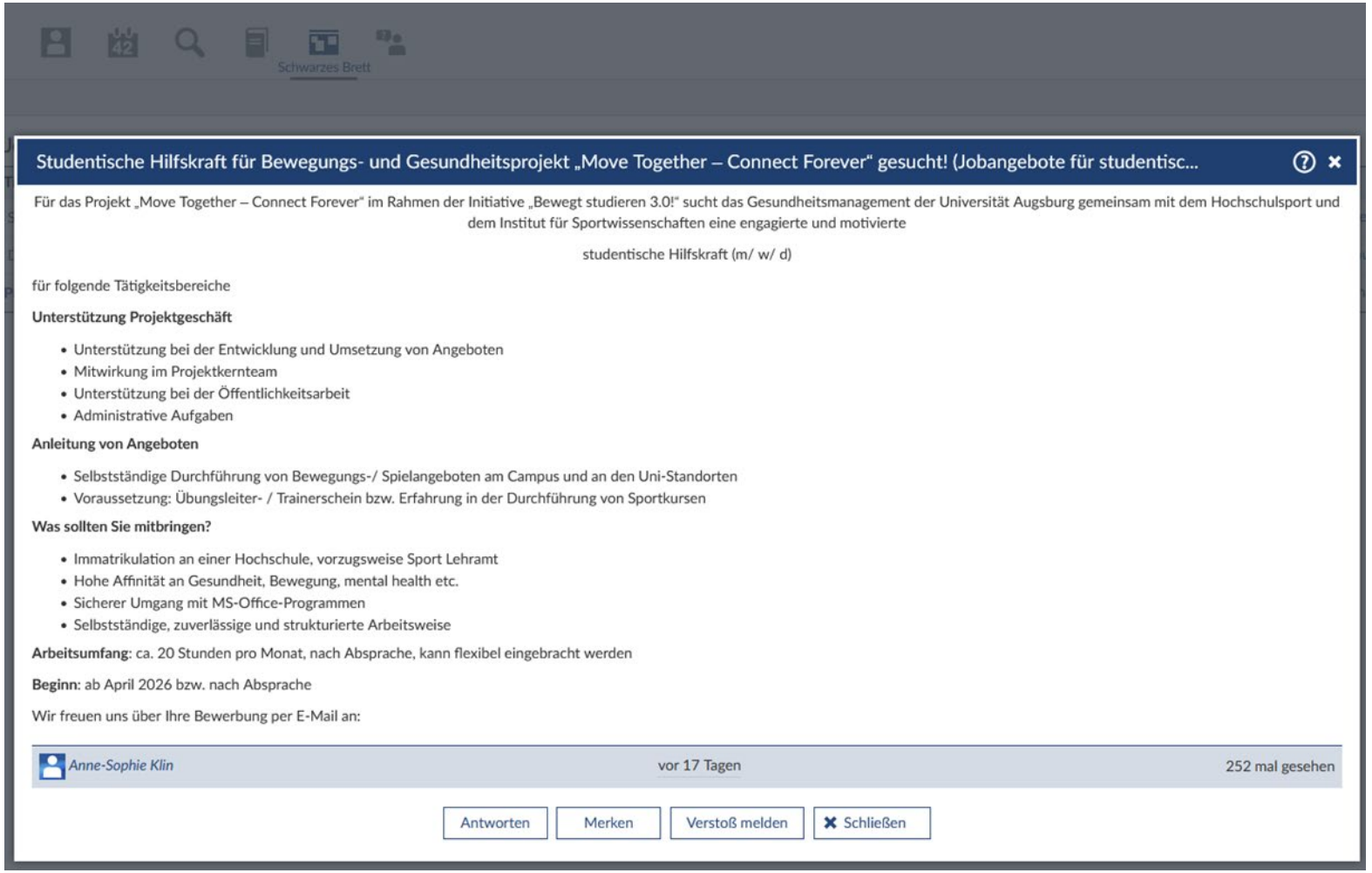
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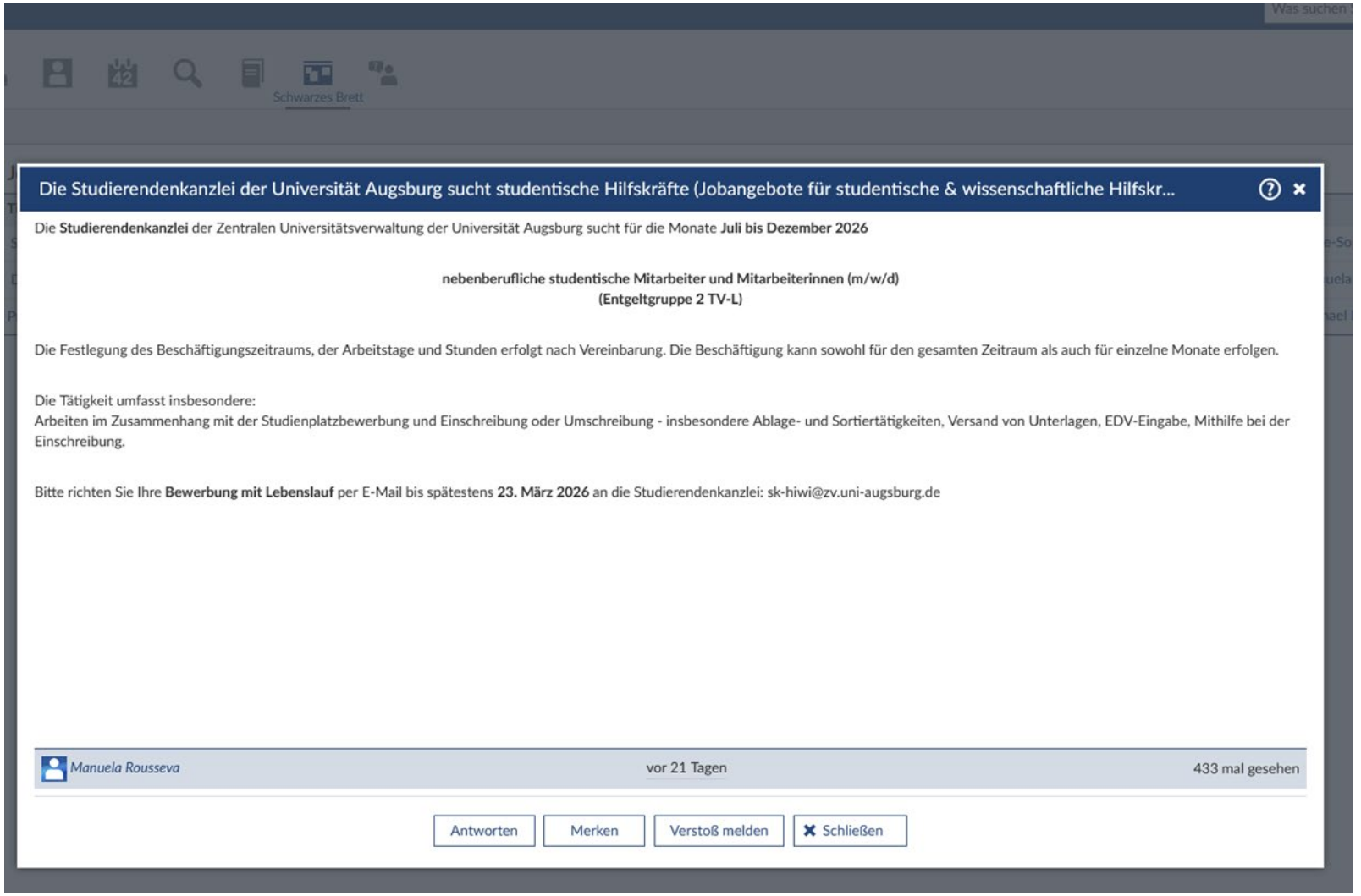
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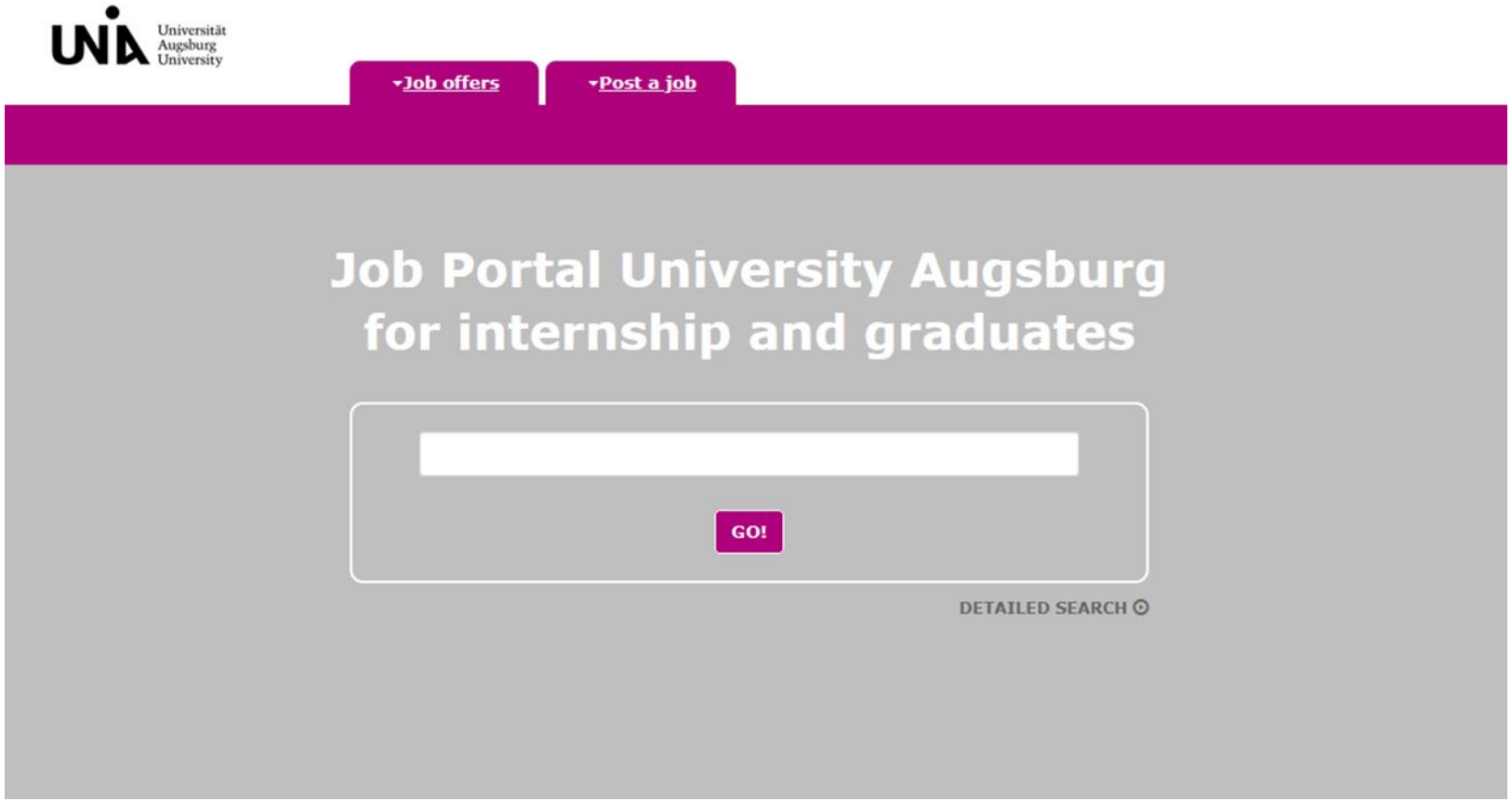


Digicampus: Job board



University of Augsburg Job Portal: Internships & Career Starts, Nationwide

https://www.jobportal-augsburg.de/index.php?lang=2



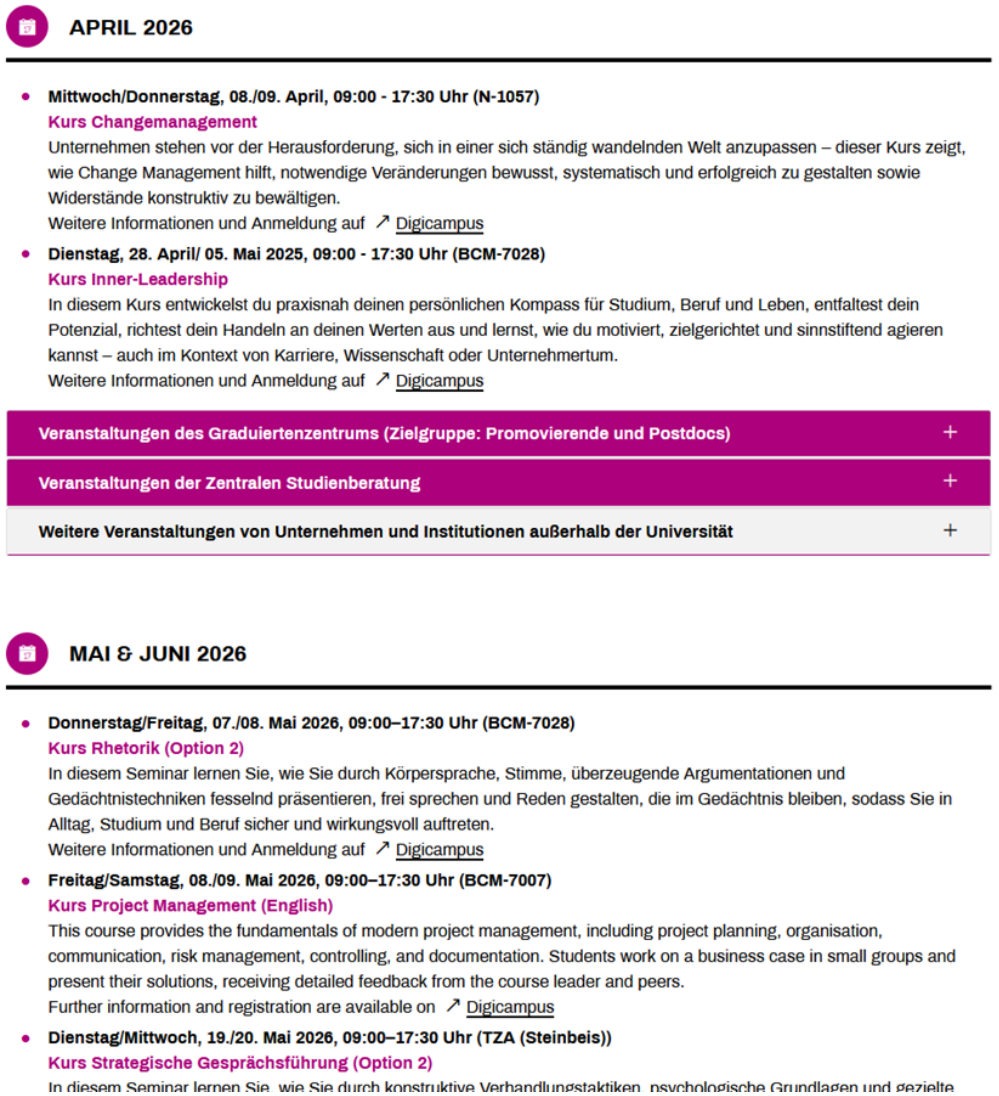
Career Service at the University of Augsburg

The Career Service offers a few English workshops and courses:

→ Link

Services:

- Field trips to local companies
- Soft skills courses
- Business administration for humanities students
- A guide to job applications
- Job interview training



APRIL 2026

- **Mittwoch/Donnerstag, 08./09. April, 09:00 - 17:30 Uhr (N-1057)**
  Kurs Changemanagement
  Unternehmen stehen vor der Herausforderung, sich in einer sich ständig wandelnden Welt anzupassen – dieser Kurs zeigt, wie Change Management hilft, notwendige Veränderungen bewusst, systematisch und erfolgreich zu gestalten sowie Widerstände konstruktiv zu bewältigen.
  Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung auf ↗ Digicampus
- **Dienstag, 28. April/ 05. Mai 2025, 09:00 - 17:30 Uhr (BCM-7028)**
  Kurs Inner-Leadership
  In diesem Kurs entwickelst du praxisnah deinen persönlichen Kompass für Studium, Beruf und Leben, entfaltest dein Potenzial, richtest dein Handeln an deinen Werten aus und lernst, wie du motiviert, zielgerichtet und sinnstiftend agieren kannst – auch im Kontext von Karriere, Wissenschaft oder Unternehmertum.
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Veranstaltungen des Graduiertenzentrums (Zielgruppe: Promovierende und Postdocs) +

Veranstaltungen der Zentralen Studienberatung +

Weitere Veranstaltungen von Unternehmen und Institutionen außerhalb der Universität +

MAI & JUNI 2026

- **Donnerstag/Freitag, 07./08. Mai 2026, 09:00–17:30 Uhr (BCM-7028)**
  Kurs Rhetorik (Option 2)
  In diesem Seminar lernen Sie, wie Sie durch Körpersprache, Stimme, überzeugende Argumentationen und Gedächtnistechniken fesselnd präsentieren, frei sprechen und Reden gestalten, die im Gedächtnis bleiben, sodass Sie in Alltag, Studium und Beruf sicher und wirkungsvoll auftreten.
  Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung auf ↗ Digicampus
- **Freitag/Samstag, 08./09. Mai 2026, 09:00–17:30 Uhr (BCM-7007)**
  Kurs Project Management (English)
  This course provides the fundamentals of modern project management, including project planning, organisation, communication, risk management, controlling, and documentation. Students work on a business case in small groups and present their solutions, receiving detailed feedback from the course leader and peers.
  Further information and registration are available on ↗ Digicampus
- **Dienstag/Mittwoch, 19./20. Mai 2026, 09:00–17:30 Uhr (TZA (Steinbeis))**
  Kurs Strategische Gesprächsführung (Option 2)
  In diesem Seminar lernen Sie, wie Sie durch konstruktive Verhandlungstaktiken, psychologische Grundlagen und gezielte

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