



## **UCarLi – Ukraine UniKN Career Link Programme**

### **What is UCarLi about?**

The University of Konstanz is looking for contact persons who are working in Germany or its neighbouring countries to support students and graduates from Ukraine by exchanging information about career opportunities and the German/European labour market. Some of the students completed their Bachelor's or Master's degree in the spring, others are about to graduate. The students are looking for entry-level jobs, internships and possible career prospects.

### **What is the background?**

For more than 30 years, the University of Konstanz has maintained close contacts with Ukrainian universities and is connected with them in many ways in research, administration and through student exchange. When Russia invaded the whole of Ukraine in February 2022, the University of Konstanz acted quickly and made it possible for Ukrainian students to come to Konstanz to continue their studies here. Despite the stressful situation, these students have achieved a lot. Some have recently completed their studies, others will soon graduate. Now comes a new challenge: Starting a career in Germany. Many of the students have only been in Germany for a year or less, had to find their way in a new country and new university system, abandon old plans and develop alternative perspectives. In order to support them well in their step into the job market, the University of Konstanz has launched the UCarLi programme for Ukrainian students.

### **For which students and graduates is UCarLi?**

The programme is aimed at Ukrainian students at the University of Konstanz who have either come to Germany since 2022 or were unable or unwilling to return to Ukraine after their semester abroad due to the war. In 2022/2023, these were approx. 70 students from the following subject groups:

- Economics (approx. 30% of students)
- Linguistics and cultural studies (approx. 15% of students)
- Sociology (approx. 10% of students)

- Computer Science
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Law
- Political and Administrative Science
- Psychology
- Physics

## **What does it mean to make yourself available as a contact person in the UCarLi programme?**

As a contact person for Ukrainian students, you can make a difference with little effort. You have valuable insider knowledge: About your industry, possible career paths, sought-after knowledge and skills, and about cultural differences and similarities between the working world in Ukraine and in Germany. We would be happy if you were willing to share this knowledge with the students. The extent to which you do this is up to you. Even a one-time conversation (also by phone or video) can help students and graduates find their way. If you have the time and the desire to talk to students more often, you are very welcome to do so. However, this is absolutely not a must.

## **How do I participate?**

Fill out the online form on [uni.kn/solidarity-ukraine/ucarli](https://uni.kn/solidarity-ukraine/ucarli). Your details will be forwarded to Eva Maisel (Career Service of the University of Konstanz). The Ukrainian students will contact the Career Service in order to get a contact. If a student with the thier subject background or career aspirations matches your details, Ms. Maisel will contact you to ar-range the contact. This means that you are always free to decide whether you have the time resources to act as a contact person for Ukrainian students. Your name and email address will only be passed on to the students concerned after you have given your explicit consent in the individual case.

## **Any questions?**

If you have any questions about the UCarLi programme for Ukrainian students, please feel free to contact us by email at [Eva.maisel@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:Eva.maisel@uni-konstanz.de) or by phone at 0049 7531 88 2548.