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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

the summer semester is in full swing, the exam period is approaching quickly, and alongside the general information related to it, there is a special matter at the end of this email for which I need your help. But first, the general news:

- The core **exam period** this summer semester will run from Monday, July 21, to Saturday, August 16, 2025.
- The **exam dates** have already been published for a few weeks at <https://tud.link/xecw4j> to help with your planning. Please remember that changes may still occur – so be sure to check in regularly!
- The next phases of **exam registration** will begin after the lecture-free Whitsun week:
 - From **Monday, June 16, to Monday, July 7, 2025**, you can register for all language exams across the different module contexts of the curriculum, as well as for the general language exam via TUDIAS (details available at <https://tud.link/ahe56u>).
 - And from **Monday, June 23, to Monday, July 7, 2025**, the main registration phase for all other examinations will take place.
- Unfortunately, the exam period often comes with the issue that some exams may not go as planned. In that context, a very important note: If you are facing **problems with failed modules, delays in your academic progress, or other questions and difficulties regarding your studies**, please get in touch with the Examination Office as soon as possible to find solutions. The earlier we know about a problem, the easier it is to find good solutions!

And now to the final point for today – a new idea, for which I need your support. Everyone's talking about AI, radio programs are being generated by AI, and basically everyone has played around with one of those tools at some point. So, the question is: why shouldn't we use such a system for something actually useful in the context of studying?

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That's exactly what I have in mind right now. We are planning to set up a **chatbot for academic advising** – initially for basic questions about our study programs and exam matters – using a large language model that will be hosted securely on servers provided by the ZIH. This would be something truly innovative, and as far as I can tell, our faculty would be the first to implement such a system.

But for this to work, the AI needs to be trained and prepared – and for that, I need a few students, ideally with an interest in computer science, who could take on this task as student assistants (SHK positions).

As I would like to have a first test version running by the end of the year (ideally even by the start of the winter semester), interested students who would enjoy this kind of task should get in touch with me as soon as possible!

Now I wish you a great long Whitsun weekend and a restful lecture-free week.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely

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