
Moving to Germany for a Doctorate
(Information sheet for non-EU applicants)

Apply for a Visa
- There are different types of visa (student, employee, highly qualified, researcher)
- When you contact the German diplomatic mission, please specify the exact purpose of your stay in Germany
- Never enter on a tourist visa!

Come to Germany
- Make sure that you have a (travel) health insurance that covers your first weeks in Germany

Residence Registration
- Everyone with a permanent residence in Germany has to register with the local public administration
- The administration is called Bürgeramt, Bürgerbüro or Einwohnermeldeamt

Residence / Work Permit
- A Residence Permit is obligatory for non-EU citizens who live in Germany
- If you are employed you will also need a Work Permit
- Both can be acquired at the Ausländerbehörde or Landratsamt

Get Health Insurance
- Health insurance is obligatory in Germany
- You can get health insurance from a public or private insurer
- Every employee is automatically insured (and only has to choose a public insurer)