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

Apply for a Visa
• There are different types of visa (e.g. 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 valid health insurance before you arrive in Germany (travel insurance is insufficient)

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

Residence / Work Permit
• A Residence Permit is obligatory for non-EU citizens living 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 insured by a public or a private insurer
• Every employee is automatically insured by a public insurer of his/her choice