

Checklist: After Your Arrival

Register Your Address in Germany

Germany has a registration requirement. Anyone who stays in a city longer than 90 days must officially register his or her address. Registration must take place within two weeks of the move at your Residents' Registration Office. This also applies to moves within the same city. If you miss the deadlines to register your address, you may be required to pay a fine. To register, you will need a valid ID/passport, a completed registration form as well as a confirmation from your landlord ("Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung").

Apply for a Residence Permit, if Required

All non-EU/EEA citizens need to apply for a residence permit (Aufenthaltserlaubnis) at the local Foreigners Registration Authority (Ausländerbehörde) responsible for their respective area of residence within 90 days after arrival. Please note that even if you do not need a visa to enter Germany – and are a citizen of a non-EU/EEA member country – you will need a residence permit!

Open a Bank Account

For a longer stay you might need a German bank account. For this, your ID, your visa/residence permit and your registration certificate will be required.

First Steps at KIT

- Get your KIT-Card at the Registration Desk
- Visit your host institute
- Set up your workplace (internet access, telephone, library card etc.)

Social Events

The monthly IscO Newsletter will keep you informed about joint activities, including excursions and informational events for international researchers at KIT.

Discover Karlsruhe

Karlsruhe offers many opportunities for leisure activities. Read information about living and learning in Karlsruhe, sport and culture as well as transportation in the fan-shaped city.