

Checklist: Before Your Arrival

Apply for a visa

Please check the visa requirements for Germany and, if necessary, apply for a visa at the German mission abroad in your home country. General information can be found at Euraxess Germany.

Health insurance coverage

You are required to have health insurance during your stay in Germany. See Euraxess Germany for general information.

Registration via Mobility Online

Visiting Scientists are required to register their research stay at KIT via Mobility Online and may request Welcome Services after successful registration.

International researcher with an employment contract at KIT can register via Mobility Online and request Welcome Services.

Third-country nationals who require a Hosting Agreement in order to apply for a visa or a residence permit will receive the document via their Mobility Online account once the relevant process has been completed.

Find accommodation as soon as possible

Housing in the Karlsruhe area is not easy to find, especially from abroad. We therefore recommend that you start looking for accommodation as early as possible.

Important documents

- Passport (or ID card, if EU/EEA citizen)
- Notarized copies of diploma and doctoral degree, ideally in English or German translation
- Scholarship confirmation from the awarding institution or work contract

Register for a course in German as a Foreign Language, if applicable

If your family will be joining you:

- Visa application for your spouse and child(ren)
- Health insurance coverage for your spouse and child(ren)
- Marriage certificate

The certificate should be translated into German and notarized. In some cases, a Haager Apostille may be required.

Birth certificate(s) of your child(ren)

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