



Botschaft
der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Kopenhagen

Research Visa (§ 18d AufenthG)

Researchers are third-country nationals who

1. have a doctoral degree or a suitable university degree that allows access to doctorate programmes and
2. have been selected by a research institute and are allowed in the national territory of a member state
3. in order to engage in research for which such a qualification is normally required.

Note: This includes doctorate students unless they are enrolled at a German university to complete a full-time study programme leading to a doctoral degree as their primary activity.

If you are taking part in a full-time study programme, please read the information sheet Visa for doctorate students.

Required documents:

Please make sure to prepare 2 complete sets of the following documents (collated in the order as listed below) and bring them along for your appointment.

- 2 filled and signed application forms incl. declaration acc. 54 AufenthG
- Valid passport, providing a minimum of 2 blank pages + 2 copies of the passport's data page
- 2 Passport sized photos – no older than 6 months, must meet biometric standards
- Danish residence permit (card) -original + 2 copies (front and back)
- Proof of address in Denmark: yellow Danish health card (sygesikring) or bopælsattest (not older than 2 months) – original + 2 copies
- Signed Hosting agreement between the research organisation and the researcher / equivalent contract - original plus 2 copies
A Sample can be found here:
<https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/EN/Forschung/Forschungseinrichtungen/08muster-aufnahmevereinbarung-deutsch-englisch.html>
- Written declaration of the research institution regarding costs incurred for up to 6 months after termination of the hosting agreement – original + 2 copies (this is not required if the work of the research institute is primarily public funded or if there is a specific public interest)
- Proof of qualification: Proof of doctoral degree or university degree that allows access to doctorate programmes (all pages) (with certified German translation)– original + 2 copies. Diplomas issued in English do not need to be translated into German.
- Proof of accommodation in Germany incl. full address (e.g. rental agreement, hotel reservation or invitation letter in case of private accommodation with name, full address and passport copy of the inviting person) – original + 2 copies

*All data contained herein are based on the knowledge and experience of the Embassy at the time of drafting this information sheet.
However, no liability can be assumed for the completeness and accuracy.*

- Proof of sufficient financial means:
 - You must prove that you dispose of minimum 947 EUR/month (2021). Proof can be provided by the hosting agreement/contract. In case you are employed, the statutory minimum wage of 1.621 EUR has to be paid. When submitting the application, proof of financial means for the entire stay has to be provided.
 - Financial proof via blocked account: please open the blocked account before submitting your visa application. You need to submit the official notice of the bank naming the total amount paid and the monthly available amount.
- Proof of valid health insurance – original + 2 copies (ref. to information on health insurance coverage)

Fees:

75 €, payable either by Visa/Mastercard or in cash in DKK (approximately 560 DKK, depending on the exchange rate)

Additional information:

Once all required documents have been submitted, the application and supporting documents will be forwarded to the appropriate Aliens Authority (Ausländerbehörde) at the applicant's intended place of residence during his/her stay in Germany. The processing can take about 2 – 6 weeks. As soon as the application has been approved by the German authority, the Embassy will issue a national visa.

Please ensure that your application documents are complete! Incomplete applications may result in rejection of the visa application.

This information is regularly updated but makes no claim to be complete. In individual cases provision of additional documents may be necessary.