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Visa for doctorate /PhD students

Foreign doctorate students who have been accepted at a German university for a doctorate/PhD or a doctorate/PhD programme on a full-time basis can apply for a visa for doctorate students in Germany. If the doctorate is being completed as part of a contract of employment or a research agreement with a German university or research institute, you can apply for a visa for a research stay.

→ During your studies, you can take up student jobs to help cover your expenses.

→ Upon completing your studies, you will have the opportunity to look for a job.

Required documents:

Please make sure to prepare 2 complete sets of the following documents (collated in the order as listed below) and bring them in for your appointment. Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.

- 2 fully completed and signed applications including declarations pursuant to Section 54 Residence Act
- 2 recent biometric passport photos (see specimen photos)
- Valid and passport with at least two completely empty pages
- 2 uncertified copies of the data page of your valid passport
- Danish residence permit (card) -original + 2 copies (front and back)
- Proof of address in Denmark: yellow Danish health card (sygesikring) or residence certificate from Danish Borgerservice (bopælsattest) , not older than 2 months – original + 2 copies
- Notification of admittance to study for a doctorate/PhD or for a doctorate/PhD programme - original and 2 copies
- Proof of qualification for studying in Germany (e.g. former degrees/certificates incl. transcript of grades/mark sheets in English or incl. certified German translation) – original + 2 copies
- Proof of previous and/or present studies/work in Denmark - original + 2 copies
- Curriculum vitae with 1 copy
- Letter of motivation with 1 copy
- Proof of financial means for your studies in Germany – original + 2 copies either by:
 - a blocked account (“Sperrkonto”) at a bank in Germany containing the amount of 11.208 € for the first year of your studies (or for shorter studies 934 € per month
 - a formal obligation (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) by a sponsor resident in Germany or
 - proof of scholarship
- Proof of valid health insurance – original + 2 copies (please refer to info on health insurance)

Fees:

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.

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

Additional information:

Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected. The embassy reserves the right to request further documents. Certificates, diplomas, etc. must be presented in the original with apostille/legalization.

The visa must be approved by the competent foreigners authority in Germany. The visa can only be issued when this approval has been received. The processing time is as a rule ca. 4 – 6 weeks, but can take longer in individual cases.

Please do not contact the embassy to check the status of your application during the normal processing period. Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa section and can thus not be answered.