



Botschaft
der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Kopenhagen

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 filled and signed application forms incl. declaration acc. 54 AufenthG
- Valid passport issued within the past 10 years, 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
- Residence permit (card) in Denmark – original + 2 copies. Please copy the front and back of the residence permit.
- Proof of address in Denmark, e.g. yellow health insurance card or residence certificate from Danish Borgerservice, 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 two (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 one (1) extra copy
- Letter of motivation 2 x
- 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 10.332 € for the first year of your studies (or for shorter studies 861 € per month (2021))
 - a formal obligation (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) by a sponsor resident in Germany or
 - proof of scholarship
- 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 valid health insurance – original + 2 copies (please refer to info on health insurance)

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 4 – 6 weeks. As soon as the application has been approved by the German authority, the Embassy will issue a national visa for the first 3 months of the intended stay. A final residence permit for a longer period (usually the first year of studies in Germany) will be issued upon arrival by the Aliens' Authority.

This information sheet has been prepared with utmost care. It is intended to provide a point of reference to our clients but may not be fully applicable to every individual case. If you have further, more specific questions which are not answered by the information contained here nor on our website www.kopenhagen.diplo.de, please contact the German embassy.

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