



## Visa for Researchers/Scientists

This information is addressed to you if you have a Master's degree/doctoral degree and if you wish to do a research project in Germany (e.g. a doctorate that is not within the framework of a full-time course of study). You may also read the leaflet "Informationen für Forschungseinrichtungen" (Information for research institutes, though only available in German).

If you meet the requirements for both the visa for researchers and the EU Blue Card, you have the right to choose. If you opt for the EU Blue Card, please provide the documents mentioned in our information sheet "EU Blue Card".

Please prepare the following documents for your research visa (**original + 1 copy per document**):

- completed application form (see our webpage)
- valid national passport
- valid Belgian residence permit
- current certificate of residence of the Belgian authorities (*Certificat de résidence historique/ Getuigschrift van woonst historiek*)
- [Hosting agreement](#) in accordance with § 38f AufenthV or a contract of the same content with the research institution
- if the research institution is not mainly financed by public funds: commitment of the research institution to take over costs that may incur to authorities up to six months after the end of the hosting agreement for subsistence during an unauthorised stay in the European Union and for deportation (§ 18 d para. 1 no. 2 AufenthG)
- tabular CV
- university degrees
- Proof of health insurance cover for Germany
- 1 biometrical passport photo (not older than 6 months)
- Visa fee of 75,00 € (cash or by Visa or Mastercard, Bancontact is not possible)

Please make sure that your documents are complete, as incomplete applications may be rejected. In case your degrees/diplomas are not in German, English, Dutch or French, please provide a translation.

In some cases, the submission of additional documents may be required.  
To hand in your application, please book an appointment on our website via this [link](#).

For consultation by phone, please call Tuesday or Thursday between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

You can reach us by using the following contact details:

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