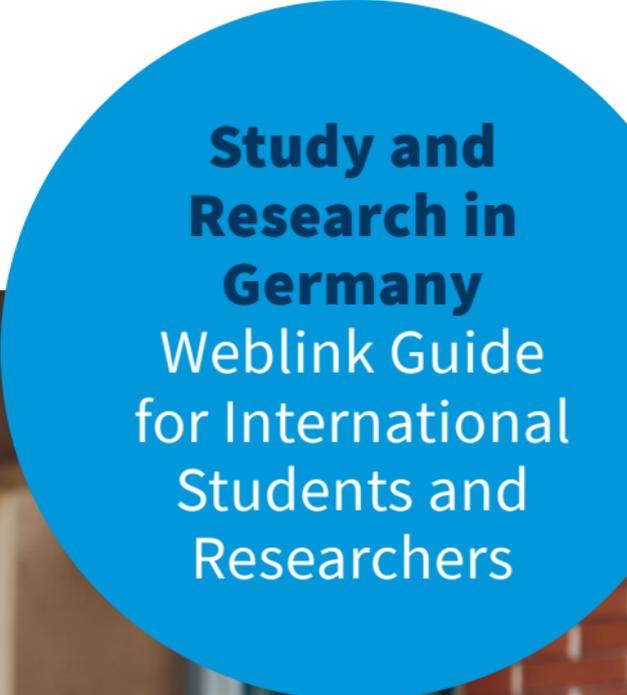




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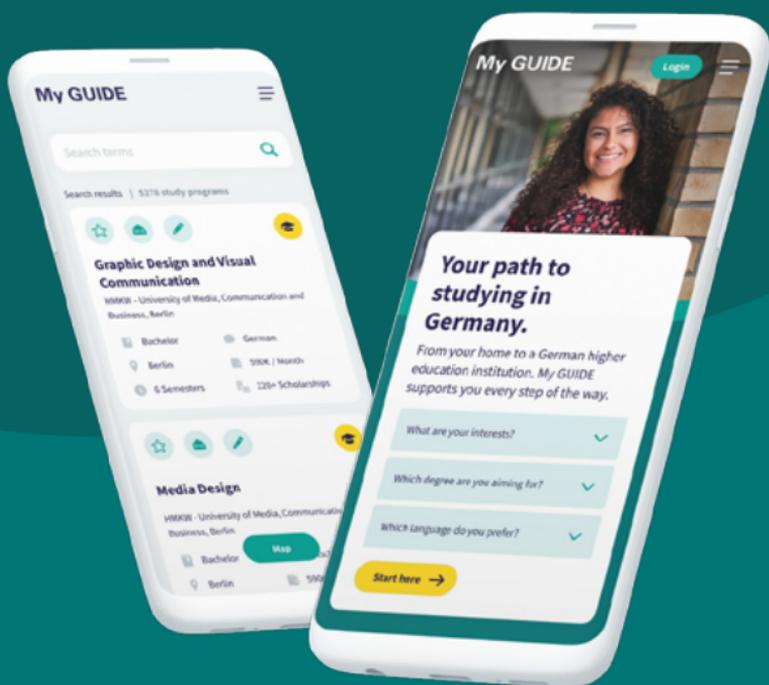


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## 1

## Study

# Key sources of information

### DAAD



[www.daad.de/](http://www.daad.de/)  
[www.daad.de/deutschland](http://www.daad.de/deutschland)

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is a joint organisation of German universities and student associations. It is the largest funding organisation devoted to academic cooperation in the world. For over 95 years, the DAAD has enabled young academics around the world to gain international experience. Awarding scholarships is just one of its many important tasks. It promotes internationalisation efforts at German universities, strengthens German studies and language instruction abroad and helps developing countries establish their own high-performing universities. The DAAD serves as a vital partner with expertise in the fields of foreign culture, research, education and development policy.



The DAAD website provides extensive information on the German higher education system, study opportunities, scholarships offered by the DAAD and other funding organisations, language and specialist courses, language examinations, and living and working in Germany. You can also find a complete list of addresses of DAAD offices in Germany and abroad.



German and English

### MY GUIDE



[www.myguide.de](http://www.myguide.de)

This new DAAD platform accompanies current and prospective international students on a personal tour of the many study opportunities in Germany – with over 20,000 degree programmes to choose from.

 The platform allows international users to learn more about study programmes and scholarship offers in Germany based on their personal academic background. In addition, prospective applicants can check whether they already meet the admission requirements for undergraduate study and can contact the corresponding admissions officers at their desired German universities directly via My GUIDE. The dashboard includes a watchlist for study opportunities and a checklist to help prospective students prepare for studying in Germany.

 German and English

### DAAD: “STUDY IN GERMANY – LAND OF IDEAS” CAMPAIGN



 [www.study-in-germany.de](http://www.study-in-germany.de)

The “Study in Germany – Land of Ideas” campaign is targeted at international pupils and students who are interested in studying and living in Germany. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has been conducting the global campaign on behalf of and with financing from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) since 2001.

 The website contains useful and fascinating information about Germany, including city profiles, articles and explanatory texts. You will also find a programme finder, step-by-step instructions on how to study in Germany, and a community area featuring blogs by international students.

On Instagram and Facebook, users can obtain quick and direct answers to all their questions. Our YouTube channel offers various video formats such as tutorials and vlogs. The videos on TikTok aim to pique your curiosity. All the channels feature inspiring and informative content that provides insights into student life in Germany.

 German and English

## DAAD: INTERNATIONAL BACHELOR'S, MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES IN GERMANY



[www.daad.de/international-programmes](http://www.daad.de/international-programmes)

[www.daad.de/sommerkurse](http://www.daad.de/sommerkurse)

[www.daad.de/online-programmes](http://www.daad.de/online-programmes)



The database “International Programmes in Germany” contains a wide selection of international degree programmes for students and doctoral candidates worldwide. Most, if not all, courses are taught in English. In addition to traditional programmes with in-person attendance, the database lists hybrid and online formats as well. The curricula often focus on topics of international relevance and include integrated study abroad opportunities. Courses are frequently taught by international visiting professors. These programmes provide academic advisory services and supervision tailored to the needs of international students. The database also contains a broad range of language, specialist and university preparatory courses.



English

### HRK – HIGHER EDUCATION COMPASS



[www.daad.de/hochschulkompass](http://www.daad.de/hochschulkompass)

[German Rectors' Conference, see p. 20](#)



The “Higher Education Compass” contains information on undergraduate and postgraduate study opportunities at state-accredited and state-recognised higher education institutions in Germany. In addition to application and admission requirements for more than 21,000 degree programmes, the database includes information on tuition fees and contact details of advice centres and other important contacts at the universities.



German and English

**STUDIENWAHL.DE****[www.studienwahl.de](http://www.studienwahl.de)**

University Admissions Foundation (SfH) and the Federal Employment Agency



This online portal provides information and orientation to help prospective students choose a course of study and a future career path. Users will find information on courses, application requirements, financial aid, study abroad and alternatives to university study. At **[www.arbeitsagentur.de/en](http://www.arbeitsagentur.de/en)**, users can search for degree programmes and find brief descriptions on all subject areas. The website includes a broad range of information related to studying, the labour market, different types of universities, financing one's studies, insurance issues and much more.



German and English (database in German only)

**DEUTSCHES STUDENTENWERK:  
INFORMATION FOR  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS****[www.internationale-studierende.de](http://www.internationale-studierende.de)**

The Deutsches Studentenwerk (German National Association for Student Affairs – DSW) is the umbrella organisation of 57 student service associations in Germany. These work closely with their respective universities to provide students in Germany with a wide range of study-related support services.



The website offers practical advice to international students on entry visas, accommodation, health insurance, financing, enrolment and residence permits. It explains key terms, such as “*Feststellungsprüfung*” and “*Studienkolleg*”, and contains a list of addresses and links to all student service associations in Germany.



German and English

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[study-in-germany.de](https://www.study-in-germany.de)

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Land of Ideas

**ALUMNIportal DEUTSCHLAND**    

[www.alumniportal-deutschland.org](http://www.alumniportal-deutschland.org)

A joint project established by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Goethe-Institut, and managed by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)



“Germany alumni” are people who have studied, researched, worked, gained advanced qualification, or completed a German language course at a German higher education institution. These are people who have cultivated personal and professional contacts during their stay in Germany or at a German institution and have gained intensive learning and work experience.

With financing from the German government, the Alumniportal Deutschland bundles and strengthens these experiences. On this site Germany alumni can easily connect with one another and with German and international companies, institutions, universities and foundations.



German and English

## 2

## Admission to German university

### ADMISSIONS DATABASE

 [www.daad.de/admission](http://www.daad.de/admission)

 The DAAD database on admission requirements can help prospective students determine whether their secondary school-leaving certificate or academic background obtained in a foreign country will be recognised as university entrance qualification in Germany. By entering one's home country and secondary school-leaving certificate, users can immediately find out to what extent their academic achievement qualifies them to study in Germany.

 German and English

### PREPARATORY COLLEGES (STUDIENKOLLEGS)

 [www.studienkollegs.de](http://www.studienkollegs.de)

[Consortium of Preparatory College Directors at German Universities](#)

 As the name suggests, preparatory colleges prepare international applicants for admission to a German university. If your secondary school-leaving certificate is recognised as a university entrance qualification in your home country (but not in Germany), you will have to attend a preparatory college before you can commence your studies. After passing an assessment test called the "*Feststellungsprüfung*", you will be allowed to study anywhere in Germany. This website provides information about the test and the preparatory courses. It also includes a list of preparatory colleges and a description of the various courses they offer (based on one's desired course of study).

 German and English

## UNIVERSITY APPLICATION SERVICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (UNI-ASSIST)



[www.uni-assist.de](http://www.uni-assist.de)

The University Application Service for International Students (uni-assist) was established by 41 German universities, the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) and the DAAD to make admission procedures for prospective international students easier, more efficient, affordable and service-oriented.



For a fee of 75 euros (and 30 euros for each additional university), uni-assist processes applications submitted by international students on behalf of its member universities. Currently 150 universities in Germany cooperate with uni-assist. The advantage for international applicants is that it takes less effort to apply and less time to have applications processed. The website provides a detailed explanation of the application process and a list of all the member universities that cooperate with uni-assist. Applications can be submitted directly online via the website.



German and English

## UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS FOUNDATION (SFH)



[www.hochschulstart.de](http://www.hochschulstart.de)

University Admissions Foundation (SfH)



The University Admissions Foundation (SfH) processes university applications on behalf of the German federal states via the online platform **hochschulstart.de**. Specifically, SfH is responsible for granting admission to nationally restricted degree programmes, i.e. human medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry and pharmacy. It also processes applications for over 1,700 degree programmes with locally restricted and non-restricted admission on behalf of more than 160 universities across Germany. Applicants can apply online via the website, which also offers extensive information on application requirements and deadlines.



German

## ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS



[www.testas.de](http://www.testas.de)

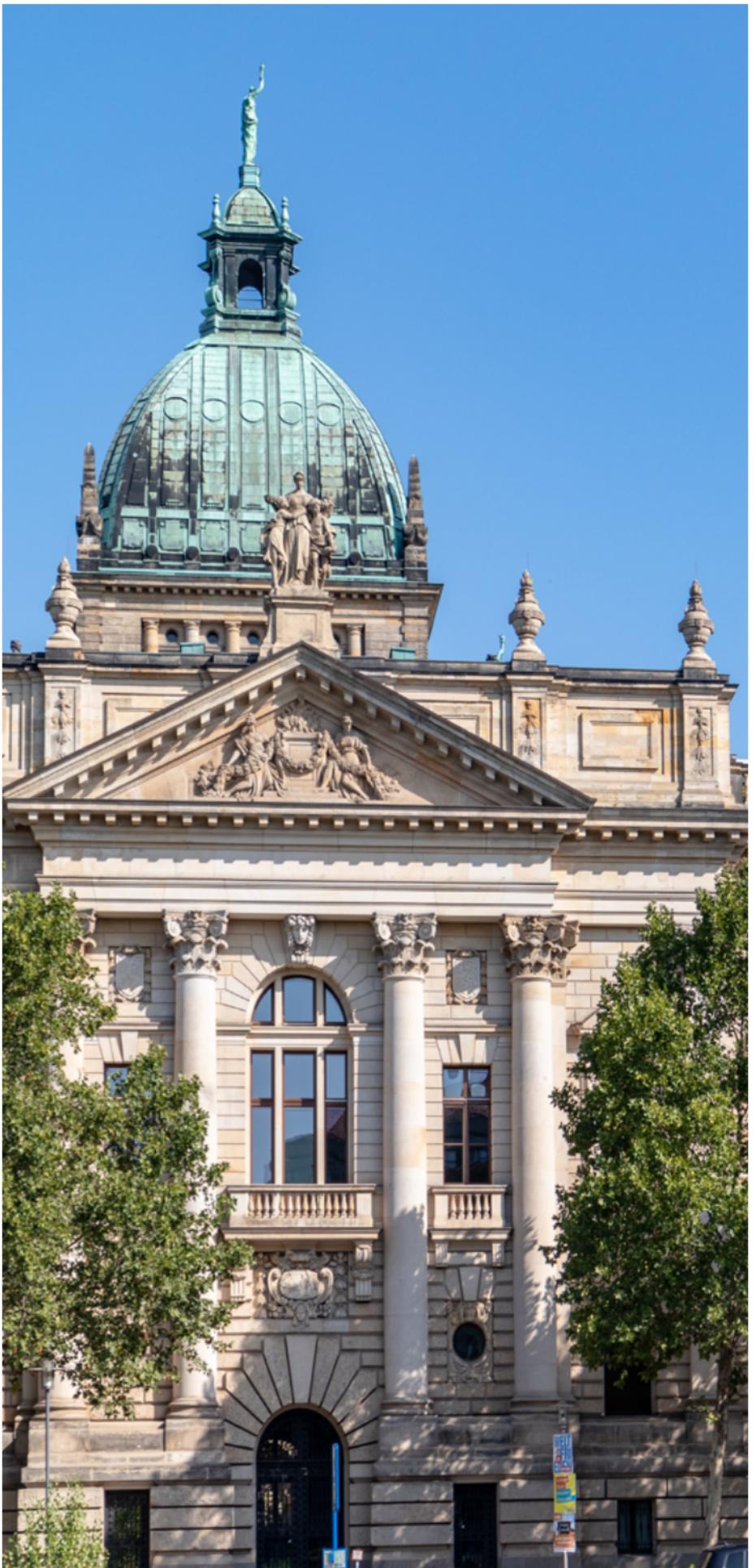
Society for Academic Preparation and Test Development (g.a.s.t.) and the TestDaF Institute, Bochum



The TestAS is a central, standardised academic aptitude test for foreign students. The TestAS score allows prospective international students to gauge how they compare with other university applicants. A high score can significantly improve their chances of securing a study place in Germany. The test is administered several times a year and can be taken at test centres around the world. The website contains information on testing fees and where and when upcoming tests are scheduled. Moreover, one can find details about the registration process and sample exercises.



German and English



## 3

## Funding organisations / foundations

### DAAD: SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE



[www.funding-guide.de](http://www.funding-guide.de)



The DAAD scholarship database contains a list of funding programmes offered by the DAAD and other selected funding organisations to finance a study or research stay in Germany. The scholarships are mainly targeted at international bachelor's and master's students, doctoral candidates, postdocs and university instructors. In view of the abundance of scholarship programmes available to international academics, the DAAD has compiled a list of some 180 funding opportunities offered by more than 50 funding organisations. The database also includes programmes funded by the large talent-promotion foundations in Germany, e.g. those affiliated with political parties and churches. By entering one's country of origin, desired subject of study, academic status and intention into the search filter, users can find exactly those programmes which meet their desired profile.



German and English

## DEUTSCHE FORSCHUNGSGEMEINSCHAFT (DFG)



 [www.dfg.de](http://www.dfg.de)

The German Research Foundation (DFG) is the leading funding provider for research endeavours at higher education institutions and publicly financed research institutes in Germany.

 The DFG also supports international researchers in Germany, e.g. by awarding grants to researchers who are pursuing short-term, subject-specific research projects. The DFG website provides extensive information on all its programmes including info sheets and application forms as downloads.

 German and English

## ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION (AVH)



 [www.humboldt-foundation.de](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de)

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) awards fellowships to highly qualified postdoctoral researchers around the world to finance their long-term research projects in Germany.

 The AvH website offers detailed descriptions of all its programmes and the possibility to apply for funding **online**. Its online magazine “Humboldt Kosmos” presents the latest news and activities from the foundation. The site also includes the “Humboldt Network”, a database for cultivating contacts with other AvH-sponsored recipients.

 German and English

## 4

## Higher education system

### GERMAN RECTORS' CONFERENCE (HRK)



[www.hrk.de](http://www.hrk.de)

The German Rectors' Conference (HRK) is an association of public and state-accredited universities in Germany. It currently has 269 member institutions and addresses all matters related to German higher education: research, teaching, studying, advanced scientific qualification, knowledge and technology transfer, international cooperation, and self-administration.



In addition to the “Higher Education Compass” (see chapter “Study – Key sources of information”), the website provides information on current issues and developments in the higher education sector.



German and English

## THE STANDING CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION (KMK) UND THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR FOREIGN EDUCATION (ZAB)



[www.kmk.org](http://www.kmk.org)  
[www.kmk.org/zab](http://www.kmk.org/zab)  
[www.anabin.kmk.org](http://www.anabin.kmk.org)

The Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (KBK) is a consortium of state ministers and senators responsible for education and schooling, higher education, research and cultural affairs.



On the KMK website, users can learn about its activities to anchor and continue developing common standards in higher education in Germany, as well as on European and international education and cultural policy.

The website of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB), operated by the KMK head office in Bonn, outlines the tasks and services of the ZAB, particularly with regard to evaluating and recognising foreign academic degrees. The website [www.anabin.kmk.org/](http://www.anabin.kmk.org) offers a database with information on the recognition of foreign academic degrees for over 200 countries.



*KMK*: German and English  
*ZAB*: German and English  
*anabin*: German

## CHE / DIE ZEIT: UNIVERSITY RANKING



[www.universityranking.de](http://www.universityranking.de) (English)

[www.ranking.zeit.de/che/de/](http://www.ranking.zeit.de/che/de/)

DIE ZEIT is one of Germany's national weekly newspapers. The CHE University Ranking is published in the online edition of DIE ZEIT.



On the website, users can find the current rankings of selected degree programmes at German universities. The assessments are based on over 40 subjects from a wide range of disciplines. The CHE has been ranking degree programmes at over 140 comprehensive universities and more than 250 universities of applied sciences and universities of cooperative education since 1998. The rankings are based on surveys of some 120,000 students and 3,000 professors. The results are not aggregated as a final score but are presented in a detailed analysis which reflects the strengths and weaknesses of the individual faculties and departments. Although DIE ZEIT offers the service free of charge, online registration is required.



German and English



## 5

## Doctoral study and research

RESEARCH IN GERMANY



[www.research-in-germany.org](http://www.research-in-germany.org)

The “Research in Germany – Land of Ideas” campaign, financed by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF, see p. 26), promotes networking between German higher education institutions, non-university research institutes, funding organisations, research-oriented companies and international, highly qualified researchers at all career stages.



The portal presents an overview of the German research and funding landscape. It provides international researchers with information on funding and career opportunities in Germany and helps prepare them for research visits in Germany. The “Research in Germany” campaign regularly posts information on its various social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram) and newsletter, such as calls for applications, research news, job advertisements and upcoming info events targeted at international researchers.

On YouTube one can find explainer videos on career topics and research opportunities in Germany, 360° videos of German research institutes and much more.

If you have specific questions or require more in-depth consultation, feel free to contact the “Research in Germany” team via the website and social media channels.



German and English

## GERiT – GERMAN RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS



[www.gerit.org](http://www.gerit.org)

Jointly offered by the German Research Foundation (DFG, see p. 19), the German Rectors' Conference (HRK, see p. 20) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD, see p. 8).



GERiT provides an overview of more than 29,000 research organisations in Germany. Applying various search filters, users can find detailed information on German university-affiliated institutes and non-university research organisations. The website also provides listings of job openings, doctoral regulations and information on research projects funded by the DFG.



German and English

## DAAD: “PHDGERMANY” DATABASE – DOCTORAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN GERMANY



[www.phdgermany.de](http://www.phdgermany.de)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), see p. 8



The DAAD database “PhDGermany” provides information on doctoral programmes and study opportunities specifically targeted at international applicants. Prospective candidates can find suitable doctoral positions and further information about application requirements.



German and English

## FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (BMBF)



[www.bmbf.de](http://www.bmbf.de)

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany



The BMBF website provides information about its tasks, structure and current fields of activity, such as the campaign to promote digitalisation in education and the federal government's "High-Tech Strategy 2025". Users can download publications, peruse the media library and listen to podcasts.



German and English

## EURAXESS GERMANY – GERMANY FOR RESEARCHERS



[www.euraxess.de](http://www.euraxess.de)

The National Coordination Point at the German Aerospace Center (DLR) is part of the European project "EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion".



EURAXESS Germany provides internationally mobile researchers with information on funding opportunities and job offers, as well as practical advice on such matters as social insurance and visa requirements. The website contains helpful information for researchers travelling to Germany, leaving Germany for a position abroad or returning to Germany after completing a foreign research visit. Users will also find contact details of support staff working at 99 EURAXESS Centres at German universities and research institutions.



German and English



# Important research and science organisations at a glance

The following organisations operate websites which contain information about their institutions and current research projects. New job openings and calls for proposals are regularly posted on these sites as well.

**FRAUNHOFER  
GESELLSCHAFT**



[www.fraunhofer.de](http://www.fraunhofer.de)

The Fraunhofer Gesellschaft is the world's leading organisation in application-oriented research. It focuses on developing key technologies for the future and utilising these advances for the benefit of business and industry. Founded in 1949, the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft now operates more than 76 institutes and research facilities worldwide.



On their website you can find information on its strategic research activities currently focused on the areas of bioeconomics, intelligent medicine, artificial intelligence, next-generation computing, quantum technologies, resource efficiency and climate technologies, and hydrogen technologies.



German and English

## HELMHOLTZ ASSOCIATION OF GERMAN RESEARCH CENTRES



 [www.helmholtz.de](http://www.helmholtz.de)

The Helmholtz Association pursues long-term research goals which aim to safeguard and improve the livelihood of populations around the world. Founded in 1995, the Helmholtz Association is a consortium of 18 natural-scientific, medical and biological research centres. The Helmholtz Association is the largest research organisation in Germany.

 The website provides an overview of their research on a broad array of topics ranging from astrophysics to cell research.

 German and English

## LEIBNIZ ASSOCIATION



 [www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de](http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de)

The Leibniz Association maintains ties to more than 90 independent research institutes which conduct knowledge- and application-based research and address the pressing social, economic and environmental issues of our day. Its predecessor organisation, the “Blue List” was founded in 1990.

 As can be seen on the website, its research activities cover a broad range of disciplines: natural sciences, engineering, environmental studies, economics, spatial and social sciences, the humanities and much more.

 German and English

**MAX PLANCK SOCIETY**

[www.mpg.de](http://www.mpg.de)

The Max Planck Society comprises more than 80 institutes and research organisations devoted to pursuing basic research in the natural sciences, life sciences and humanities. The Max Planck Society is Germany's most successful research organisation. Since its founding in 1948, it has seen 22 Nobel Prize winners join its ranks.



On their homepage, the research areas of the Max Planck Society become more clearly visible: They are active in research areas which are especially innovative and require intensive effort and financial resources.



German and English

## **DFG: DIRECTORY OF RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS AND COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES**



[www.dfg.de/gk](http://www.dfg.de/gk) (Research Training Groups)

[www.dfg.de/sfb](http://www.dfg.de/sfb) (Collaborative Research Centres)

[German Research Foundation \(DFG\)](#), see p. 19



The DFG website contains a directory of DFG-funded research training groups and collaborative research centres, listed by scientific area, federal state and international relevance. The directories provide all relevant information including the contact details for each research training group and collaborative research centre.



German and English

## DFG: EXCELLENCE STRATEGY



[www.dfg.de/exzellenzstrategie](http://www.dfg.de/exzellenzstrategie)

[German Research Foundation \(DFG\), see p. 19](#)



On this website, the DFG describes the background, goals and current status of the federal- and state-funded “Excellence Strategy”. Launched after the successful completion of the Excellence Initiatives from 2005 to 2017, the Excellence Strategy promotes high-level research at German universities to further strengthen Germany’s competitive edge as an internationally attractive research location.



German and English

## 6

## General information about Germany

### PORTAL TO GERMANY



[www.deutschland.de](http://www.deutschland.de)

A service by FAZIT Communication GmbH in cooperation with the German Federal Foreign Office



The goal of “deutschland.de” is to provide information about Germany to international users. Divided into six thematic areas – “Politics”, “Life”, “Knowledge”, “Business”, “Culture” and “Environment” – the website features articles and videos on key issues being discussed in Germany today. Under the heading “News”, users can read the latest news stories from Germany. Other topics touch on the diverse relationships that Germany has cultivated with partner countries around the world. Users can also find information on studying, working and travelling in Germany, and for language learners, the “German language”. Visitors can download the e-paper magazine “Deutschland Edition”, available in twelve different languages.



German, English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Turkish

### TOURISM IN GERMANY



[www.germany.travel](http://www.germany.travel)



This website is operated by the German National Tourist Board on behalf of the German federal government to promote Germany as a travel destination. It largely focuses on highlighting the compatibility of tourism and sustainability. It presents selected cities and cultural highlights, as well as Germany’s most stunning natural landscapes, holiday travel routes and traditional recipes. There is also information on handicap-accessible travel options, hiking tours and other travel-related topics.



German, English, French and Spanish

## FACTS ABOUT GERMANY



[www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de](http://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de)

A service by FAZIT Communication GmbH in cooperation with the German Federal Foreign Office



This portal contains current data, interesting facts and information about Germany. It spotlights Germany's form of government, social life, political parties, societal developments, and many other topics related to business, the environment, education and cultural diversity in Germany.



German, English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

## FEDERAL AGENCY FOR CIVIC EDUCATION



[www.bpb.de](http://www.bpb.de)

The Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) is affiliated with the German Federal Ministry of the Interior. The website contains extensive information on political, historical and social matters of interest – and not only on topics related to Germany, but also of international relevance.



Users can find reference works, legal regulations and a collection of facts and figures. The integrated media library contains informative videos and info graphics. A large selection of bpb publications (books, journals, brochures) can be downloaded for free or ordered (and shipped abroad) for a small fee.



German, general information also available in English

## INFORMATION PORTAL “CULTURE AND FOREIGN POLICY”



[www.ifa.de/forschung](http://www.ifa.de/forschung)

The ifa (Institute for Foreign Relations) is committed to peaceful, enriching coexistence around the world. To this end, it promotes artistic and cultural dialogue and research-based knowledge transfer.



On this website, one can find databases on current exhibitions and funding opportunities for cultural projects.



German and English

## DEUTSCHE WELLE



[www.dw.com](http://www.dw.com)

Deutsche Welle (DW) is a public broadcasting organisation financed by the German federal government.



Deutsche Welle features the latest news from Germany and around the world, along with analyses and commentaries. Its TV programme is offered in German, English, Spanish and Arabic. Visitors can watch TV broadcasts online; cable and satellites options are also available.

The website contains an extensive media library with numerous video documentaries and podcasts. Under the heading “Learn German”, visitors can find an extensive range of language-learning services including free online German courses and language training videos.



German, English and 28 other languages

**DEUTSCHLANDRADIO**

[www.deutschlandradio.de](http://www.deutschlandradio.de)

DeutschlandRadio is the national public radio broadcaster of the Federal Republic of Germany.



On its website, users can listen to radio online, as well as read news, behind-the-scenes stories and interviews.

DeutschlandRadio currently offers three programmes:

[www.deutschlandfunk.de](http://www.deutschlandfunk.de) ▶ *Deutschlandfunk*, radio news programme

[www.deutschlandfunkkultur.de](http://www.deutschlandfunkkultur.de) ▶ *Deutschlandfunk Kultur*, radio cultural programme

[www.deutschlandfunknova.de](http://www.deutschlandfunknova.de) ▶ *Deutschlandfunk Nova*, digital radio programme and indie pop music for sophisticated listeners



German

## 7

## Entering, living and working in Germany

FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE



[www.auswaertiges-amt.de](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de)

The Federal Foreign Office (AA) is the German federal ministry responsible for national foreign policy.



The Federal Foreign Office is the first place to visit to obtain information about travelling to and entering Germany. The website provides detailed descriptions of Germany's bilateral relations and contact details of its diplomatic missions abroad. Information on entry visas and application procedures can be found under the menu heading "Service".



German, English, Arabic, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish

### DAAD: INFO SHEETS ON ENTRY, RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT



[www.daad.de/infoblatt-incoming](http://www.daad.de/infoblatt-incoming)

The DAAD offers detailed information on employment opportunities for international students and researchers. The info sheet outlines current employment regulations and the administrative processes involved.



German and English

## FEDERAL AGENCY OF MIGRATION AND REFUGEES



[www.bamf.de](http://www.bamf.de)

### Federal Agency for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)



The website of the Federal Agency for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) offers extensive information on such topics as “Migration and Residence”, “Integration”, “Asylum and Refugee Protection” and “Return”. Under “Information Collection”, users will find a wide range of FAQs. The site provides a list of addresses of advice centres, topic-related telephone hotlines and the hotline “Working and Living in Germany”.



German, English, Arabic, French, Russian and Turkish

## MAKE IT IN GERMANY



[www.make-it-in-germany.com](http://www.make-it-in-germany.com)

### Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action



“Make it in Germany” is the official website for international professionals who are interested in pursuing a career in Germany. The website offers an overview of the general vocational training, study and research opportunities available in Germany. In addition to information on entering the country, seeking employment and managing daily life, the website includes additional services ranging from a job portal to personal consultation by email, hotline or chat.



German, English, French, Spanish, basic information in eleven other languages



## Tipp

### INTERNSHIP REFERRALS

Looking for an internship or work placement? You can obtain advice and support from the Careers Service or International Office at your university.

The following student support organisations can provide further advice and assistance.

**[www.aiesec.de](http://www.aiesec.de)** ► *AIESEC Deutschland* (German)

**[www.elsa-germany.org](http://www.elsa-germany.org)** ► *ELSA Deutschland e. V.* (European Law Students' Association; available in German and English)

**[www.iaeste.de](http://www.iaeste.de)** ► *IAESTE* (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience; available in German and English)



## **JOB-FINDING SERVICES ON THE WEB**

Social networks devoted to cultivating professional contacts are very popular, e.g. the German provider [www.xing.com](http://www.xing.com) and the global network [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). The platforms allow members to engage in contact with potential employers.

There are also numerous job exchanges specialised in student and academic job opportunities. The following is just a selection:

- ▶ [www.academics.de](http://www.academics.de)
- ▶ [www.absolventa.de](http://www.absolventa.de)
- ▶ [www.berufsstart.de](http://www.berufsstart.de)
- ▶ [www.campusjaeger.de](http://www.campusjaeger.de)
- ▶ [www.connecticum.de](http://www.connecticum.de)
- ▶ [www.jobmensa.de](http://www.jobmensa.de)
- ▶ [www.studentjob.de](http://www.studentjob.de)

Other helpful sites include [www.jobsuma.de](http://www.jobsuma.de) and [www.jobworld.de](http://www.jobworld.de) which scan multiple job exchanges with each search query.

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## Learning German

### DAAD: LANGUAGE AND SHORT COURSES IN GERMANY



[www.daad.de/sommerkurse](http://www.daad.de/sommerkurse)



The DAAD language and short course database contains information on more than 245 courses for international students offered at German universities. The thematic spectrum is quite broad; in addition to short courses on such topics as European studies, regenerative energies and art history, one can find a wide range of German language courses with various focuses (e.g. German regional studies, intercultural communication and German for law students). Users can search for courses based on specific criteria, such as course type (language course, short course), form of study (in-person, hybrid, online), course language and course subject.



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## TESTDAF: STANDARDISED TEST OF GERMAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE



[www.testdaf.de](http://www.testdaf.de)

The TestDaF Institute is operated by the Association for Academic University Preparation (g.a.s.t.). It offers a standardised test of German as a foreign language to students worldwide.



Foreign student applicants are normally required to provide proof that their German language skills are sufficient for studying in Germany. The TestDaF is a central, standardised test of German as a foreign language, comparable to the American “Test of English as a Foreign Language” (TOEFL). Passing this language test is a common admission requirement for international students applying to German universities. On the TestDaF website, users can find upcoming testing dates, a set of model exams with sample exercises, and the addresses of all testing centres worldwide where candidates can take the test before arriving in Germany.



German (information in 23 languages can be downloaded under the heading “*Informationen in Ihrer Sprache*” (Information in your language))

## GOETHE-INSTITUT



[www.goethe.de](http://www.goethe.de)

The Goethe-Institut is Germany's largest cultural organisation in the world. It teaches and promotes German language and culture at 158 institutes in 98 countries worldwide and 12 institutes in Germany.



On the Goethe-Institut website, one can find extensive information on cultural life in Germany with a focus on certain thematic areas like “cultural promotion”, “film”, “literature” and “music”. For those interested in learning German, language courses and examinations can be found under the heading “*Deutsche Sprache*” (German language). Under the heading “Free German Practice”, several websites invite learners to practice and improve their German language skills.



German and English (the websites of the foreign-based institutes are usually offered in English or the national language.)

[www.study-in-germany.de/deutschkenntnisse](http://www.study-in-germany.de/deutschkenntnisse) ► The campaign “Study in Germany - Land of Ideas” offers information on the German language, German tests and opportunities to learn German on its website.

## DEUTSCHE WELLE – LEARN GERMAN



[www.dw.com](http://www.dw.com)



On the Deutsche Welle website, one can find links to free German courses (levels A1 – C2) along with extensive materials for self-study under the menu heading “Learn German”. German language instructors and learners can download teaching materials and theme-based news reports for free.



German, English and 13 other languages from Arabic to Ukrainian

## DEUTSCH.INFO



[www.deutsch.info](http://www.deutsch.info)

The online service [deutsch.info](http://deutsch.info) was developed by Studio GAUS GmbH (Berlin) in cooperation with nine partners from eight European countries. The project was made possible with funding from the European Commission.



This online platform offers modern didactic tools for learning German. It enables motivated learners of various levels to improve their language skills at no cost. The platform also provides practical information about living and working in Germany and Austria.



German, English and 25 other languages



## Tip

### LEARNING GERMAN WITH VIDEOS AND PODCASTS

Watching videos and podcasts at various language levels is a great way to learn German. Deutsche Welle has produced an entire series of exciting podcasts and videos, some of which were created in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut. These include “*Radio D*”, “*Deutschtrainer*” (German trainer), “*Deutschlandlabor*” (Germany Lab), “*Top-Thema mit Vokabeln*” (Top Theme with Vocabulary), “*Das sagt man so!*” (That’s How You Say It!), “*Langsam gesprochene Nachrichten*” (News Spoken Slowly), “*Sprachbar*” (Speak-Easy) and “*Deutsche im Alltag*” (Everyday German).

There are also numerous YouTube channels devoted to learning German. Some examples include “*24h Deutsch*”, “*Learn German with Ida*” and “*Must know German*”.

[www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/nachrichten/s-8030](http://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/nachrichten/s-8030) ►

Latest daily news, spoken slowly

[www.podcast.de/podcast/2851369/podcast-gruesse-aus-deutschland](http://www.podcast.de/podcast/2851369/podcast-gruesse-aus-deutschland) ► Podcast series by the Goethe-Institut:

*Grüße aus Deutschland* (Greetings from Germany)

### FOR GERMAN STUDIES STUDENTS, DAF PARTICIPANTS AND LITERATURE ENTHUSIASTS

<https://networks.h-net.org/h-germanistik> ► H-Germanistik contains academic information targeted at German Studies scholars: calls for papers, conference announcements and reports, reviews, tables of contents of current academic journals, presentations of research projects and degree programmes, funding opportunities and scholarships, job and internship advertisements.

**www.germanistenverzeichnis.de** ► In the online directory of the Gesellschaft für Hochschulgermanistik (GfH), more than 7,700 German studies scholars from over 70 countries share information about their teaching and research areas.

**www.germanistik-im-netz.de** ► The online portal of the Fachinformationsdienst (FID) Germanistik helps German studies scholars gain access to subject-specific data sources and supports them with researching and publishing their research findings. The portal also contains extensive information on institutions, current topics and tools.

**www.litrix.de** ► *German Literature Online* presents new German-language publications from the areas of fiction, non-fiction, children's books and youth literature. In addition to book reviews, litrix.de provides sample chapters and information about selected authors and publishing companies.

**www.literaturkritik.de** ► The *online journal "Literaturkritik"* publishes reviews of new publications on the book market, as well as essays and reports on the literary scene and cultural studies.

**projekt-gutenberg.org** ► The *Projekt Gutenberg-DE* has amassed the largest online collection of German-language literature with more than 10,000 works by over 2,000 authors.

**www.literaturport.de** ► The *Literaturportal* features a lexicon of over 1,400 contemporary German-language writers, along with information on literary journals and scholarship offers in the field of literature.

## DICTIONARIES AND GRAMMARS

**www.dwds.de** ► Digital dictionary of the German language

**www.ids-mannheim.de/onlineangebote/** ► Online services (e.g. dictionary portal, bibliographies) by the Leibniz Institute for the German Language

**www.duden.de** ► Spellcheck dictionary of the German language

**www.leo.org** ► Leo's dictionaries and grammar



## Life and travel

### DAAD: FIND A STUDENT RESIDENCE HALL



[www.daad.de/wohnheimfinder](http://www.daad.de/wohnheimfinder)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), see p. 8



The DAAD operates a database to help students find a room in a student residence hall at their respective university. After selecting the desired city and university, the search engine provides a list of all available residence halls. There one can find detailed information on prices, the neighbourhood and provided furnishings. With just a few clicks, one can submit an online application for a room in the selected residence hall.



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## Tip

### LOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION

Students in Germany usually find accommodation in student residence halls or private apartments. Unlike some countries, students in Germany are not automatically assigned a room in a student residence hall when they enrol at university. Usually, they have to find accommodation on their own.

For information on student accommodation, visit [www.study-in-germany.de/wohnungssuche](http://www.study-in-germany.de/wohnungssuche). The webpage on [www.study-in-germany.de](http://www.study-in-germany.de) is available in German and English.

Flat-shares, or “WGs”, are especially popular among students. Several apartment-finding websites are specialised in WGs, such as accommodation exchange services and housing associations. To take advantage of these service, it helps to understand a little German.

- ▶ [www.wg-gesucht.de](http://www.wg-gesucht.de)
- ▶ [www.immobilienscout24.de](http://www.immobilienscout24.de)
- ▶ [www.immowelt.de](http://www.immowelt.de)

In many cities there is the possibility to live in exchange for help. (“*Wohnen für Hilfe*”). You get a room in exchange for support - in the household, gardening, childcare, as a cat or Dog sitter: The only additional costs are Additional costs such as electricity, water and heating, for which a cooperation agreement is concluded with the respective residential partner.

- ▶ [www.wohnenfuerhilfe.info](http://www.wohnenfuerhilfe.info)



## Tip

### INEXPENSIVE OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION

For those who have just arrived in Germany and have not arranged overnight accommodation, or those who are simply travelling through Germany and need a place to stay, there are a number of ways to find reasonably priced overnight accommodation.

Some platforms offer overnight accommodation at no cost:

- ▶ [www.couchsurfing.org](http://www.couchsurfing.org)
- ▶ [www.bewelcome.org](http://www.bewelcome.org)
- ▶ [www.nomadsister.com/de](http://www.nomadsister.com/de)

### YOUTH HOSTELS

- ▶ [www.jugendherberge.de](http://www.jugendherberge.de)
- ▶ [www.german-hostels.de](http://www.german-hostels.de)
- ▶ [de.hostelbookers.com](http://de.hostelbookers.com)

### SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Sustainability is becoming increasingly important to many people. For detailed information and ideas for living a sustainable lifestyle, visit:

- ▶ [www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/nachhaltigkeitspolitik](http://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/nachhaltigkeitspolitik)
- ▶ [www.alumniportal-deutschland.org/de/magazin/deutschland/tipps-fuer-mehr-nachhaltigkeit-im-alltag](http://www.alumniportal-deutschland.org/de/magazin/deutschland/tipps-fuer-mehr-nachhaltigkeit-im-alltag)

One can find shops in cities throughout Germany which sell unpackaged foods. At [www.unverpackt-verband.de/map](http://www.unverpackt-verband.de/map) you can view where these “unpackaged” supermarkets are located. Other projects like “FoodSharing” and “Too Good To Go” offer you the

possibility to “shop” sustainably by offering inexpensive – or even free – groceries. Food items which are no longer needed or can no longer be sold are simply shared.

For those who are looking for or want to donate used items, Facebook groups like Free Your Stuff is the place to go. This is where everything is given away for free – books, clothing, furniture, electronics and much more.

There are also networks devoted to bringing neighbours and people together who are willing to help each other, and share or lend things to one another:

► [www.nebenan.de](http://www.nebenan.de)

► [www.nachbarschaft.net](http://www.nachbarschaft.net)

## MOBILITY

There are many ways to travel and remain mobile in Germany.

### RAILWAY

For information about railway travel via Deutsche Bahn, visit [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de). The website provides information about all train connections, travelling times, prices and discounts. Travellers can purchase tickets and reserve seats online. For especially good deals, one should book tickets as early as possible. “*DB Navigator*” is the name of the official app of the *Deutsche Bahn*.

If tickets are no longer available on the *Deutsche Bahn* website, we recommend checking with the travel company *Ltur* which offers inexpensive, economy-class tickets: [www.ltur.com/de/reisearten/bahn](http://www.ltur.com/de/reisearten/bahn). Please note that tickets can only be purchased with a credit card.

### COACH

Taking a coach, or long-distance bus, is an inexpensive way to travel. There are a number of coach companies which offer connections to cities in Germany and throughout Europe. Some large companies include *BlaBlaBus*, *Eurolines*, *FlixBus*, *IC BUS* and *RegioJet*. To find the best prices, visit [www.fernbusse.de](http://www.fernbusse.de).

## CAR-POOLING

Car-pooling agencies offer a reasonably priced mode of transportation – they put passengers in contact with drivers who have space available in their cars. The travel expenses are shared by all the passengers. Some large car-pooling agencies include *fahrgemeinschaft.de*, *BesserMitfahren.de*, *BlaBlaCar*, *Drive2Day*, *MiFaz* and *mitfahren.de*. For an overview of offers by various car-pooling agencies, visit: [www.hitchhikers.de](http://www.hitchhikers.de).

## BICYCLE AND E-SCOOTER RENTALS

Biking is extremely popular in Germany, and there are many cities and regions where bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters are available for rent. In addition to numerous local companies, the larger companies with branches in several cities include *Call a bike*, *Nextbike* and *Swapfiets* (bicycles and e-bikes) and *Bird*, *Circ*, *dott*, *Hive*, *Lime*, *SPIN*, *TIER* and *Voi* (mainly e-scooters).

## CAR-SHARING

There are various forms of car-sharing in all major German cities. For more details and an overview of providers in Germany, visit: [www.carsharing.de](http://www.carsharing.de). Some large companies include *cambio*, *Flinkster*, *MILES*, *scouter*, *SHARE NOW*, *stadtmobil* and *StattAuto*.

## WHO TO CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT GERMANY AS A PLACE TO STUDY

[www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/first-point-of-contact/](http://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/plan-your-studies/first-point-of-contact/) ► Addresses of the International Offices at German universities. The International Office at the university of your choice is your first contact point in Germany.

[www.daad.de/en/the-daad/contact/addresses-telephone-numbers/](http://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/contact/addresses-telephone-numbers/) ► Addresses and links to the DAAD Regional Offices and Information Centres around the world

[www.study-in-germany.de/en/get-in-touch/contact/](http://www.study-in-germany.de/en/get-in-touch/contact/) ► see p. 9

[www.goethe.de/en/index.html](http://www.goethe.de/en/index.html) ► see p. 42

[www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en) ► see p. 36

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