

Checklist After Your Arrival

Register Your Address in Germany

Germany has a registration requirement. Anyone who stays in a city longer than 90 days must officially register his or her address. Registration must take place within two weeks of the move at your [Residents' Registration Office](#). This also applies to moves within the same city. To register, you will need a valid ID/passport, a completed registration form as well as a confirmation from your landlord (“Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung”).

Apply for a Residence Permit, if Required

All non-EU/EEA citizens need to apply for a [residence permit \(Aufenthaltserlaubnis\)](#) at the [local Foreigners Registration Authority \(Ausländerbehörde\)](#) responsible for their respective area of residence within 90 days after arrival. Please note that even if you do not need a visa to enter Germany – and are a citizen of a non-EU/EEA member country – you will need a residence permit!

Open a Bank Account

For a longer stay you might need a [German bank account](#). For this, your ID, your visa/ residence permit and your registration certificate will be required.

First Steps at KIT

- Get your KIT-Card at the Registration Desk
- Visit your host institute
- Set up your workplace (internet access, telephone, library card etc.)

Social Events

The monthly [IScO Newsletter](#) will keep you informed about joint activities, including excursions and informational events for international researchers at KIT.

Discover Karlsruhe

Karlsruhe offers many opportunities for leisure activities. Read information about [living and learning in Karlsruhe](#), [sport and culture](#) as well as [transportation](#) in the fan-shaped city.