

Researcher Visa ([§ 18d Residency Act](#))

To file an application you need to book an [appointment](#) and provide the following documents:

- **Visa fee:** Cash or credit card only – EUR 75,00
- **Expenses:** Postage & Packaging – EUR 6,00; your passport will be sent to you via registered mail once a visa can be granted
- **2 printouts of the [online application form](#)** for a National Visa, including the barcodes
- **Valid passport** and 2 copies of the data page, issued within the last 10 years and valid for at least 3 months beyond the validity of the visa applied for. The passport needs to have at least 2 subsequent blank pages
- **Austrian residence permit** & 2 copies, validity needs to cover the processing time for your D-type visa
- **2 identical biometric passport photos**, no older than 6 months
- **Hosting agreement or employment contract & job description** & 2 copies: A sample hosting agreement can be found on the website of the [Federal Office for Migration and Refugees](#).
- **Employer's declaration** & 2 copies ("[Erklärung zum Beschäftigungsverhältnis](#)") to be completed by your employer
- **Proof of qualifications** & 2 copies (Diploma, Transcript, etc.): Original or certified photocopy incl. certified translation if necessary
- **2 signed copies of your detailed professional CV**
- **2 signed copies of a detailed motivational letter**, detailing the intended research project and how the project relates to your current and future career plans

- **Proof of insurance** & 2 copies: current Austrian insurance (e-card). If you already have German health insurance, please provide a confirmation letter from the German health insurance
- Current [Austrian police clearance certificate](#) (Strafregisterauszug) & 2 copies
- [Austrian registration certificate](#) (Meldezettel) & 2 copies

All documents listed above are required when applying for your visa. Please provide a full set of Original documents and 2 photocopies of each document.

Additional documents may be requested if required.

As part of the visa process, the interest in entering the country must be carefully weighed against the security interests of the Federal Republic of Germany. For visa applications for research and study purposes or comparable employment, particular care must be taken to ensure that the knowledge acquired in Germany cannot be misused for purposes that could impair or threaten the peaceful coexistence of peoples and/or public order, security or health in Germany.

In individual cases, this can therefore lead to a longer processing time for the visa application.