Visa for research

Besides the EU Blue Card, special regulations apply for highly qualified professionals, for example regarding the employment of scientists, researchers and teaching staff or executives.

As an international qualified scientist or researcher you can apply to a recognised research institute for a temporary residence permit in Germany to pursue an activity in your field. You are not usually required to have any German language skills. With this residence title you can either work in the research institution named in the work contract or as a teacher. The residence permit can be extended as long as you still meet the basic requirements.

Moreover, researchers with special technical knowledge, as well as teaching personnel or scientific personnel in prominent positions – for example leaders of scientific projects and work groups – may be granted a settlement permit (pursuant to section 19 of the Residence Act) directly if they can prove that they have an actual job offer in Germany. You can find out more about the provisions on residence for international scientists in the section "Research".

Information on the internet

Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)
Important information about residence and settlement permits in Germany (German, English, Turkish)

Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)
Flyer "The EU Blue Card" (German, English)

Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)
Information about permanent residence in Germany (German, English, Russian, Turkish)

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