

FAQ: Visa Application

When should I apply for a visa?

Make sure to apply as soon as you have flights and fixed the accommodation. Please keep in mind that there might be some delays in the process (the whole process might take up to 2 months).

Which visa should I apply for?

You should apply for a *90 days Schengen visa*. The type of the visa should be *Education (as a student)* or *Other (Detail: Trainingsprogramm Digital Product School)*.

DON'T try to get a working visa for Digital Product School.

What do I have to include in my visa application?

- **Curriculum of DPS:** You receive a curriculum of Digital Product School alongside your offer letter. Please attach this to your application. This curriculum will help the officer at the embassy to understand that we are a training program and you don't need a work permission. Hence the labour office approval is not necessary in general.
- **Secured means of support:** As a rule of thumb, you should be able to proof that you have at least **720€ per month** (2160€ for 90 days) to cover your living in Germany. **The scholarship does not cover all of that.** *If you can't proof your living, let us know as soon as possible.*
- **Health insurance:** In Germany, we have mandatory health insurance. More information can be found here:
<https://www.germany-visa.org/travel-health-insurance/#schengen-insurance>
- **Flight tickets:** Make sure to include tickets for your return flight as well (buy it refundable, in case the visa get rejected)

How do I prove my financing?

Financing can be proved by presenting the income and financial circumstances of parents, by a declaration of commitment in line with Article 66-68 Aufenthaltsgesetz (German Foreigners Act) made by a person with sufficient assets or income, by paying a security into a blocked account in Germany, or by depositing an annually renewable bank guarantee at a bank in Germany.

More information about that can be found here:

<https://www.studying-in-germany.org/proof-of-financial-resources/>

Where could I find housing for the time of Digital Product School?

Previous participants found accommodation through the following resources:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ifmaccommodation/>
- <https://www.wg-gesucht.de/wg-zimmer-in-Muenchen.90.0.1.0.html> (german)

In addition to that, we can connect you to other participants of the batch. Thus, you can look for accommodation together, which increases the chances to get one. *Please let us know if you want to team up with other participants.*

What documents do I get from Digital Product School?

We will provide you with all documents needed for the visa process, these documents are

- **Offer letter:** It shows the embassy that you are accepted at DPS and will receive a scholarship up to 750€.
- **Curriculum of Digital Product School and proof that we are non-profit** (in German)

Which flights should I book?

We recommend booking **refundable** tickets, as it is not guaranteed that your visa application gets accepted. Always make sure that you don't exceed the 90 days, when booking your flights.

The embassy asked me for the approval of the labour office.

What should I do?

Please let us know as soon as possible! As you don't apply for a work visa, you don't need the approval of the labour office. We will support you to make this clear to the embassy.