

Apply for a visa to take up employment as an academic

Taking up employment as an academic – overview

Skilled workers from countries outside the EU (as well as outside Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland) have the possibility to obtain a residence permit to take up employment in Germany provided the relevant requirements are met.

You can apply for a visa to take up employment as a skilled worker at your local Aliens' Office in Germany. To do this, you will first need a visa for entry, which you can apply for online using the Consular Services Portal or you can go to your local German mission. Provided that you meet all the requirements, the date of entry will be noted in your visa, entitling you to obtain a residence permit to take up employment as a skilled worker.

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on the Consular Services Portal and apply online for a visa to take up work as an academic.



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To take up gainful employment as an academic you will need

- ✓ an academic degree that is recognized in Germany or comparable with a German academic degree and
- ✓ an employment relationship in Germany.

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profession is regulated in your home country, you can obtain a professional practice permit.

If you have read the relevant information and do not have a minimum annual gross salary of 49,830 euros (2024), proof that you have sufficient pension provisions is required.



(Will you receive a minimum annual gross salary of 45,300 euros and 41,041.80 euros in MINT and health professions (as of 2024) and are you working in a profession with a pension provision appropriate to your qualifications? If so, you may be eligible for a [Blue Card \(EU\) visa](#).

Still have questions?

Frequently asked questions and answers with more information on how to use the Consular Services Portal and the online application process can be found in our FAQ section. See if you can find the answer to your question.

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