

## Research visa

All persons who wish to work as a researcher at/for an institution in Germany based on a research agreement (**Aufnahmevereinbarung / Vertrag zur Erteilung einer Aufenthaltserlaubnis nach § 20 Aufenthaltsgesetz – Hosting agreement / Contract for issuance of a residence permit according to Section 20 of the German Residence Act**) are required to obtain a residence permit (including their spouses and minor children – if applicable). In order to enter Germany, a research visa has to be issued.

A visa in order to do a research stay in Germany is a national visa and does also entitle you to enter the other Schengen countries for a stay up to 90 days for tourist purposes.

Upon submission of ALL the required documents, the application will be processed by the Embassy and (if required) forwarded to the competent Alien's authority. Research visa applications take at least up to 8 weeks to be processed. Applications from Madagascar take a general processing time of 8 to 10 weeks. **Status requests being send before the expiration of this processing time will **not** be answered.**

After the application has been approved by the competent Alien's authority or the Federal Agency for work, the German Embassy will issue a residence permit in form of a visa. The duration however may vary. Please inquire when picking up your passport if you have to report to the Alien's authority in Germany after entering the country or not.

For identification purposes and in order to take the fingerprints applicants are requested to be personally present at the German Embassy during Visa submission and hand in the following documents.

Please prepare **two identical application sets** with **all** the following documents in the **given order**. Do **not staple** any of the documents.

**In general, all documents need to be presented in original and two simple copies. If you cannot provide the original of the document, you must present a certified copy and two simple copies.**

**All documents that are neither German nor English will have to be translated in either language.**

**Important information: Do NOT send supporting documents without being asked to or BEFORE placing your application.**

**Notice: If you apply in Antananarivo you need to provide in total three application forms and three passport photos.**

**Incomplete documentation may result in the rejection of your application.**

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Valid passport</b> (issued within the last 10 years, with at least two empty pages and a validity of at least another 6 months after entering Germany).

□	2 application forms <b>fully completed &amp; visa declaration 1, duly signed (see general information)</b>
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□	<b>2 passport size pictures</b> , not older than three months with a bright background and frontal view of the face (please do not attach the picture to the application form) <b>Digitally-altered passport pictures will not be accepted</b>
□	<b>2 copies</b> of your passport's data page
□	<b>2 copies</b> of your Tanzanian/Malagasy visa or residence permit (if applicable)
□	<b>2 copies</b> of the <b>Hosting agreement/Contract for issuance of a residence permit according to Section 20 of the German Residence Act</b>
□	<b>2 copies</b> of <b>proof of housing</b> in Germany with <b>full address</b> (e.g. renting contract, hotel reservation, OR invitation letter in case of private accommodation with <b>name, full address</b> , and <b>passport copy</b> of inviting person).
<b>To be provided <u>after</u> the approval of the visa:</b>	
□	<b>Flight reservation</b> to Germany
□	<b>Proof of travel health insurance</b> with a <b>minimum coverage of 30,000.00 EUR</b> (for the moment of first entry into the Schengen area) <b>as well as</b> <b>Proof of the health insurance for your entire stay in Germany</b>

**Important notice:** If your research stay lasts up to 90 days you will need to provide the same documents. The application however will not be forwarded to the Alien's Authority. In this case please also see our information for short stay trips up to 90 days.

Visa fee: 75,- Euro, payable in TSH according to current exchange rate of the Embassy in cash. If you apply in Madagascar, you have to pay in Malagasy ariary according to the current exchange rate of the Embassy Antananarivo in cash (courier costs are not included).

**Please note that the German Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents at any time during processing. Submission of the above-mentioned documents does not guarantee that a visa is granted.**

**The German authorities may ask for a legalization or confirmation of the presented Tanzanian or Madagasy documents. Please consult either website for more information on the individual process.**

Applicants may be called in for an Interview.

**Disclaimer: All data contained herein are based on knowledge and experience of the German Embassy Dar es Salaam at the time of drafting of this information sheet. However, no liability can be assumed for the completeness and accuracy.**