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**VISA FOR RESEARCH**

Only by appointment booked online on our website at  
[www.ramallah.diplo.de/appointments](http://www.ramallah.diplo.de/appointments)  
 (stay for more than 3 months)  
 or  
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 (stay for less than 3 months)

**General information:**

Researchers are third-country nationals who

1. have a doctoral degree or a suitable university degree that allows access to doctoral programs and
2. are selected by a research institution and admitted into the territory of a Member State,
3. to carry out research activities for which such a degree is normally required.

Note: This also includes doctoral students, unless they are enrolled at a German university to complete a full-time study program leading to a doctoral degree as their main activity.

If you want to conduct research on a research project as part of your bachelor's or master's degree, you must submit the same documents, but your application must then be examined individually.

**Application documents**

Please print out this information sheet and bring it to your visa appointment. Please **sort** your application documents in the following order and tick the box on the left to certify that you are submitting the document. Documents have to be submitted in original with two copies, Arabic documents have to be submitted together with a German translation. English translation may not be sufficient and result in additional costs for you. Arabic documents without translation cannot be considered.

Required documents		Available
1	<p><b>2 application forms for a National Visa (for stays of more than 90 days)</b>  <a href="https://videx.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/videx-kurzfristiger-aufenthalt">https://videx.diplo.de/videx/visum-erfassung/videx-kurzfristiger-aufenthalt</a></p> <p>Completed and signed</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p><b>1 application form for a Schengen Visa (for stays of less than 90 days)</b></p>	
2	<p><b>Passport</b>                      (Valid, signed, at least 2 empty pages, not older than 10 years)</p> <p><b>ID Card</b></p>	

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3	<b>2 passport photos</b> light background, biometric, (see <a href="#">here</a> ), not older than 3 months	
4	<b>Purpose of stay</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Signed research agreement or corresponding contract with a German research institution in the original and two (2) copies. The research agreement/contract must contain certain minimum information. You can find a sample <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>- written obligation to cover costs incurred by public bodies up to six months after the termination of the hosting agreement in the original and two (2) copies - <i>this can be waived if the research institution's activities are predominantly financed from public funds or there is a particular public interest</i></li> </ul>	
5	<b>Proof of sufficient qualification</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- proof of doctoral degree</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proof of University degree giving access to doctoral programs (with supplement) in the original and with two (2) copies</li> </ul>	
6	<b>Proof of financing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The applicant must have at least €947 available per month for their stay in Germany if no employment relationship is established. Proof of these funds can be provided in the hosting agreement/the corresponding contract. If an employment relationship is planned, proof of at least the statutory minimum wage of €1,647 must be provided. When submitting your application, you must provide proof of financial resources for the entire period of your stay.</li> <li>- When financing via a blocked account: Open the blocked account in good time BEFORE applying for a visa. When applying for a visa, only the official opening confirmation stating the total amount paid and the monthly available amount will be accepted. A confirmation without mentioning these amounts is not sufficient.</li> </ul>	
7	<b>Proof of Accommodation</b> (rental contract, invitation) in Germany	

<b>Upon collection of the visa:</b>		
8	<b>Sufficient (travel) health insurance</b> minimum 30.000 € -coverage of medical expenses	

**Please note:**

- The fee is dependent on the amount of time spent in Germany and between 75 and 90 Euro and the equivalent amount in Israeli Shekel has to be paid in cash at the time of application.
- The visa can only be issued if the relevant German authorities have given their consent.
- Only complete applications can be accepted; non-submission of necessary documentation may lead to a refusal.
- Applicants are required to appear in person.
- Additional documents might be requested on submitting the application.
- The application form is free of charge.
- Original documents might be requested upon arrival at the airport.
- Upon submission of your application as well as of all required documents the processing will take approx. 4 (minimum) to 12 weeks.
- Please do not call, as no questions concerning your application will be answered. The Representative Office will inform you when the visa is ready.
- Please bring your receipt when collecting your decision.

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