

RISE Professional - Final Report

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- Do you have helpful tips on the Visa or residence permit application, opening a bank account, on traveling, on finding housing ?

Regarding visa for internship in Germany, please make sure you are filling the correct visa application form. This is important because most of the time, you will be travelling to the German consulate, which can be far from your place of residence, and you do not want to come back again just because you did not fill the correct form.

For up to 90 days of stay: Schengen Visa / Short Stay Visa

( <https://www.germany.info/us-en/service/05-VisaEinreise/schengen-visa/963538> )

For more than 90 days of stay: Residence Visa / Long Stay Visa

( <https://www.germany.info/us-en/service/05-VisaEinreise/residence-visa/922288> )

#### Opening a bank account in Germany

This is one of the most important tasks required to be done after arrival in order to receive the salary.

Firstly, one must try the local banks in the place of internship. Take your passport, visa, proof of internship/work authorization, residence proof from city registration office (very important) and tax number (also from city registration office) for opening a bank account. I would recommend going along with a person who knows German language to avoid communication issues.

In spite of all these, it can be difficult to open a bank account in Germany due to short duration of stay. In this scenario, one can open an Online Bank account, which is easy, secure and flexible. Following are major reliable online banks;

- Transferwise Borderless Account: <https://transferwise.com/gb/borderless/>
- N26 (some passports are not acceptable): <https://n26.com/en-de/bank-account>

#### Travelling within Germany:

- There is a monthly tram pass at reduced price for interns (please check local tram service in your city).
- I would recommend buying DB Bahn Card which gives discounts on all train bookings (<https://www.bahn.com/en/view/offers/bahncard/bahncard.shtml> ).

#### Accommodation:

Past interns in Germany have used following web links to search accommodation.

Student housing: <https://www.stw-thuringen.de/english/housing/wohnen.html>

Other housing:

<https://www.wg-gesucht.de>

<https://www.airbnb.com/s/Germany>

Private housing:

<https://www.deutsche-pensionen.de/>

- What is your impression of research in Germany?

Research in Germany is mostly applied research with long-term research goals for benefit of the nation and world. The quality of research is great. Germany is home to several globally acclaimed research infrastructures, which makes it an even more attractive place to pursue research.

- What is your impression of German companies?

German companies work closely with academic and research institutes which helps the research in labs to become commercial products. They are also among the most innovative companies in the world.

- What did you find particularly interesting about your research?

I was working in the Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics and Precision Engineering in Jena, Germany on a project where our objective was to inkjet print optical mirrors. The mirrors we encounter around us are mostly manufactured by deposition of optical coatings on substrates like glass etc. This project envisioned additive manufacturing of optical mirrors by well-studied and commercial technology, inkjet printing. It also opened doors for the research group to explore this area in detail and combine it with existing projects. This research is unique which makes it eligible for publication in a high quality journal.

- What is your impression of Germany in general?

Germany is a very historically and culturally rich place with focus on work life balance and well-being of individuals. Being in Germany gives you an opportunity to learn new language. People have efficient working routines because of which they can spend the remaining time with friends and family, which always keeps them motivated and energetic during work. People are friendly and cooperative and try to help in cases when language is a barrier. Definitely a must visit place either as tourist or work reasons.

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