



## PhD students: Checklist important documents to bring to Frankfurt am Main

1. A **passport** or equivalent identification document. This document must be valid for the duration of your entire stay in Germany and at least 3 month after the return to your home country.
2. A **visa** for yourself and for any family members accompanying you. Please be sure to apply for the visa as early as possible. Although you may receive your own visa fairly quickly, many visitors experience delays up to two month in receiving visas for their family members. Some countries (e.g. the EU countries or the USA) are exempt from the entry visa regulation.
3. **Proof of sufficient financial resources/** proof of receipt of a scholarship or funding or a contract with GU.
4. Certified copies in German or English of your **secondary school leaving certificates** (High School Diploma, GCE, Baccalaureate etc.), of your **university degrees, proof of German or English language skills.**
5. Several **passport photos** for the various identification documents that you will need while in Frankfurt (please note the passport photo guidelines as determined by the Federal Ministry of the Interior here: <http://www.epass.de> - in German only).
6. Your **birth certificate**
7. Your **marriage certificate and your children's birth certificates** if your wife and/or your children are accompanying you. If possible, these documents should be translated into German.
8. Confirmation of your **health insurance coverage**, if your coverage is also valid for your visit to Germany. Please remember that you must have health insurance coverage for yourself and any family members beginning the first day of your stay in Germany. This is required for your residence permit. If the health insurance that you have in your home country will not (or not sufficiently) cover you while you are abroad, you must obtain health insurance in Germany for the duration of your entire stay.
9. If applicable, a **statement regarding any current or previous illnesses** (also any recent X-rays) as well as any medication you are taking at the time of your departure.
10. Your **vaccination records**, if possible an international certificate of vaccination.
11. If you have **personal liability or private accident insurance** in your home country, you should find out whether the coverage is also valid in Germany. If so, please bring the appropriate documents with you.
12. An **international driver's license** or your home country driver's license, if you plan to drive a car while in Germany.
13. An **international "green" insurance card** to confirm that you have automobile liability insurance that is valid in Germany (if you plan to bring your own car to Germany).
14. Confirmation from your automobile liability insurance provider that you have an accident-free **driving record**. This will enable you to obtain a lower insurance premium if you intend to take out liability insurance while in Germany.

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