

Unofficial Insider's Guide to the German Academic System for Incoming and Visiting Researchers

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When	Monday, 19 May 2025, 14:00-15:30
Where	Online via Webex
Organisers	Welcome Center at the International Office, House of Young Talents
Language	English
Intended for	Prospective and current doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, visiting professors

There are websites and booklets (even a few in English) on how to complete your doctoral degree or advance your postdoc career in Germany; some of them are actually very good (e.g. the "Research in Germany" series). But very often a lot of necessary implicit knowledge is missing: knowledge which is known to most professional actors and stakeholders, but not spelled out (sometimes because these truths have a "politically incorrect" ring to them or are open to conflicting interpretations) and thus often remains unknown to newcomers, especially incoming internationals.

This event, part of the university's current "Action Plan" for its Human Resources Strategy for Researchers, EU-certified as "HR Excellence in Research" since 2017, will try to close this information gap by providing answers to the following questions:

- What are the preconditions for a successful doctoral project in Germany?
- What are the options for financing a doctoral project in Germany?
- How does a doctoral project work in the various disciplines?
- What are the possibilities for employment within and outside the university system?
- How can one make a success of an academic career beyond the doctorate in Germany?
- How does the German system with its career paths compare to other academic systems?

There will be a short presentation of essential points followed by a discussion of participants' questions. While the event has been developed with incoming internationals (at any career stage and with any amount of experience in Germany) in mind, Germans are also most welcome.

How to register

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