Welcome to the University of Bonn

Founded 200 years ago, the University of Bonn is amongst Germany’s most recognized institutions for research and higher education. It is situated in the center of Europe and internationally renowned for top-level science, research-oriented study programs and its international flair.

The University of Bonn owes its outstanding reputation to a dedicated and innovative community of researchers: keen on creating and sharing new knowledge, open to interdisciplinary exchange and willing to make a difference. We are very pleased to welcome you as a new member to this inspiring community.

You may look forward to be living and working in a pulsating and cosmopolitan city with a history stretching back more than 2,000 years. Being the home of 19 United Nations organizations, a large number of NGOs, global corporations and excellent research institutes, Bonn is one of the most international and dynamic cities in Germany. And on top of that: Beethoven’s native city boasts leading cultural institutions and superb recreational opportunities for the entire family.

Performing top-level research without giving up on high quality of life: Bonn will want to make you stay!

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ABOUT US

Today, a successful academic career is increasingly connected with being internationally mobile. However, being internationally mobile also brings about a variety of administrative and organizational challenges. What type of visa is required for entering Germany? Do I need a residence permit? How do I register my children at school? Where should I search for accommodation? Do I have to pay taxes in Germany?

The Welcome Center is the central service and information point at the University of Bonn for international researchers. Our aim is to facilitate your relocation to Bonn and to make you feel at home as soon as possible.

To this end, we offer comprehensive advice on and practical support with a wide range of issues such as visa and entry requirements, health insurance, language courses, family matters, accommodation and everyday life at the university and in the city of Bonn. And if we don’t know the answer to your question, we know who to contact.

Furthermore, we are organizing interesting seminars on relevant topics and an attractive cultural program for you and your family.

Please feel free to contact us with any question or concern you may have. We will be glad to help you!

Your Welcome Center Team

OUR SERVICES AT A GLANCE

Before your stay, we...
- give advice on visa and entry requirements
- provide information about relevant documents
- make reservations for an apartment at the International Guesthouse
- support families in finding accommodation
- provide information about living in Bonn and the region

When you arrive, we...
- prepare a comprehensive welcome package, which you can obtain at our office
- provide advice and support with formalities like health insurance, social security, additional insurance coverage, bank account
- accompany you to appointments with government authorities (Citizens’ Service Center, Immigration Office)
- provide advice and support with obtaining a library card, an e-mail address and WiFi access at the University of Bonn
- assist in finding childcare and schools in Bonn

During your stay, we...
- offer support with all non-academic matters
- assist in finding a language course
- locate doctors and hospitals
- organize seminars and events in order to get to know your new surroundings better

At the end of your stay, we...
- help you to keep track of all relevant formalities before leaving Bonn
- provide information on our Alumni Network

REGISTRATION

We kindly invite all international researchers to register at the Welcome Center online:

🌐 www.welcome-center.uni-bonn.de/registration

WHAT OUR GUESTS SAY

“Your help was really necessary for me and my children. I sincerely appreciate your dedication. Thank you very much for your help!”
Prof. Dr. Daniel O. Perez | Philosophy | Brazil

“I really feel the Welcome Center is such a great resource and some of my nicest memories are from evenings and events that you organized. Many thanks for all of the work you do to help us settle in here!”
Dr. Jo Hellawell | Geochemistry | United Kingdom

“A heartfelt thank you to the entire team at the Welcome Center for your support in helping us navigate our way through life in Bonn. Your friendly approach and the assistance you provided us and our institute colleagues - especially during those early days - is greatly appreciated.”
Dr. Christine De Nardo | Life Sciences | Australia