

WEBINAR

Germany 101 – A New  
Destination for  
International Students

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# Today's Host



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# Why Choose Germany?

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As students seek **stability**, **affordability**, and **strong career opportunities**, Germany has become a top study destination. But supporting students on this path means staying informed. This session brings you the latest insights and expert guidance to help navigate your student's journey to studying in Germany with confidence.



# Your Destination Germany Experts

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# Today's Panelist



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**Why Germany, Now?**

**Germany: The World's 3rd Most Popular  
Study Destination.**

# Key Trends Shaping Global Education in 2025

**Artificial Intelligence** revolutionising personalized learning and administrative processes

**Strategic Student Mobility** - students seeking quality, affordability, and career opportunities

**Career-Aligned Programmes** focusing on skills gap closure and workforce readiness

**Flexibility & Fair Recognition** of qualifications

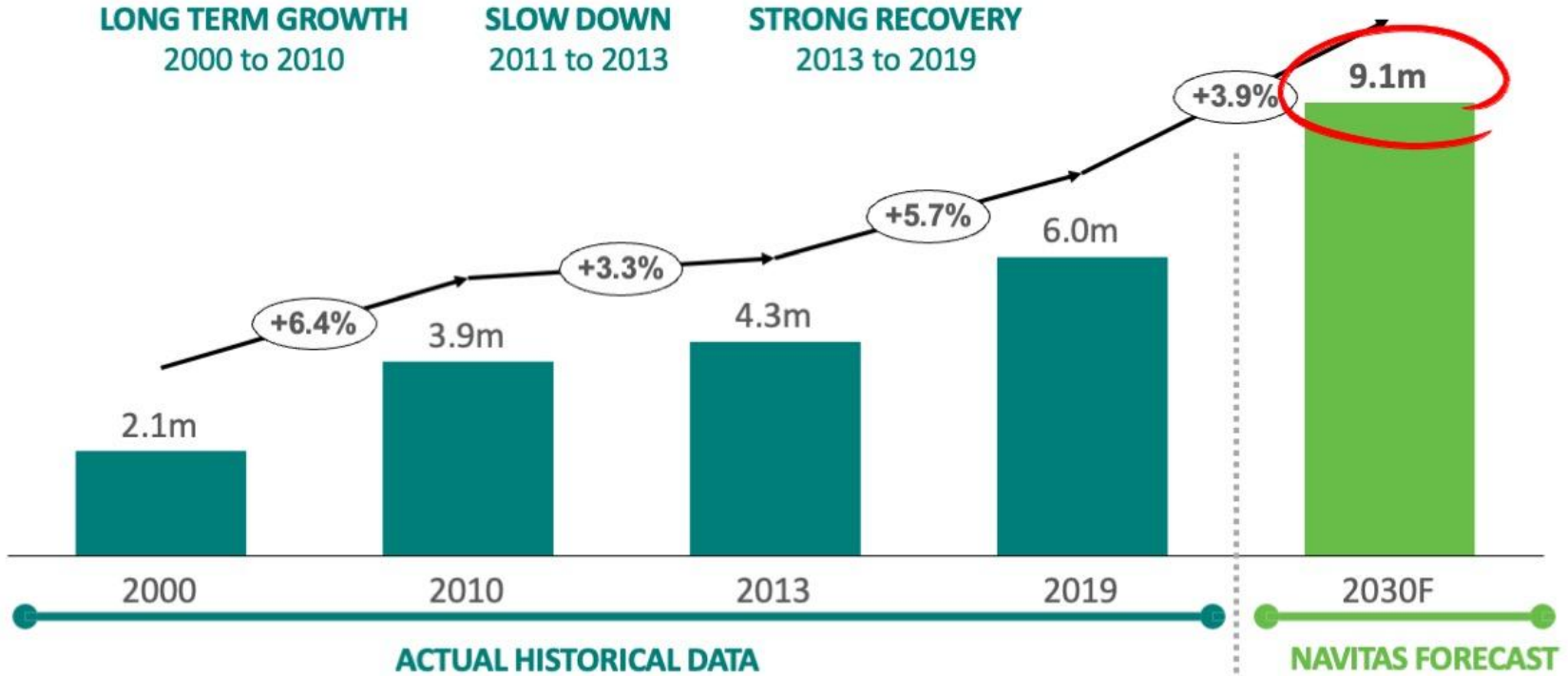
**Financial Sustainability** challenges with enrollment pressures and new funding models

# Key Trends Shaping Global Education in 2025

## **Visa Restrictions** in major English-speaking destinations impacting student mobility

- **United States:** The Trump administration has ordered embassies abroad to stop scheduling new visa interview appointments for students and exchange visitors
- **United Kingdom:** The UK government is introducing stricter student visa rules in 2025, including a shorter post-study work visa (Graduate Route), new dependent restrictions, and a rigorous rating system for universities
- **Canada:** Canada is reducing the number of study permits issued in 2025. The Student Direct Stream (SDS), a fast-track visa processing system, has been discontinued
- **Australia:** Australia is capping international student enrollments at 270,000 for 2025

# How many students will there be by 2030?

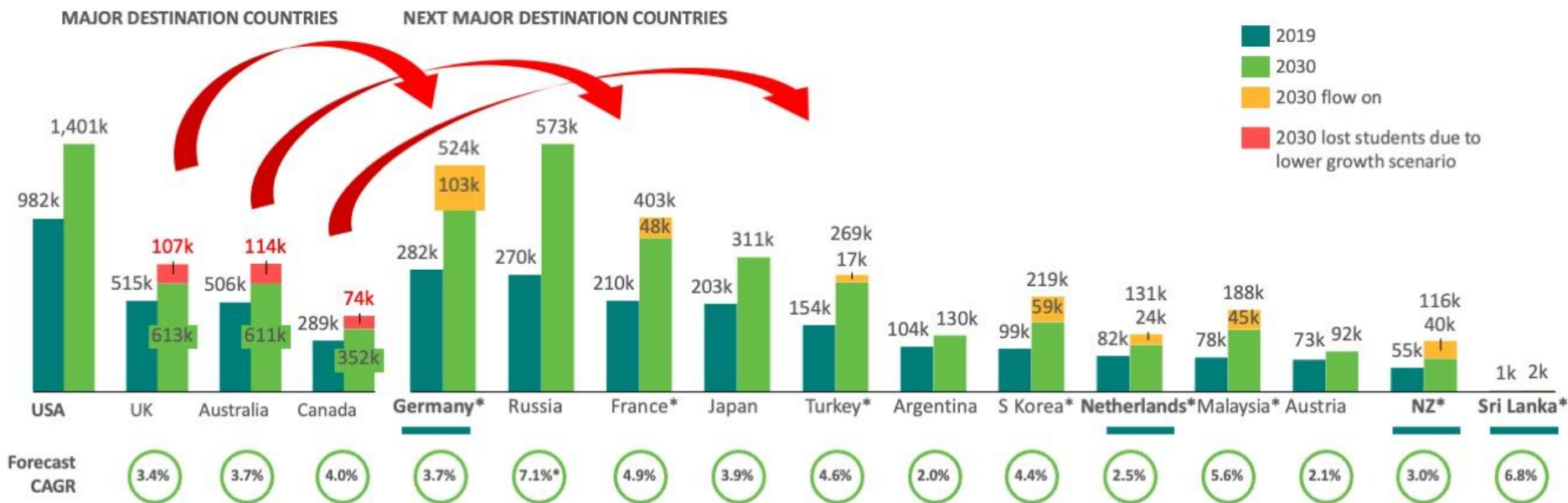


# Slowdown of growth in Australia, UK and Canada could divert almost 300k students to other destinations



Flow on growth from a UK, Canada and Australia slow down could be between +35% to +7% for other destinations based on existing source country mix

Estimated total global tertiary students, comparison of actual 2020 total student numbers and forecast student numbers in 2030 (based on slow down UK, Canada and Australia and flow on to others)



Source: UNESCO international tertiary education students. Forecast based on Navitas Global Forecast Model (NGFM). The scenario assumes that all students that do not attend Australia, UK and Canada attend other alternate destinations marked with a \*. Assumes all source countries are equally impacted by slow down to major English-speaking countries and allocation is based on existing 2019 market share levels for each source country.  
Note: Student destination data not reported for Singapore and UAE.

# Germany | #3 most popular destination for international students studying abroad



## Top Quality education

- Outstanding academic programmes
- Ranking among the best in the world



## Geared to practice

- SRH offers a range of attractive, practice-oriented programmes & industry partnerships
- Kick-start your Career
- Excellent prospects on the global labour market



## Excellent economic situation

- No. 1 Economy in Europe, No. 3 in the world
- Economic momentum expected to grow
- More than 400.000 vacant positions available
- Highest trade surplus in the world



## Welcoming atmosphere

- Open society
- Great student diversity
- 64% of the German population is proficient in English (Statista).



## Health & Safety

- 2nd safest country in the world during the COVID-19 pandemic (Deep Knowledge Group, Forbes)
- 8th safest country in the world (2021, Global Health Security Index)
- Excellent medical facilities



## Potential Unlocked

- Determination, motivation and commitment open many doors – career service support
- You can make the most of yourself freely and reach your full potential
- OECD report: Germany among first 5 in attractiveness to international students (April 2019)

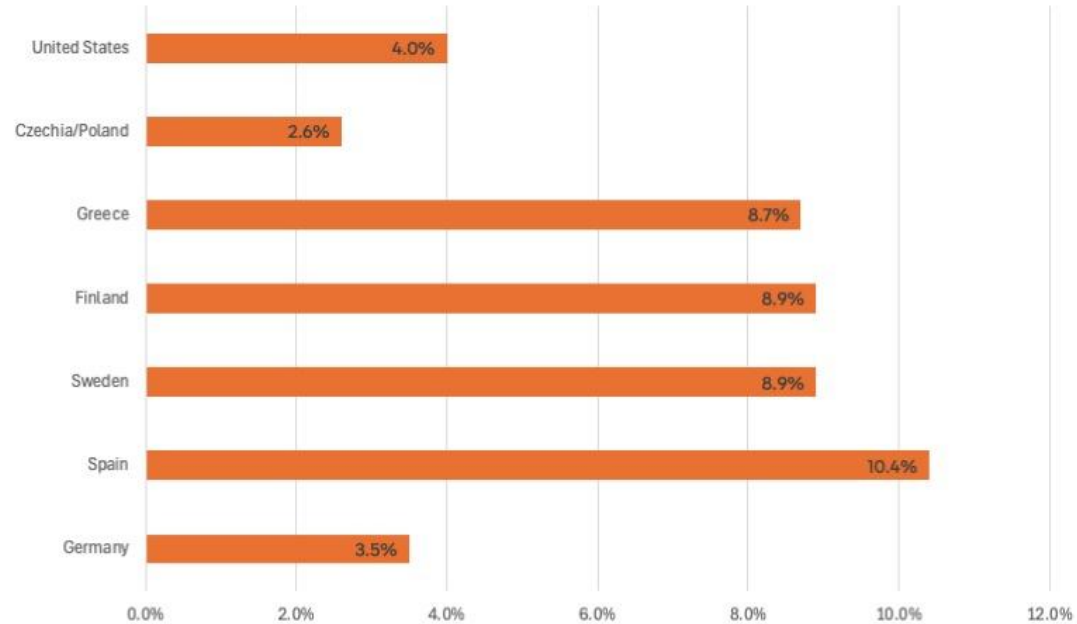


## Additional Benefits

- Non-EU students:
- Working rights during studies: 140 full-days per year
- 18-month stay-back option after graduation
- Settlement permit available under certain circumstances after 2 years
- Citizenship after 5 years (studies included)

# Germany rivals the US, UK, and Canada

- Germany has the second **lowest graduate unemployment rate** in the EU
- One of the world's **highest retention rates for international graduates** (45% still in Germany after 10 years)



# 2025 Visa Rules Make Germany the Smart Choice for International Students

Country	2025 Change/Policy	Impact on Students	Why Germany Wins
<b>USA</b>	Visa interview suspension; social media screening	Delays, uncertainty, fewer visas	No interview delays; efficient digital visa system
<b>UK</b>	Graduate visa cut; dependent limits	Shorter stay; family access reduced	Generous post-study work visa; dependent-friendly
<b>Canada</b>	SDS removed; higher requirements	Slower processes; fewer permits	Transparent requirements; fast-track processing
<b>Australia</b>	National cap of 270k	Limited seats; more competition	No national cap; growing capacity

# Unrestricted access to German studies & Job market



## Student Residence Permit

Allows you to **work for 140 days full-time** per calendar year or for **280 days part-time** (as of March 2024).

During the semester, you may **work for a maximum of 20 hours per week.**

20h Student job salary: 500 EUR net/month



## Jobseeker Residence Permit

Once you have graduated from SRH, you are eligible to apply for a Job seeker permit that is valid for **18 months** allowing you to **work full-time** and to look for a suitable job.



## EU Blue Card

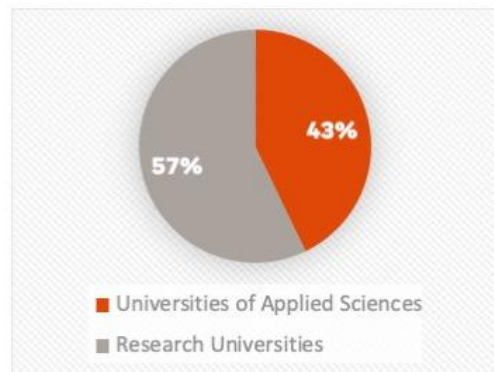
If you secure a professional job offer with an annual gross **income of 48,300 EUR**, you will **be eligible.**

\*If you have a **background in Math, IT, Natural Sciences, Engineering and Human Medicine**, you may be **eligible if you earn at least 43,760 EUR gross per year**

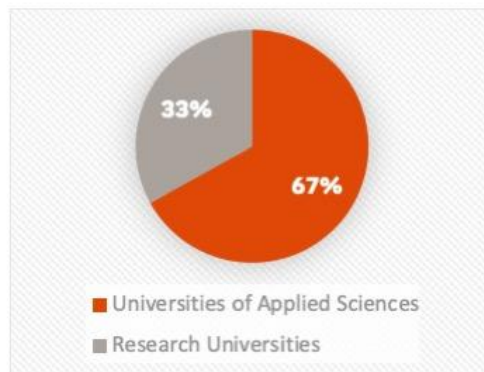
# The German Higher Education Landscape

## Research vs Practice Oriented Higher Education

2.8 Mn Students, out of which 469,485 international

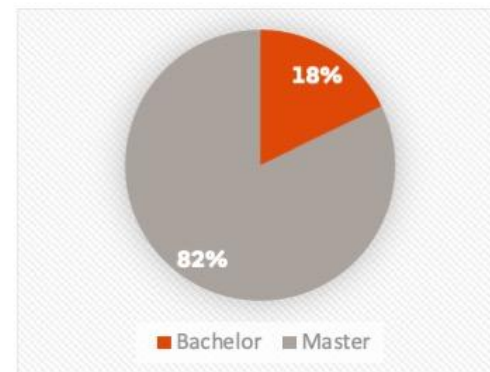


363 Institutions

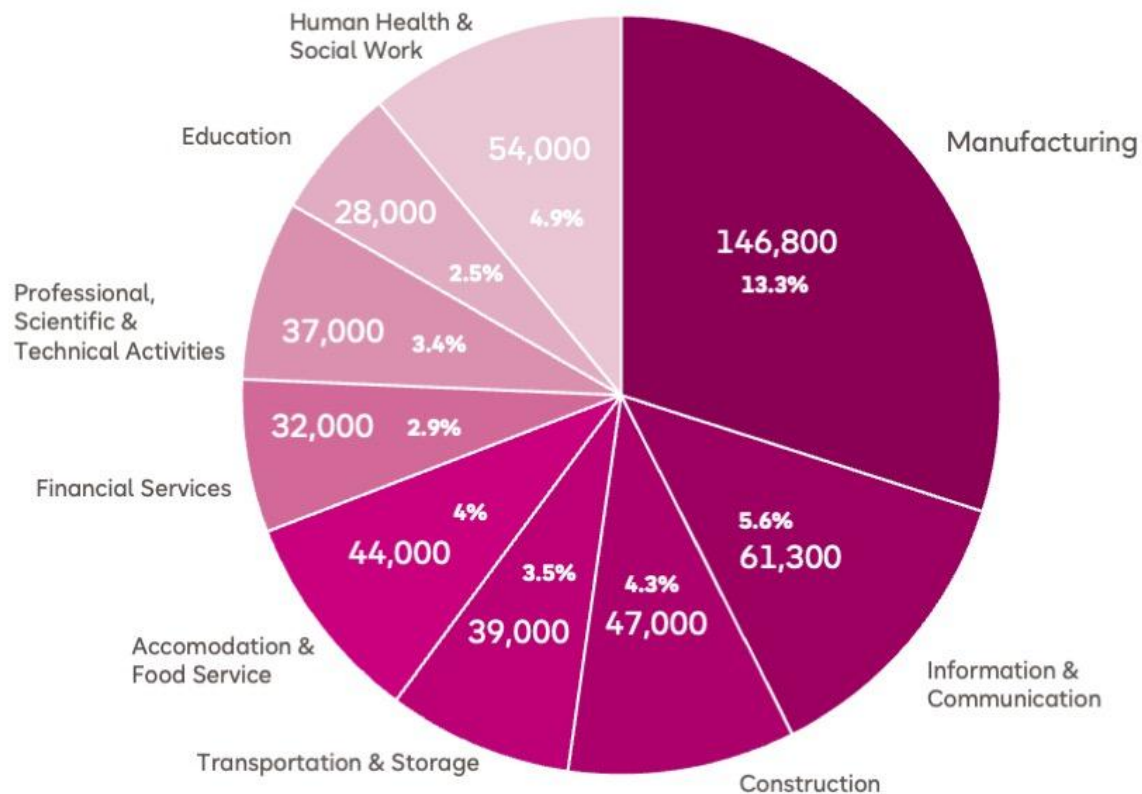


## English-taught Bachelors & Masters in Germany

2348 Degree Programmes in English



# Employability | Job vacancies in Germany



# Design Your Future

# SRH University

● Main international campuses





**8.000**

Passionate students  
from various  
backgrounds



**13.142**

Graduates



**11.002**

Alumni living & working  
in Germany



**100+**

Bachelors & Masters in  
English

- Engineering & IT
- Business & Law
- Arts & Design
- Psychology & Health



**10**

International Campuses



**140+**

Different nationalities



**3500**

Corporate Partners

## Top 10 Employers SRH Graduates:

- SAP
- SRH
- Self-employed
- The big 4: Deloitte, EY, KPMG, PwC
- BASF
- Mercedes Benz
- Bosch
- Roche
- Accenture
- Amazon

## Fields:

- Business Development
- Engineering
- Operations & Project Management
- IT
- Sales & Marketing
- Education
- HR
- Healthcare Services
- Art & Design

# Thank you!

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# Recruiting for Germany

## Agent Perspectives & Best Practices

Flywire webinar

10 July 2025

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StudyReach by aecc

# Germany - Recent trends

- Shift from traditional destinations
- Substantial growth in enrolments
- Diverse source markets
- Increase in English taught programmes
- Stable visa and policy environment
- Expansion of work and post-study pathways
- Affordability and higher ROI
- Focus on STEM, Data and Sustainability programmes



 timesofindia.indiatimes.com

**Germany rises as a stable choice for Indian students facing global visa headwinds**

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 businessinsider.com

**Trump's Harvard battle is making some students consider European universities instead**

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**Lucknow students prefer Europe to US for higher studies abroad**

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# Differences between Germany and other destinations that appeal to students



- STEM, Business, Business Analytics, and MBA continue to be the most sought-after programs among Indian students.
- Faster processing timelines
- Simplified entry requirements
- Abundant part-time job opportunities with average earnings of €900–€1,100/month
- Annual expenses are typically under €12,000, making Germany one of the most cost-effective destinations in Europe.
- Many students opt for English-taught private or paid public programs for wider access.
- 18-month stay-back period after graduation
- Favourable PR and settlement policies for skilled graduates
- Germany remains one of the most immigrant-friendly countries in the EU

# Opportunities for students with dependants

- Canada, France, and the UK all recently changed rules as part of an effort to curb migration.
- In many key source markets people start families at a younger age.
- Female students in some markets disproportionately affected.
- Bringing family is linked to greater success, especially when the course is years rather than months.

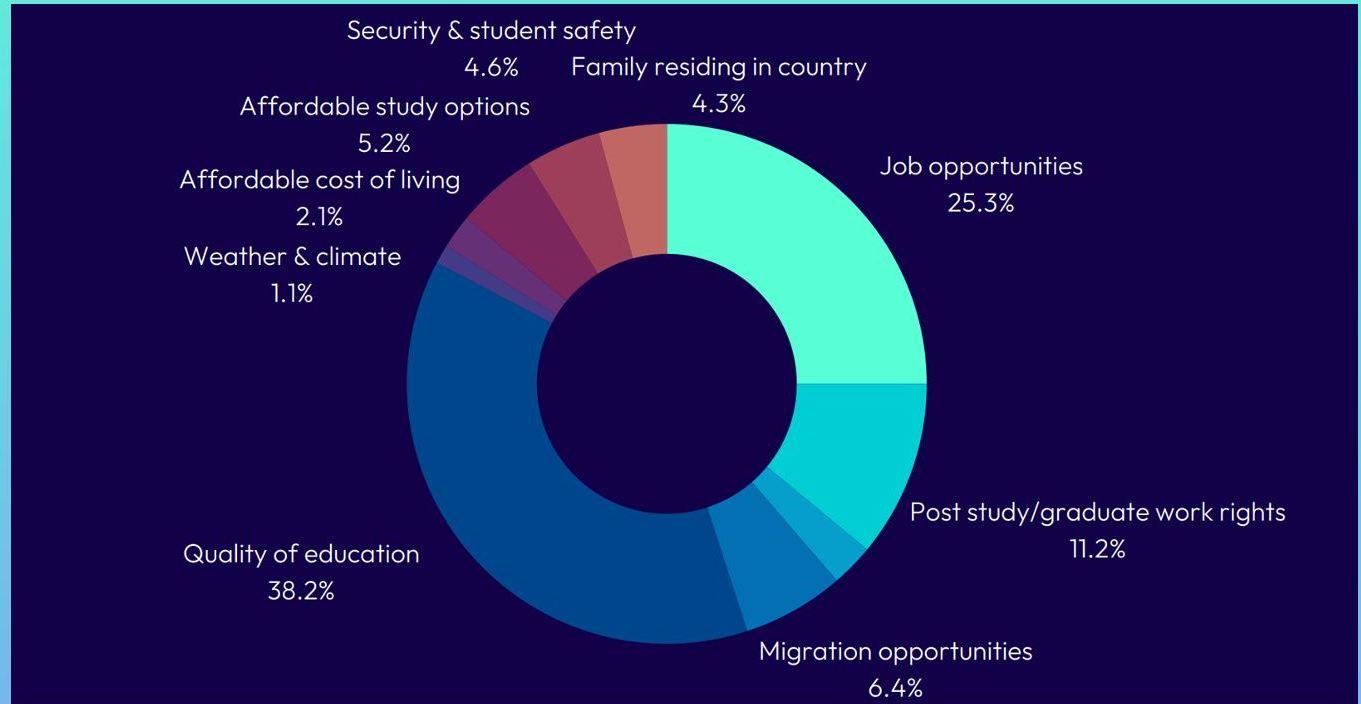
## Things to consider:

- Is the right to bring dependants restricted to those studying in certain levels or fields of study?
- Which family members are eligible? Spouses/partners and children? Extended family?
- Can dependants stay for the entirety of a study programme?
- Can spouses/partners work? Full time? In any job?
- Can children attend public schools for free or do tuition fees apply?

	Are dependants allowed to join?	Which dependants can join?	Are dependants allowed to work?
Australia	Yes	Spouses/partners and dependant children.	Yes
Canada	Yes	Spouses/partners and dependant children.	Yes, if student is in a 16-month+ postgraduate programme or professional programme (e.g., Doctor of Medicine).
France	Only if student has resided in France for 24 months. Unmarried spouses must be at least 21 years of age.	Spouses/partners and dependant children.	Not on a tourist visa but eventually if they get a residence permit.
Germany	Yes	Spouses/partners and children under and over 16.	Yes, with a residence permit.
Ireland	No	None	No
Malaysia	In general, only if student is enrolled in postgraduate courses of more than 12 months, with the exception of undergraduates from just under 20 countries (mostly in the Middle East).*	Spouses, dependant children, and parents.	Yes, with permission from the immigration department.
New Zealand	Yes	Spouses and dependant children can get visitor visas, and in some cases, work visas/student visas.	Yes, if student is enrolled in certain fields of study and/or levels of study.
Singapore	No, but the spouse and children of graduate students can visit for up to 4 weeks with a special pass.	None for longer than 4 weeks.	No
UK	Only if student is in a research-oriented postgraduate programme or on a government scholarship.	Spouses/partners and dependant children.	Yes, if over the age of 16.
US	Yes, if they go through a detailed process.	Spouses/partners and dependant children.	No

# Key motivators for students

- Quality of education
- Career aspirations
- Work rights
- Tuition fees
- Cost of living
- Families welcome?



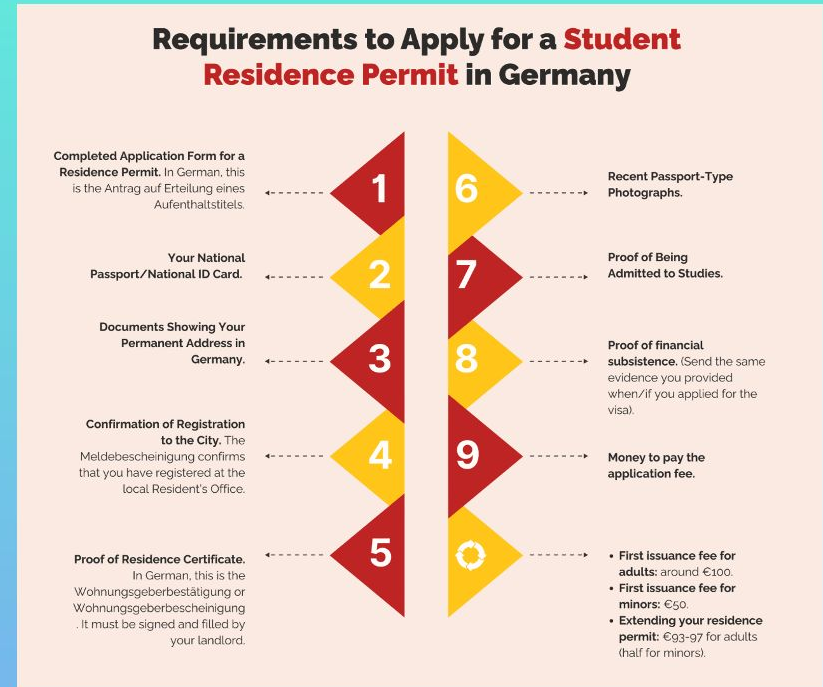
# Challenges

- Long waits for visa appointments – can be 2-3 months for available slots so patience and forward planning required
- Expectations vs. Reality – Public vs. Private – limited seats for intl. students and most programmes taught in German

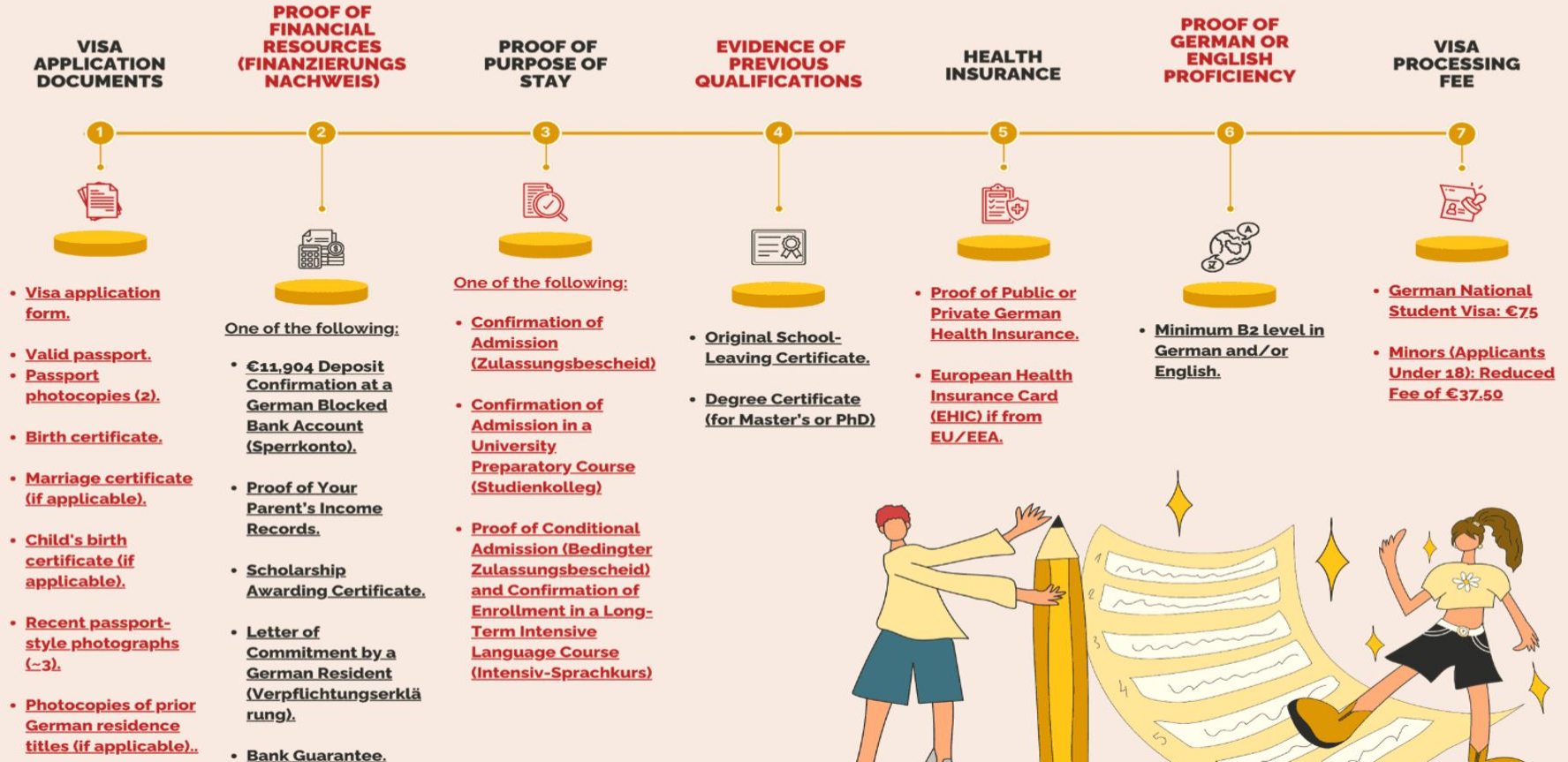


# How to support students to Germany

- Course and university matching
- Support with the application process
- Post-offer support:
  - Securing loans with the help of our banking partners
  - Opening blocked accounts for the required Euro 11,904
  - Visa applications
  - Help finding appropriate and affordable housing
  - Forex currency
  - Travel insurance
  - Pre-departure orientation
  - Post-enrolment / onshore support



# German Student Visa Requirements



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## Visa Requirements & Blocked Account

**Head of International Sales**



**LAILA IRFAN**

Study, work, and live in Germany.

## Germany's New Digital Visa Process



✔ **More efficient and streamlined visa process for you!**

✔ You can upload documents, book appointments, and track your application status digitally.



**Note:** Still new and being rolled out to embassies



## New Online Portal System



### Online Application Submission

- Go to Consular Services Portal
- Create your account
- Upload required documents



### Preliminary Review of Documents

- Visa staff review your documents and make note of any missing ones
- Schedule appointment



### In-Person Verification

- Attend appointment for verifying documents (plus photos and fingerprints)

# Visa Application Checklist



Passport and Photos



Language Certificates



Proof of Funds



Admission Letter



Travel Health Insurance



Curriculum Vitae (CV)



Tuition Payment



Motivation Letter



Academic Degrees



APS Certificate  
(only India, China, and Vietnam)

## What is proof of funds?

Proof of funds is how you show you can financially support yourself during your visa for work or study.



Blocked Account



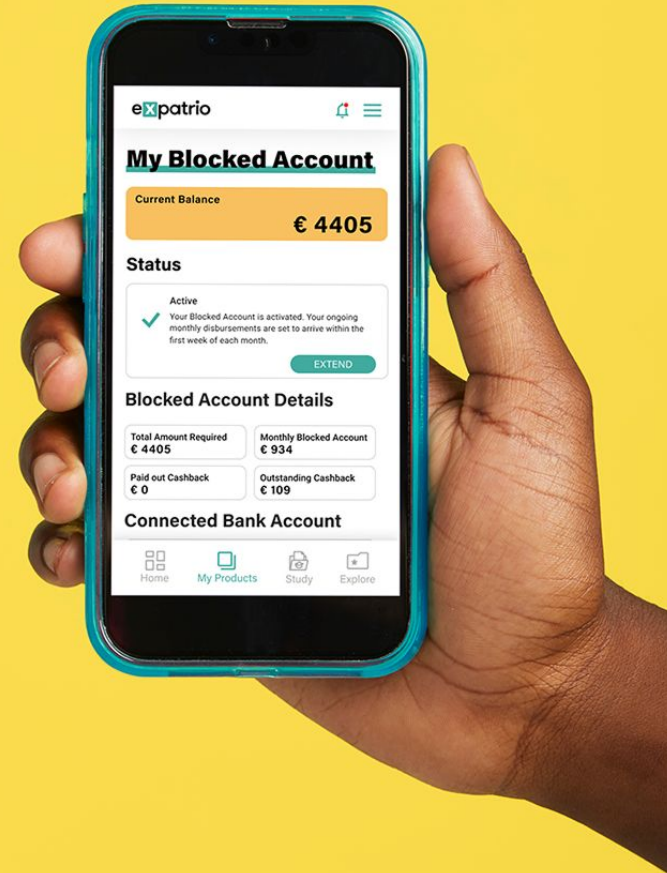
Declaration of  
Commitment



Fully Funded  
Scholarship

# What is a blocked account?

- ✓ A special bank account that ensures you have enough funds to support yourself in Germany.
- ✓ You will need to show €11,904 in your Blocked Account
- ✓ Once activated, you will get a payout of €992/month into your bank account



# You'll also need **Travel Health Insurance** for your visa application

- Sometimes known as “Incoming Health Insurance”
- Covers you for your arrival in Germany until your semester begins
- Protects against unexpected emergencies





Get both!



## With the Expatrio Value Package



### Fully online blocked account

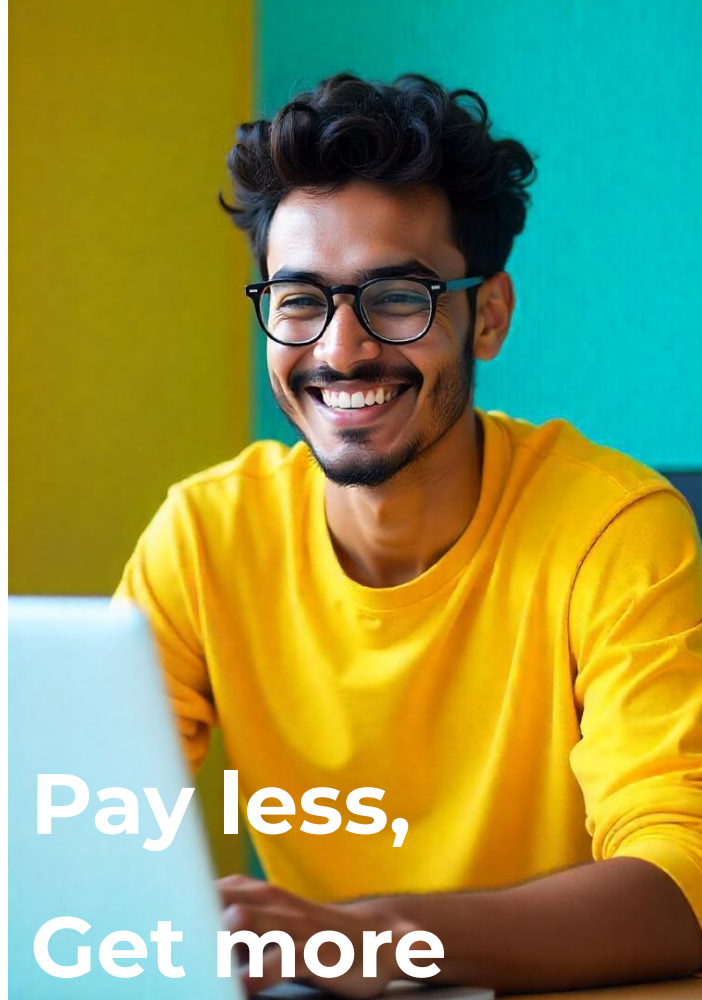
- **Cash back of €69**
- **Accepted** by German authorities
- **Fast and secure** <6 Days to open, transfer, and receive confirmation document



### Free Travel Health Insurance

- Worth up to €95
- Accepted worldwide

*Make your visa application easy | stress-free*



**Pay less,  
Get more**



# Once in Germany, make sure to have **Health Insurance!**

Required for students and needed for your university enrolment



**Get the best option for you with  
the Expatrio Value Package**

**DR-WALTER**



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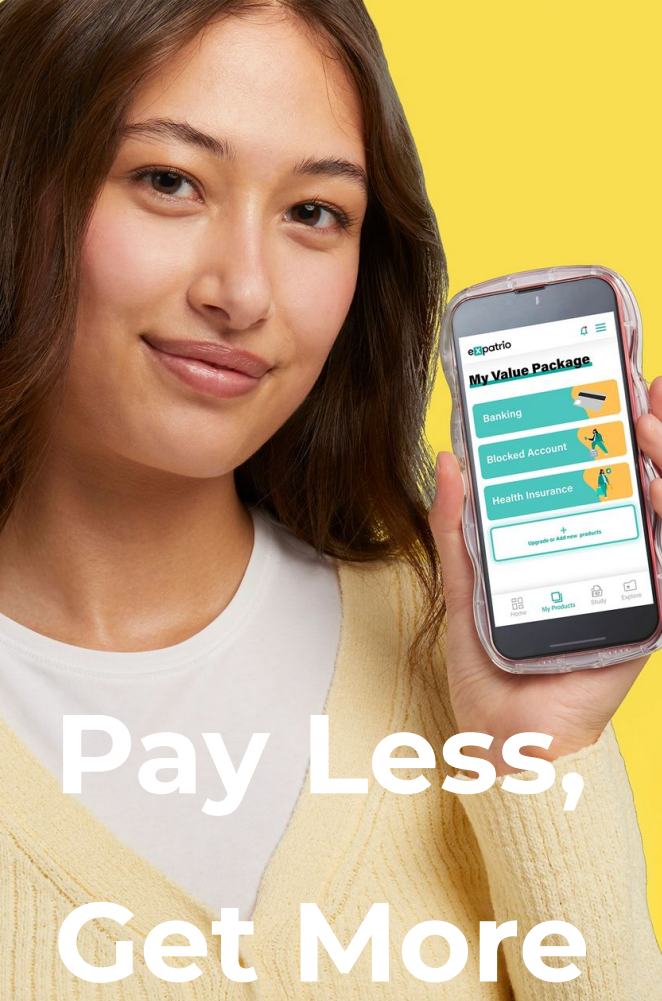
# Private & Public Health Insurance for Students

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*Study Secure Premium*

*Public*

<b>Private &amp; Public Doctor Coverage</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Can be used for University Enrolment</b>		
<b>Hospital: Double-room with private treatment</b>		<b>Multi-bedroom</b>
<b>Digital and English</b>		
<b>Monthly Rate (Under 29)</b>	<b>€119.91</b>	<b>€139.11 - €144.24</b>
<b>Monthly Rate (30-37)</b>	<b>€139.02</b>	<b>€257.78</b>



Pay Less,  
Get More

Be ready for your visa!

Apply for the **Expatrio Value Package**



**Fully online blocked account with €69 cashback**

*Can be used for student visa and/or residence permit appointment*



**Free Travel Health Insurance**

*Accepted worldwide*



**Personalized health insurance coverage**

*Award-winning public or private health insurance*



**Free German Bank Account**

*Transfer funds from blocked account here*



**Eligible to apply for the Expatrio Scholarship**

*(for students coming for Winter Semester 2025)*



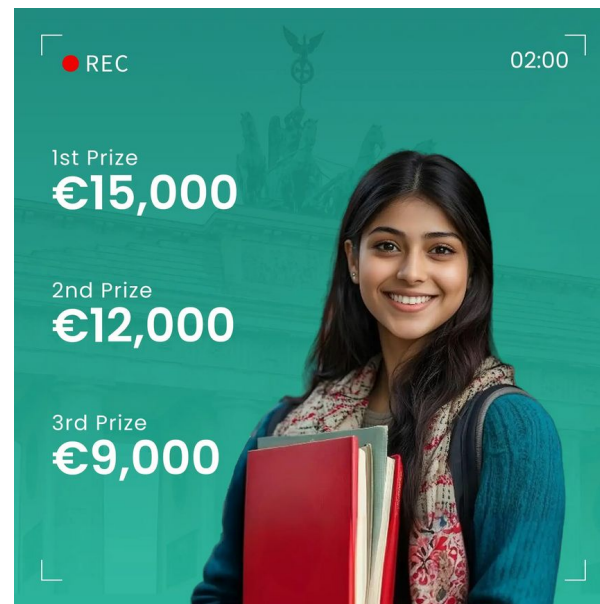
# expatrio SCHOLARSHIP

Submit your video answering the following question:

How will your studies in Germany help you make a positive impact for others?

## Who is eligible?

- You apply for the [Expatrio Value Package](#)
- You will start your studies in the Winter Semester 2025.
- You will arrive in Germany and activate your Blocked Account and Health Insurance



Prizes for 4th to 10th place winners as well!



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