

Some useful information for studying abroad

Dear students, we are pleased that you would like to join our Master Program Food Process and Product Engineering. In advance, we have compiled some useful information on what to consider when going abroad.

- Visa

For studying in Germany, you will need a residence permit (visa). To apply for a visa, you need to make an appointment at your German embassy in your country. Please check online with the appropriate German embassy beforehand.

Nigeria: <https://nigeria.diplo.de/ng-en/service/visa>

Egypt: <https://kairo.diplo.de/eg-ar/service/05-VisaEinreise>

Peru: <https://lima.diplo.de/pe-es/service/visa-einreise>

Turkey: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-tr/service/05-VisaEinreise>

Philippines: <https://manila.diplo.de/ph-en/service/visa>

India: <https://india.diplo.de/in-en/service/-/2341254>

Kenya: <https://nairobi.diplo.de/ke-en/service/visa-entry>

Serbia: <https://belgrad.diplo.de/rs-sr/service/visa-einreise>

Tunisia: <https://tunis.diplo.de/tn-ar/service/visa-einreise>

Bosnia Herzegovina: <https://sarajewo.diplo.de/05-VisaEinreise>

Here you can check which visa you need:

<https://visa.diplo.de/en/index.html#/vib>

- Health insurance

In Germany it is compulsory to have health insurance, below you will find a selection of insurances from which you can choose. It is important that you take out a student health insurance. The cost will be about 100 Euro per month. You must apply for a membership to the chosen health insurance company. Unfortunately, the website is in German, please use a translator e.g., Google.

<https://www.krankenkassen.de/incoming/student/ausland/>

- Bank account

As a foreign student who is not from an EU Member State, you must furnish proof that you have the financial means to pay for your course of studies and for supporting yourself during your studies. Proof of financial resources must usually be provided when you apply for an entry visa and is a precondition when you apply for a residence permit in Germany. In this case a **blocked bank account** is needed. This type of bank account implies that your money will be “blocked” for the duration of your stay in Germany. The amount that needs to be transferred serves as a guarantee that you can uphold an appropriate standard of living abroad and is defined by German authorities. Even though the funds fully belong to you and are held in your name, you do not have access to the whole amount at once and receive a monthly allowance into your regular bank account opened at a German bank of your choice.

In 2020, the amount of € 861.00 must be blocked for every month that you are planning to stay in Germany as a student – this would be €10,332.00 for one year. However, we strongly recommend that you check the required sum at the website of the local embassy or respective authority.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.fintiba.com/moving-to-germany/studying/requirements/blocked-account-for-students/>

<https://www.sparkasse.de/themen/studium/blocked-account.html>

- Complete Package (Health Insurance and Blocked Bank Account)

The Website Expatrio offers a complete package of health insurance and a blocked bank account. <https://www.expatrio.com/#EXPATRIO%20PACKAGES>

This is an easy way to get both before you arrive in Germany.

- DAAD Scholarships

Another way to prove your financial independence in Germany is to be awarded a DAAD scholarship.

At the scholarship database you can find German scholarships you can apply to:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/>

You can find the eligible scholarships here:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?status=3&origin=&subjectGrps=E&daad=&intention=1&q=&page=1&back=1>

Please make sure to enter your country of origin in the search box to ensure that eligible scholarships are displayed.

Pay attention to the requirements you must meet for a selected scholarship. You can usually find the requirements on the respective homepage or in the application form.

- Language requirements

In some non-EU countries, it is obligatory to prove that you have taken an **A1 German language course** in order to apply for a visa. In addition, the language course is a prerequisite for admission to the master's program.

This course can usually be made up on site. The German Adult Education Center (Deutsche Volkshochschule) will offer an A1 language course in the winter semester, which you can most likely attend. More detailed information will follow soon.

- Search for accommodation

There are several websites where you can find apartments in and around Quakenbrück. You can apply for an apartment there:

Ebay Kleinanzeigen: <https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/s-49610/wohnung/k0l2569r5>

Immowelt:

<https://www.immowelt.de/liste/quakenbrueck/wohnungen/mieten?lat=52.6749&lon=7.94899&sort=relevanz%20distance&sr=10>

Immonet:

<https://www.immonet.de/niedersachsen/landkreis-osnabrueck-quakenbrueck-wohnung-mieten.html>

MeineStadt:

<https://www.meinestadt.de/quakenbrueck/immobilien/wohnungen>

NOZ:

<https://immobilien.noz.de/mieten/wohnung/quakenbrueck>

Ikos:

<https://baugenossenschaft-ikos.de/aktuelle-angebote/>

Note:

If you cannot find an apartment directly in Quakenbrück, there is the possibility to look for an apartment in the surrounding area, next to the railroad line Osnabrück - Wilhelmshafen (Nord-West-Bahn). Possible cities would be for example: Osnabrück, Bramsche, Bersenbrück, Essen (Olb), Cloppenburg, Ahlhorn, Oldenburg. With the student ticket, which you receive when you enroll, you can use this train for free.

There is also a possibility to establish contact with a private person who would like to rent out their apartment. The cost of renting the apartment is 250 euros per month. The apartment has three rooms and both a kitchen including kitchenette and a bathroom.

If you are interested, please contact Petra Wilke:

E-Mail: Petra.Wilke16@t-online.de

Phone: +4954314843

Mobile: +4915730693723

In addition, there are apartments that are offered as shared apartments. If you are interested in a shared apartment, please contact Ms. Nadine Diek at DIL:

E-mail: n.diek@dil-ev.de

Phone: +49 5431 183 140

Ms. Diek will give you further information (pictures, price per room, etc.) about the shared apartments and will arrange the rooms for the students.

After arriving in Germany:

- Accommodation for a few days:

Via booking.com:

https://www.booking.com/rooms/city/de/quakenbruck.de.html?aid=318615;label=Nuw_German_DE_DE_21481145185-kY_yMbdkXXg*Ux6eEyp_fAS217245904221:pl:ta:p1:p2:ac:ap:neg;ws=&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlz6iehbTB-QIVYI9oCR33qQbUEAAYASAAEgJeo_D_BwE

Airbnb:

https://www.airbnb.de/s/Quakenbr%C3%BCck--Deutschland/homes?adults=2&place_id=ChIJqfqve3Zpt0cRIqfjZXu8LGw

- Shopping centres for towels, bed linen and household goods:

Famila Quakenbrück (Household goods and food)

Oldenburger Str. 3, 49610 Quakenbrück

Monday – Saturday (until 20:00)

08:00 - 21:00 h

Artland Centre (includes various shops household goods)

Bürgermeister-Magnus-Straße 4, 49610 Quakenbrück
Monday – Saturday (until 20:00 h)
09:00 - 21:00 h

H&S Supermarket (Household goods)
Friedrichstraße 18, 49610 Quakenbrück
Monday – Saturday (until 17:00 h)
09:30 - 18:30 h

Posten Börse Quakenbrück
Friedrichstraße 26, 49610 Quakenbrück
Opening hours:
Monday – Saturday (until 16:00 h)
09:00 - 19:00 h

Jawoll
Kramershagen 4, 49610 Quakenbrück
Monday – Saturday
09:00 - 19:00 h

- Grocery stores:

EDEKA Center Quakenbrück
Hasestraße 13, 49610 Quakenbrück
Monday – Saturday
08:00 - 21:00 h

famila Quakenbrück
Oldenburger Str. 3, 49610 Quakenbrück
Opening hours:
Monday – Saturday (until 20:00)
08:00 - 21:00 h

K+K
Josef-Vonier-Straße 1, 49610 Quakenbrück
Opening hours:
Monday - Saturday
07:30 - 22:00 h

Globomarkt Quakenbrück
Farwicker Str. 2, 49610 Quakenbrück
Monday – Saturday (until 16:00)
08:00 - 19:00 h

Lidl

Bürgerstraße 8, 49610 Quakenbrück

Opening hours:

Monday - Saturday

07:00 - 21:00 h

ALDI Nord

Friedrichstraße 24, 49610 Quakenbrück

Bremer Str. 4, 49610 Quakenbrück

Monday - Saturday

07:00 - 21:00 h

Netto Marken-Discount

Wilhelmstraße 27, 49610 Quakenbrück

Oldenburger Str. 50, 49610 Quakenbrück

Monday - Saturday

07:00 - 21:00 h

- DIY store

hagebaumarkt Quakenbrück

Badberger Str. 25, 49610 Quakenbrück

Opening hours:

Monday – Saturday (until 17:30)

08:00 - 19:00 h

- Furniture stores

JYSK Quakenbrück

Bremer Str. 4, 49610 Quakenbrück

Opening hours:

Monday – Saturday (9:30-16:00 h Saturday)

10:00 - 19:00 h

S&W Möbel Outlet

Oldenburger Str. 29a, 49610 Quakenbrück

Opening hours:

Monday – Saturday (until 3 pm)

10:00 - 18:00 h

IKEA Einrichtungshaus Osnabrück

(By rail NWB in direction Osnabrück central station then take bus 15 IKEA from bus platform 1)

Rheiner Landstraße 215, 49078 Osnabrück

Opening hours:

Monday - Saturday

10:00 - 20:00 h

Other good to know facts:

Weather:

In October it can be a bit colder and rainy here:

Have a look: <https://de.weatherspark.com/y/58288/Durchschnittswetter-in-Quakenbr%C3%BCck-Deutschland-das-ganze-Jahr-%C3%BCber>

So please make sure to bring appropriate clothing for those weather conditions.

Leisure:

Here in Quakenbrück there are a lot of free time activities, e.g., sport events.

So please make sure to bring appropriate sportswear.

Here you'll find an overview of all clubs and associations in and around Quakenbrück:

<https://www.artland.de/leben-bei-uns/vereine-und-verbaende/>

Tourist Information Artland:

(They offer a lot of activities)

<https://www.artland.de/>

Markt 4, 49610 Quakenbrück

Phone: 00495431907590

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Thursday

10:00 - 13:00 h

14:00 - 16:00 h

Friday and Saturday

10:00 – 15:00 h

We plan to organize a cooking event so you are welcome to bring typical recipes and or spices.

We look forward to meeting you and wish you a pleasant journey!