International Scholars & Welcome Office (IScO)

Your central contact point for all issues related to the international mobility of researchers.

Our Services at a Glance

- Personalized assistance and support for visiting researchers and international new members of staff and their families
- Assistance on administrative issues
- Social and cultural events
- Support and advice for KIT hosts
- Mobility programs, information on funding opportunities, and scholarships
- Local, regional, and international networks
- KIT Research Alumni Initiative
- Support for at risk academics

IScO is part of the European network of service centers for international scientists.

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Service for Hosts

Inviting International Fellows to Your Group
We inform about the numerous issues which ought to be considered:
- Regulations of the Aliens Act (visa, adequate wording of invitation letters for embassies, etc.)
- Funding opportunities, scholarships, mobility programs
- Accommodation and settling in

IScO’s Special Events for Internationals:
- Regulars’ Table
- Get-togethers
- BBQs at KIT International Guesthouse
- Seasonal family events
- Excursions into the region
- Introduction to German Culture

Service for International Researchers

Our Offers for International Scientists
Our staff assists you and your family with administrative matters and answers your questions concerning everyday life in Karlsruhe.

Support and Advice:
- Organizing your research stay at KIT
- Information on scholarships and employment opportunities
- Administrative matters such as visa, residence permits, and information on health/social insurances & tax issues, bank account
- Finding accommodation
- Advice for accompanying spouses and family
- Information on childcare and schooling
- Settling into the KIT community
- Informational events for mobile researchers

Your Stay Abroad

Offers for Outgoing KIT Scientists
- Information on funding and scholarship opportunities
- Mobility programs for researchers
- Facilitating contacts to institutions and research alumni worldwide
- Networking at home: Meet international colleagues at our country-specific and social events

Research Alumni – Excellent Connections

Local, Regional & International Networks:
- Contact point for KIT Research Alumni
- KIT Research Alumni Conference in Santiago de Chile “Renewable Energies – a German Chilean Cooperation”, November 2018

KIT International Guesthouse – a first base in Karlsruhe.