



Information sheet for foreign students DESY Summer Student Programme

NOTE THE FOLLOWING

Visa requirements

Students from the EU and EEA (European Economic Area) countries do not require a visa. To check the visa requirements for your country, please visit the webpage of the relevant German embassy: www.diplo.de → *Addresses* → *Websites of German Missions abroad*. Please mind to file your visa application in time, in some countries it may take several weeks. If any questions or problems arise, feel free to contact the International Office at DESY: international.office@desy.de

Zentrale Auslands- und Fachvermittlung (ZAV), Bonn, Germany

DESY will apply for the permission at the ZAV on behalf of all students who need it (depending on nationality). Every student will receive his/her copy of the ZAV permission by mail (via DESY).

Those who have to obtain a visa before coming to Germany will receive their ZAV permission in due time, so that they can present it to the German Embassy/Consulate with their visa application.

For **Russian citizens** residing in Moscow: The invitation letter together with the ZAV confirmation will be faxed to the DAAD office (daad.ru). The applicant receives these documents via email. The DAAD office doesn't need original documents.

Medical Insurance and Liability Insurance

German law demands that you must have medical insurance for your stay in Germany. There are two possibilities to obtain insurance coverage:

1. If you are an EU or EEA national, you may bring a **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** from your country. The card is available free of charge through your local health care institution.



2. You take out insurance through the International Science Health Care Plan (ISHCP), see www.ishcp.de → “[ISHCP Health Insurance](#)”. This is a reliable basic medical insurance plan, offered for guest scientist and foreign students through a local agency. You can sign up online and within a few days obtain a confirmation which you can use for your visa application. Detailed registration and payment can be handled after your arrival to Hamburg.

A copy of the medical insurance policy must be handed in at the Embassy and at the Welcome Session.

Personal Liability Insurance / Third Party Insurance

All students are required to have this insurance, which covers damages caused by the policyholder to another person’s health or property (not included are furniture and electrical appliances). This insurance can be purchased through DESY International Office upon arrival. For those who choose the ISHCP insurance: it is offered within the scope of their insurance scheme (NOT the short term travel insurance).

DESY is not liable for damages caused by guests to third parties.