



Aalen University – A Leader in Applied Research

When it comes to research, Aalen University is one of the leading Universities of Applied Sciences in Germany. The annual research budget exceeds more than 15 Million Euro and the scientific output adds up to more than 300 publications and patents per year.

Currently, more than 150 scientists are receiving funding from external sources and more than 60 are pursuing a doctorate. Research infrastructure includes among others two new, state-of-the-art research centers and modern research equipment, which is upgraded continuously.

Research activities tackle major societal challenges including climate change, energy and resource efficiency, sustainable mobility and digitalization. Key research areas are “Advanced Materials and Manufacturing” and “Photonics”. Additional activities include topics such as “Intelligent Mechatronic Systems”, “Analytical and Organic Chemistry” or “Economic and Social Innovations in Transition”. Current crosscutting topics are “Applied Machine Learning/Data Science” or Industry 4.0.

Research is performed within an established network of renowned academic research institutions and leading global companies, many of which are located in nearby neighborhoods such as ZEISS, VARTA, Voith, Paul Hartmann or MAPAL.

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**Information for Visiting Scholars
at Aalen University**



Welcome!

We appreciate your interest in Aalen University and wish you a lot of success with your research at our institution. The International Center of Aalen University is the point of contact for visiting scholars and their families. We will advise you on all non-academic and practical issues and gladly assist you as a service and information center with the planning, preparation and realization of your research stay.

If you have already agreed on the time frame and the topic of your research with your academic advisor, please register using our online registration form (please refer to the link on the back-side). If you have questions concerning the realization or implementation, please contact us at scholars@hs-aalen.de, and provide us with information about yourself (home university, country of origin, faculty, academic position, possible future projects and a description of your current scientific activities).

We also invite you to make an appointment for orientation after your arrival. We will provide you with relevant information and answer questions regarding your first steps at Aalen University and in Aalen.

The International Center of Aalen University consists of the International Relations Office, the Language Center, the association International Society Aalen e.V. (ISA) as well as the Welcome Center East Wuerttemberg.

Services for Visiting Scholars

Preparing for your stay

- Comprehensive information on our website
- Assistance with finding accommodation
- Personal information, for example on
 - visa application
 - health insurance
 - family matters (child care, school)

Upon your arrival

- Individual support and guidance for all non-academic issues concerning your stay at Aalen University and in the city of Aalen
- Preparation of registration and residence permit application at the immigration office
- Assistance with opening a bank account
- Information on language courses
- Welcome bag with information about Aalen and its surroundings

During your stay

- Personal assistance in questions related to everyday life
- Referral to other service points
- Social events like guided tours and excursions

Before your departure

- Assistance with issues preparing your departure

Services for Faculties and Institutes

The International Center offers assistance to all host study departments and institutes of Aalen University. We will gladly help you with:

- advice on how to word invitation letters,
- assistance with visa issues and immigration requirements, conclusion of hosting agreements (research visa § 18d Aufenthaltsgesetz),
- checklists for the required formalities,
- advice on health insurance,
- support with finding accommodation,
- referral to other services,
- welcome bags for international guests.

Funding for Research in Germany

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) (funding-guide.de) awards scholarships to researchers in all disciplines and hosts a scholarship database that includes information on funding offered by other selected organizations. The German Research Foundation (DFG) (<http://www.dfg.de/en/index.jsp>) supports research through a variety of grant programs, prizes and funding infrastructure. Interesting programs for international junior researchers are to be found there, too. The Research in Germany (<https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/research-funding.html>) gate offers an overview of individual funding opportunities at various organizations and numerous links to funding databases.