

Here is our list of the most frequently asked questions, divided in questions you may have when you are still in your home country and questions you get confronted with when you arrive in Bonn:

### **Before you arrive in Bonn:**

#### 1. Can I write my thesis at the university of Bonn?

There is more than one answer to this question. First you need a final degree which entitles you to start a promotion in Germany.

Your degree entitles you –at least- to start a promotion in your home country:

a Master degree as in the Anglo-American system would, but a Bachelor degree would not.

You can find detailed information about foreign degrees (in German) on: [www.anabin.de](http://www.anabin.de)

#### 2. Which deadlines exist for registration and enrollment?

There are no deadlines in general **but** we highly recommend to register for the following summer term until 15<sup>th</sup> January and for the following winter term until 15<sup>th</sup> July

#### 3. Which premises exist?

You need a final degree which entitles you to start a promotion in Germany (See question 1).

You need a **permission** to write your thesis from the faculty of your field / all faculties of the university of Bonn: <http://www3.uni-bonn.de/einrichtungen/fakultaeten>

And [http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studium/beratung/studentensekretariat/Prom\\_Best.pdf](http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studium/beratung/studentensekretariat/Prom_Best.pdf)

You also need to find a supervisor “Doktorvater” who will help you with your thesis and who needs to confirm this. You can find the document for the confirmation here:

[http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studium/beratung/studentensekretariat//Prom\\_Best.pdf](http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studium/beratung/studentensekretariat//Prom_Best.pdf)

- Do I have to enrol as a student?

In some cases, it is necessary to enrol officially in the university. This depends on the examination rules which can be found on: <http://hss.ulb.uni-bonn.de/amtliche-informationen/promotionsordnungen/promotionsordnungen.htm>

If your dissertation requires enrolment and if you have to write your thesis in German (in Law and in some subjects in the “ Philosophische Fakultät”), you must prove that your knowledge of German is on the “DSH-level : [http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/german/dsh?set\\_language=en](http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/german/dsh?set_language=en)

Usually, you need the permission of the faculty if you want to write the thesis in another language than German.

#### 4. Which other documents are required?

The most important documents are as follows:

**a)** your application form:

[http://www.daad.de/imperia/md/content/de/deutschland/formulare/zulassungsantrag\\_dt.pdf](http://www.daad.de/imperia/md/content/de/deutschland/formulare/zulassungsantrag_dt.pdf)

**b)** the accredited certification. A German translation (also accredited) is necessary, except from certifications in English or French

**c)** a copy of your passport

**d)** a complete curriculum vitae

**e)** a health insurance

## **After your arrival in Bonn:**

### 1.Can I stay in a students' dorm?

Yes, the rooms in dorms are also offered to PhD.students. Please get in contact with the Studentenwerk ([http://www.studentenwerk-bonn.de/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=66&Itemid=118](http://www.studentenwerk-bonn.de/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=66&Itemid=118) ) or call them: +49-(0) 228-737199 or +49-(0) 228-737194

### 2.How do I find accommodation?

You can find useful information on the websites as follows: [www.studentenwg.de](http://www.studentenwg.de) or [www.wggesucht.de](http://www.wggesucht.de)

The **ASTA**, which is an organization organized by students to help students in various matters also offers rooms. You find the ASTA in the cafeteria (Mensa) Nassestr. 11. You should know that most rooms will be offered unfurnished. Furthermore, we recommend to start searching as early as possible

### 3.How do I get in contact with other students

We recommend a so-called Sprachtandem (which means you teach a German student your language and vice versa: [www.asta.uni-bonn.de/sprachtandem.html](http://www.asta.uni-bonn.de/sprachtandem.html) or please check the offers on <http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/phd/social-support>

Especially the program “ Pro-Buddy” and the offers of the “International Club” can help you to get in contact with other PhD students::

[http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/living-in-bonn/international-club?set\\_language=en](http://www3.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/living-in-bonn/international-club?set_language=en)