

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL STUDIES PROGRAM (IPID) “ADVANCED RESEARCH IN URBAN SYSTEMS” (ARUS)

Admissions Requirements

The basic requirement for applying is a degree from a German University or University of Applied Sciences (minimum of German 2.0, “good”, or equivalent) or a comparable degree from a non-German institution of higher education. Applicants must have a good command of English and/or German.

Required Application Documents

- *Application Form:*

Click on the link on this homepage to download the application form. Print, complete and sign the form.

- *CV/Resume:*

Your CV should be one to two pages long and may include honors, awards, professional qualifications and publications.

- *Description of Research Project:*

Provide your name and the topic of your research project in the heading. Write a short description of your research project (max. ten pages), which addresses the following:

1. abstract (250 words)
2. research objective
3. research question and hypotheses
4. current state of research
5. methodological implementation
6. current state of preparation

The purpose of this short description is to convince the selection committee of your motivation, the potential of your research, and the solidity of the concept behind your proposed dissertation.

- *Certificates/Academic Transcript:*

Notarized copy of your university entrance qualification certificate (Abitur, A-Level, etc.). Notarized copy of your Masters Degree (transcript and diploma). A notarized translation (German or English) of transcripts and documents that are not in German or English must be provided in addition to copies of the original documents.

- *Letter of Recommendation:*

A letter of recommendation (in a sealed envelope) from your previous academic advisor.

You will find a recommendation form on this homepage.

- *English/German Language Certificates*

Applicants who are non-native speakers of English need one of the following English language certificates:

- English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based); for more about TOEFL, click here: www.toefl.org.
- UNiCert Level 3 - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, level C - IELTS Band 6.0. For more about IELTS, click here: www.ielts.org.
- or other comparable accredited certificates

Applicants who are non-native speakers of German need one of the following certificates:

- TestDAF Level 4, centralized language test of the Goethe Institute (Mittelstufe – intermediate level)
- C1 (Goethe Institute and telc in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) or equivalent

Applicants whose language skills are not fully adequate in terms of the standards established above can take intensive language courses and language courses during the regular term at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications for the winter term is every year 30 April.

Submitting Applications

Applications should be submitted in hard copy or by e-mail. Documents that are submitted as hard copies should be sent to the address below. Applications submitted by fax cannot be accepted.

Applicants from China

Before you can apply to our program, your documents (certificates, diplomas, transcripts, etc.) must be examined by the Academic Evaluation Centre (APS). The original APS certificate must be submitted along with the other application documents.

Contact information: Academic Evaluation Centre, China

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Admissions

The admissions procedure for doctoral candidates is divided into two phases. The ARUS selection committee makes preliminary selections (according to section three of the Study Regulations) based on the applications submitted. Applicants selected in the first phase will be invited to interviews. Those applicants who cannot be present for the interview in Germany will be interviewed using Skype. Successful applicants' documents will be sent to the relevant academic faculties/departments to complete the admissions process (in accordance with Section 6, Paragraph 4 of the regulations for doctoral students).

Starting Date

The ARUS program begins on October 1. Click on the link for dates and schedules for intensive language courses: www.uni-due.de/ios