Dear (prospective) international scholars,

Here we have gathered special information for the time of the ongoing pandemic COVID-19 for you. Generally, we kindly ask you to keep yourself updated actively on the recommendations, instructions and measures taken by the University of Stuttgart and the Federal Government of Germany. More advice and information provided by the German Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Ministry of Interior and the Federal Foreign Office are to be found on the EURAXESS homepage.

**Travelling to Stuttgart/Germany:**

Researchers from countries outside the EU which are not on the list of countries from which unrestricted entry is possible need to know the following:
- In addition to a valid entry visa, you need a confirmation of the necessity to be present in Germany for the purpose of research from your host institute at the University of Stuttgart. Please ask your institute for it.
- After arrival in Stuttgart, you must report to the Office for Public Order by e-mail (sicherheit@stuttgart.de) and comply with a 14-day quarantine. Those who can prove by a negative corona test that there is no risk of an infection are exempt from the quarantine obligation. The medical certificate must be available in German or English and the test may not have been conducted more than 48 hours prior to entry.
Generally, all researcher who have been in a corona-risk area within the last 14 days before coming to Germany must follow the same instructions as mentioned above. Read the quarantine regulations of Baden-Württemberg thoroughly before you enter the country.

**Arriving in Stuttgart:**

**Residents’ Registration**

All new residents need to do register in Stuttgart. Please send the filled in and signed registration form “Anmeldung”, a confirmation form signed by your landlord and a copy of the main page of your passport by post to one of the Resident’s Registration Offices of Stuttgart. If you live in another town, contact the “Rathaus” of your town. Do the same if you move to Stuttgart from another town in Germany or within Stuttgart.

**Foreigners’ Registration**

If you are a Non-EU citizen, live in Stuttgart, and need your residence permit to be issued for the first time or to be extended, please send all necessary documents to Auslaenderrecht.Arbeit@stuttgart.de asking them to issue/extend your title. Don’t forget to send the filled in and signed application form for a residence permit or application form for an extension of a residence permit, too. The Foreigners’ Registration Office will then send your
new title by post. Please make sure that your name on your letter box can be read clearly. If you live in another town, please contact the Welcome Center for International Scholars, we will help you to get in touch with the competent authority.

**Staying in Stuttgart:**

**Learning German**
A special course program German as a Foreign Language for Academic Staff of the university’s language center ("Sprachenzentrum") is at present offered online.

**Staying healthy**
The university’s Occupational Medical and Health Services (Arbeitsmedizinischer Dienst) offers counseling on all physical and mental health problems in quite a number of different languages including English. Contact details are to be found on the bottom of their webpage. Psychological and social counselling regarding the effects of the Corona situation on yourself or your family can be obtained from the Health Management Department (in German only). This department can also give you tips how to eat well. In cooperation with University Sports (Hochschulsport) it also offers different workouts, e.g. FIT@WORK on You Tube, which are very brief exercises which can be done in front of your desk without having to change clothes. The Hochschulsport will publish their sport program for the following semester in the middle of October. It is not certain yet which courses will be offered and which safety measures need to be followed.

**Leaving Stuttgart:**
If you leave Stuttgart for a destination abroad, make sure to fill in and sign the de-registration form "Abmeldung" and send it by post to the Residents’ Registration Office. If you move to another town in Germany, it is sufficient to a new registration there.

**On our own behalf:**
The Welcome Center for International Scholars has to remain closed until further notice, but we are happy to give you information via via e-mail and telephone. It is also possible to get counselling online through the university’s web conference service webex. Please send us an e-mail if you would like to meet us online.

Hoping for an improvement of the current situation in the near future we are sending our best wishes to you and your families. Stay healthy!

Your Team of the Welcome Center for International Scholars

*Click English translation of the registration form to help you understand the form, but make sure to use the German form!*