

Relocation checklist for international joint PhD purposes

Visa and immigration processes

- Checked visa and immigration regulations on the host country's immigration or border control website, or at the embassy or consulate of the country/countries concerned.
- Checked host university webpages for guidance.
- Allowed three months to obtain a visa (if applicable)
- Travel ID/passport is valid and not due to expire
- Checked whether there any financial requirements connected with the visa, sometimes referred to as "sufficient means of subsistence" or "proof of solvency"

Finances

- Researched the country's cost of living through [numbeo.com](https://www.numbeo.com) to estimate expenditure and budget
- Checked host university information for scholarships and employment opportunities
- Checked if bank account is required in the host country. If yes, know the steps and timeframe to apply.

Accommodation

- University information checked for information on available university and private accommodation
- Accommodation arranged

Travel arrangements

- Have official acceptance letter from your host university
- Have Visa to study (if required)
- Have confirmation you can proceed into the next year of study (if applicable)
- Have proof of travel insurance (if required)
- Travel arranged
- Know how to arrive at accommodation and university (local transport, local area maps)

Medical system

- Checked if health insurance is compulsory
- Familiarised with basic medical terminology of the country

