



**Authorisation to stay for a third-country national
in view to conduct a research project (« researcher »)**

(articles 63 to 67 of the modified law of 29 august 2008 on the free movement of people and immigration)

The third-country national who wishes to reside on Luxembourg territory for more than three months in view to conduct a research project, must be holder of an authorisation to stay as a « researcher ». The application must be made and favourably advised **before entering on Luxembourg territory**. An application made after the entry on the territory is inadmissible.

1. Preliminary remark

In certain cases, the researcher may not be subject to the dispositions of the authorisation to stay as a researcher (e.g., research in view of a doctoral degree or as part of a secondment; researcher residing in another EU member State).

- ➔ For further details, please refer to the internet site www.guichet.lu.
- ➔ Other useful internet site : www.euraxess.lu.

2. Application for the authorisation to stay

The researcher must submit an application to the minister in charge of immigration.¹ The applicant must disclose his/her identity (names, first names) as well as his/her exact address in the country of residence. He/she must also enclose the following documents in the application:

- a copy of his/her valid passport, in its entirety (all pages);
- if applicable: a copy of the residence permit in another Member State of the European Union, if the researcher already resides in the Schengen Area;
- a recent extract from his/her police record or an *affidavit* issued in the country of residence;
- a *curriculum vitae* ;
- a copy of his/her diplomas or professional qualifications;
- a hosting agreement signed beforehand with a recognised research organism ² ;
- a nominative financial statement of support concerning the charges of residence and return of the researcher. This statement is signed by the research organism after the signature of the hosting agreement;
- if need be, a mandate/proxy³.

¹ The application can be submitted by sending it to the General Department of immigration (see address below) or by handing it in to a diplomatic or consular representation of Luxembourg or the diplomatic or consular mission representing Luxembourg.

² With this agreement, the researcher commits himself/herself to finish conducting a research project. The research organism commits itself to host the researcher to that purpose, under the condition that the project has been approved by the competent organs of the organism, after examining the following elements: a) the object of the research, the duration and the available funds necessary for the realisation; b) the qualities of the researcher regarding the object of research, attested by a certified copy of the requested diplomas; c) the researcher disposes of sufficient monthly personal resources corresponding at least to the social minimum salary for qualified workers to cover his charges of residence and of return without having recourse to the social aid system and to be covered by a health insurance; d) the hosting agreement specifies the juridical relation as well as the working conditions of the researcher.

³ The third-country national may confer mandate to a third person so as to submit the application in his/her place. In this case, the appointed person, except for juridical consultants, must present a duly signed and dated mandate from the third-country national. The signature must be preceded by the handwritten phrase « good for power of attorney ». You can find a model of a mandate/proxy on the internet site www.guichet.lu.

In case the documents are not in German, French or English, a conforming translation by a sworn translator must be enclosed.

Models for the hosting agreement and the financial statement of support can be found on the internet site www.guichet.lu.

An incomplete application will be sent back to the applicant.

3. Family reunification

In case the researcher wants to bring along his/her spouse/partner or his/her unmarried minor children (or those of his/her spouse/partner), he/she must enclose the documents required for family reunification (see information available on the internet site www.guichet.lu).

If granted, the third-country national receives a “temporary authorisation to stay” (*“autorisation de séjour temporaire”*). This temporary authorisation to stay is valid for a period of 90 days. During this time, the third-country national must:

- either request a visa to enter the Schengen area, if subject to visa obligation;
- or, if not subject to visa obligation, enter on the territory of Luxembourg and make his/her declaration of arrival at the municipality (*“administration communale”*) of the chosen place of residence.

After entering Luxembourg, the third-country national has to follow the procedure to apply for the residence permit (*“titre de séjour”*).

For further information (in English, French and German), please visit the web site www.guichet.lu.

Information note on the protection of personal data:

The General Department of immigration of the Ministry of Home Affairs collects and uses your personal data in the context of its public interest mission in implementation of the amended law of 29 August 2008 on the free movement of persons and immigration, in compliance with the legal provisions on data protection. More detailed information on the processing of your data, as well as on your rights in the matter, are available on the website: <https://gd.lu/immigration>.