



# **"Meet Your Future You" - How to apply successfully for funding...**

**for international early career researchers**



Federal Ministry  
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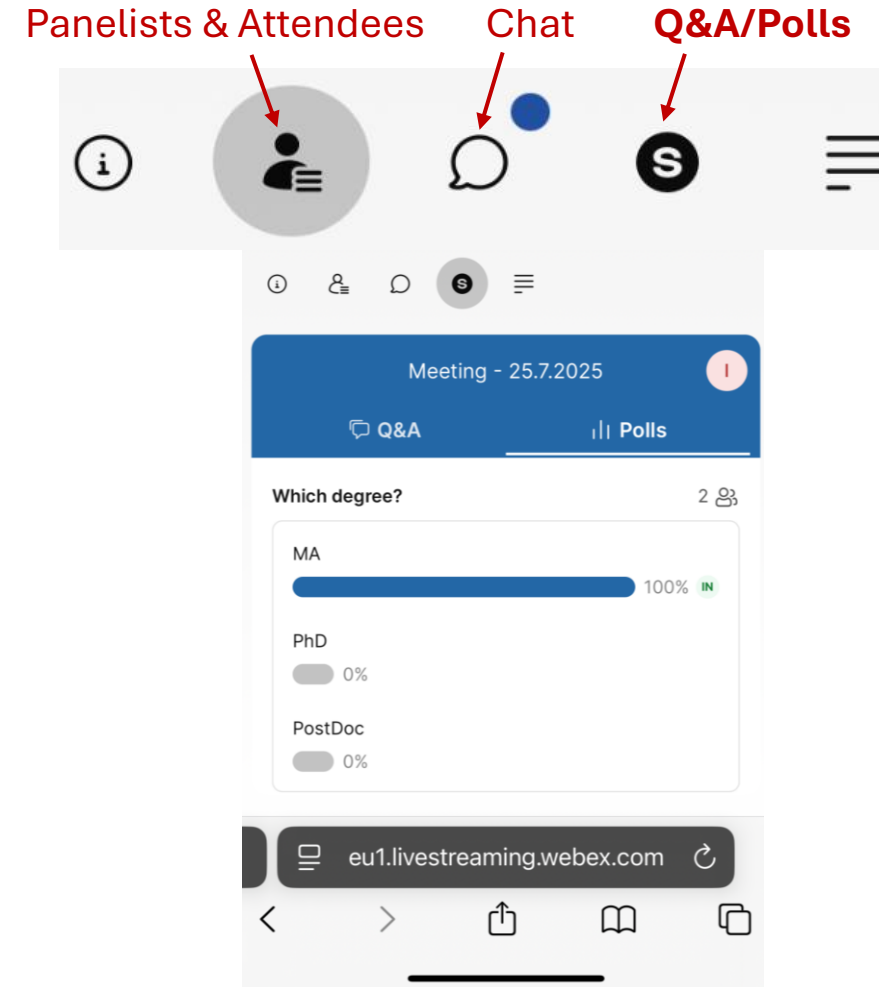
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# Today's agenda



- Introduction by "Research in Germany" & presenting different funding types & useful tools (10min)
- Presentation by DAAD representative about application processes and tips
- Presentation by Rana Tootoonchi
- Presentation by Manuel Ni Mensah
- Q&A session
- Short survey

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# Manuel Nii Martey Mensah

How to apply successfully for the **Alexander von Humboldt (International Climate Protection) Fellowship**



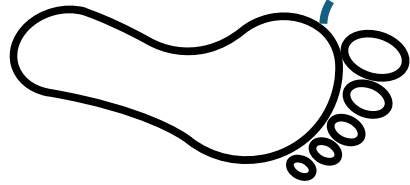
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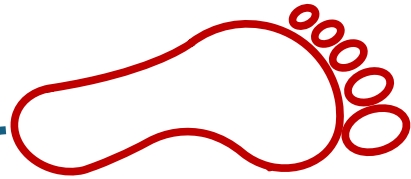


# Pre-Application Phase



## Thorough Web Search

Search Engines, Opportunity Portals, Social Media, WhatsApp Channels, AI Tools, etc



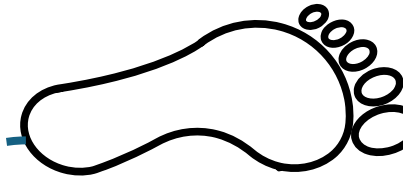
## Finding the Right Funding

Check the requirements and specifications to check if you qualify.



## Proposal Preparation

It is essential to have one before finding a host.



## Find a Host

Use social media platforms and websites



## Place your Application

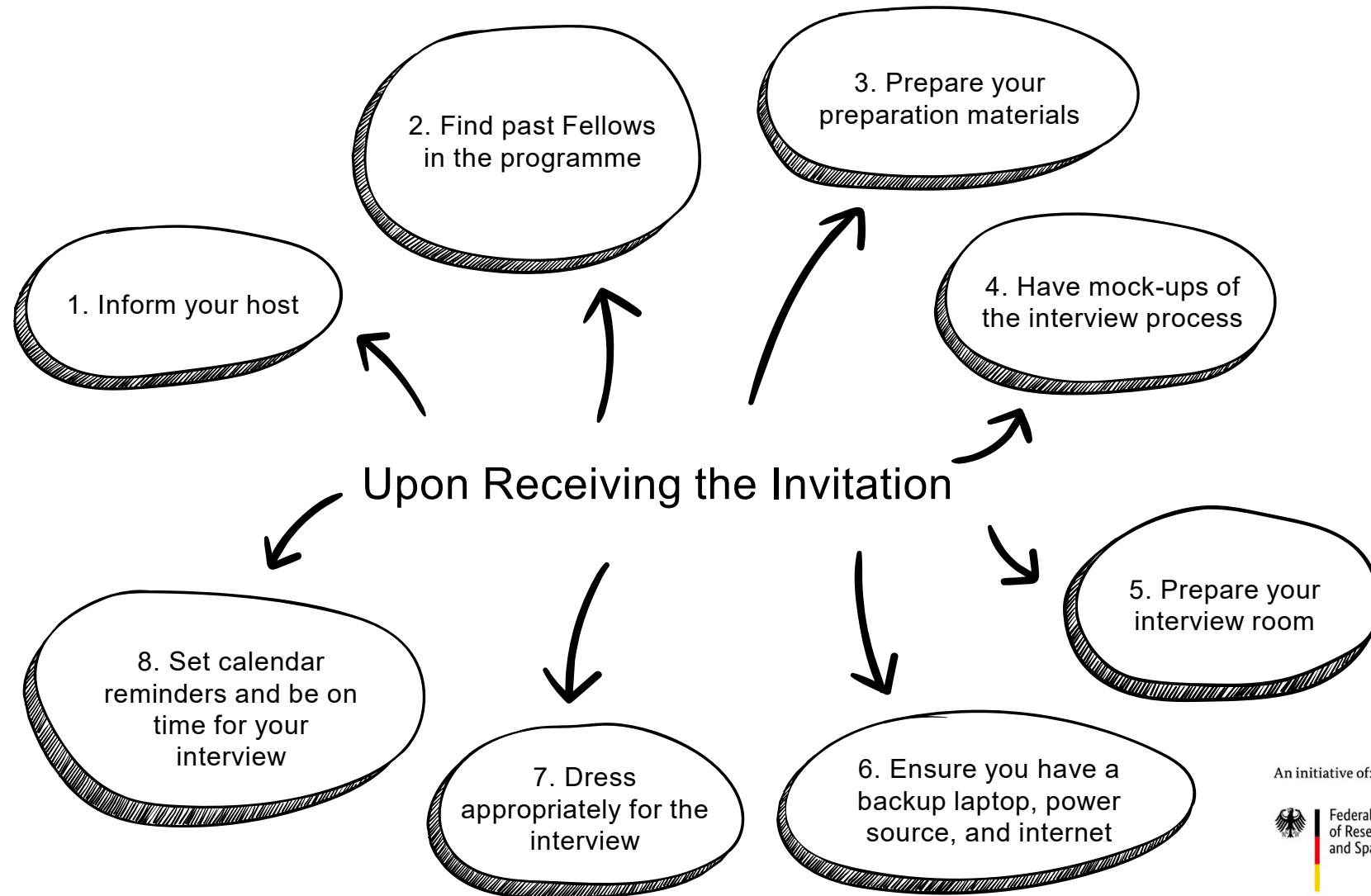
Check the application deadline and place your application

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# Post-Application Phase



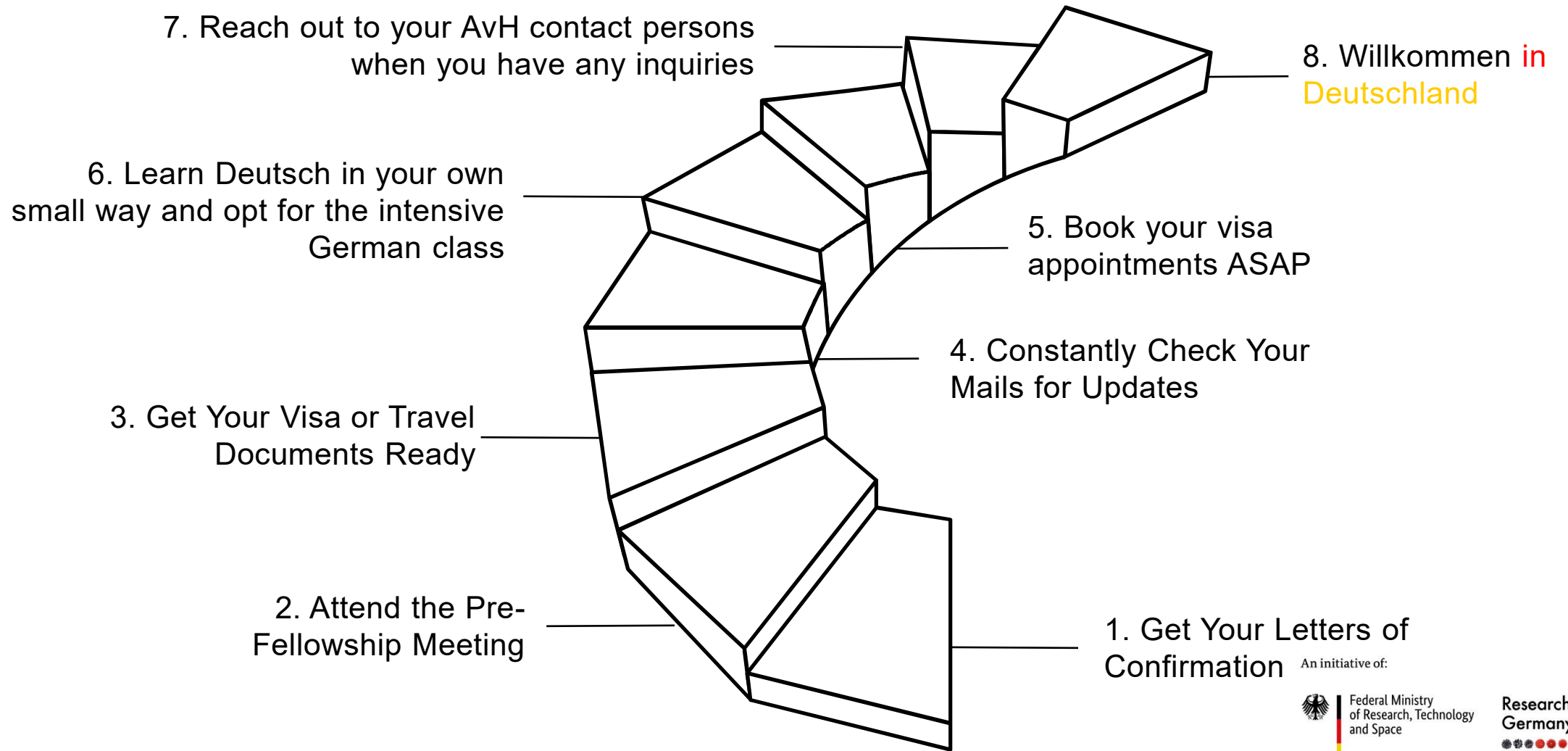
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# Coming to Germany



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**Vielen Dank**



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# Academic and Professional Journey



B.A. in Architectural Engineering (2011–2016)

M.A. in Conservation and Restoration of Architectural Heritage (2016–2019)



Interior Designer, Researcher, Restoration Expert (2019-2023)



Ph.D. Candidate

University of Bamberg/ Bamberg Graduate School for Smart City Sciences (BaGSCiS)  
(2023- Present)

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# Pathways to Find a PhD Position

1

## Structured Doctoral Programs

Available on University websites, DAAD database, FindAPhD, national portals, ...

2

## Project-Based PhD Positions

Available on University websites, EURAXESS, Academic Positions, FindAPhD, LinkedIn, Research project websites, ...

3

## Personal Project

Finding professors via publications, Google Scholar, University department pages, Conferences, research group websites, ...

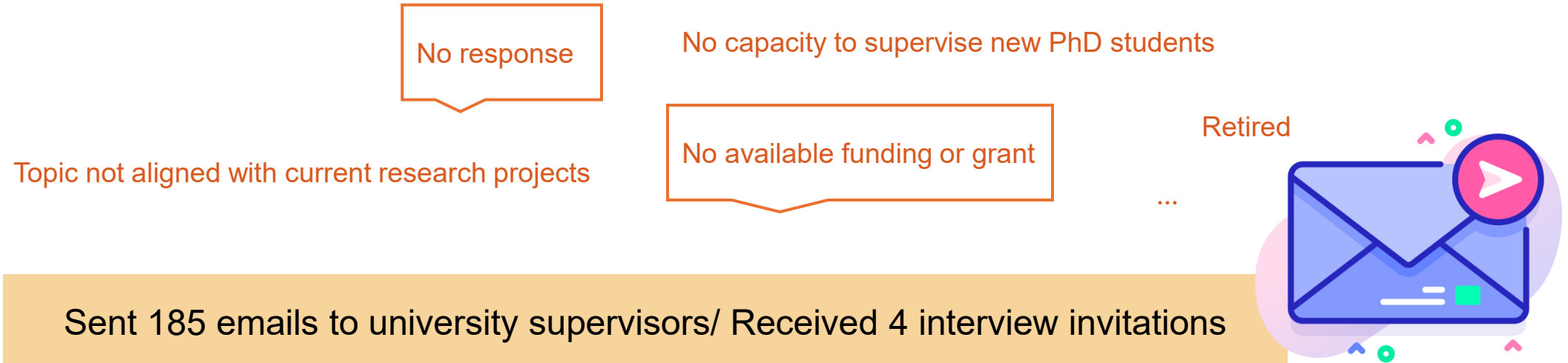
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# Pre-Application Phase

- Official translations of Academic Documents
- Planning and preparing for language exam
- Clarifying research interests and developing a relevant proposal
- Preparing an academic CV
- Finding potential supervisors and direct contact via personalized emails



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# Preparing for the Interview

- Studying the supervisor's recent publications and ongoing research projects
- Clearly presenting the proposal and demonstrating its alignment with the supervisor's work
- Academic background & skills
- Motivation for choosing the host country and institution
- Confident communication skills

4 interview invitations/ 2 admission offers



# Application Phase (Scholarship)

## DAAD Research Grants, Doctoral Programs in Germany

### Available Financial Support Options:



- Monthly stipend
- Insurance toward health, accident & liability insurance
- Travel allowance
- Annual research allowance
- Possible subsidies: language course fees, rent subsidy, tuition fee subsidy, ...
- Funding duration: up to 4 years

### Requirements:



- Online application form
- Official translations of academic documents and degrees
- Academic CV
- Research proposal and timetable
- Letter of admission or supervision
- Recommendation letter from university professors
- Language certificate, ...

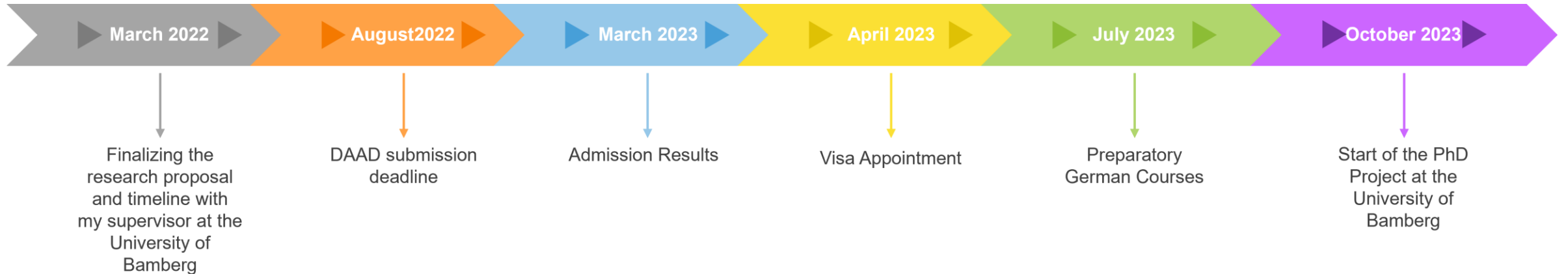
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# Application Process



## Welcome Center/ International Office:

- Assistance with finding accommodation
- Appointment for opening a bank account
- Appointment for city registration (Anmeldung)
- Official Enrollment at the University
- Visa Extension



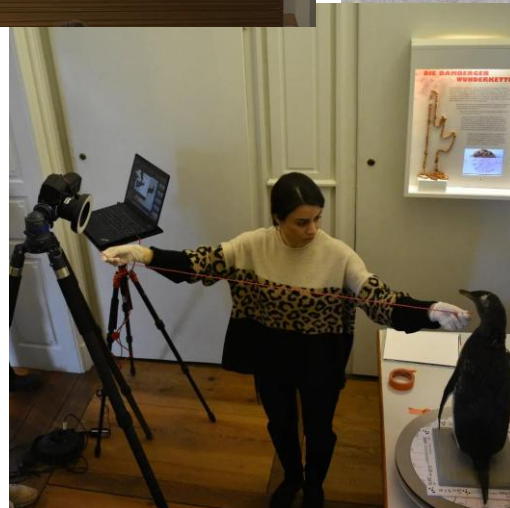
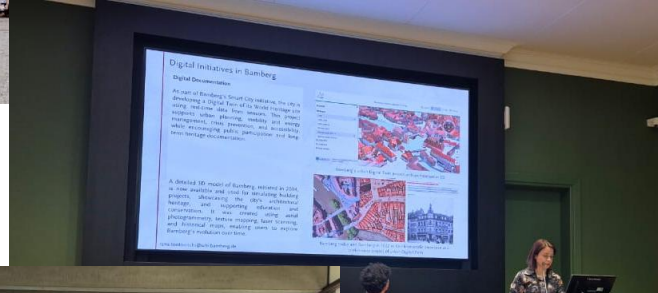
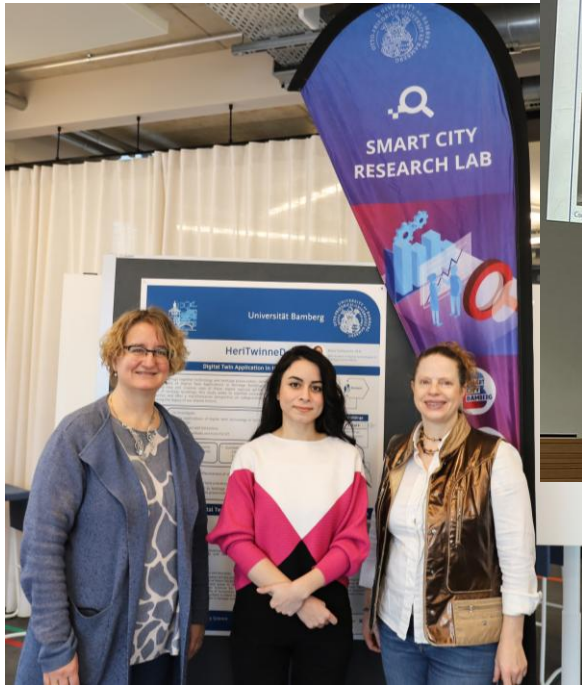
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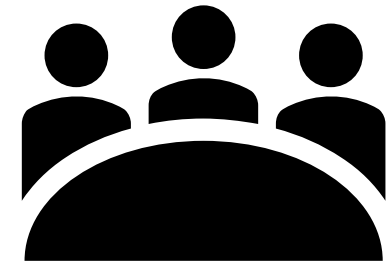
# My Life Today





# Q&A session

Your turn! 😊



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