



Association of Indian students in Aachen

# WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS IN AACHEN



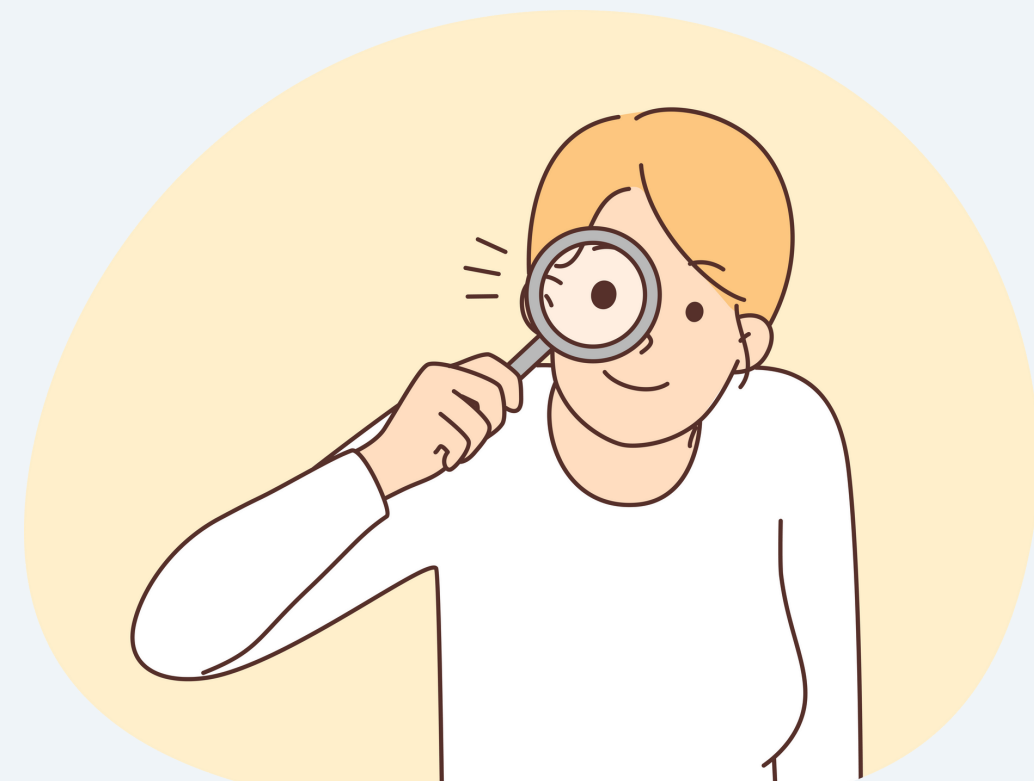
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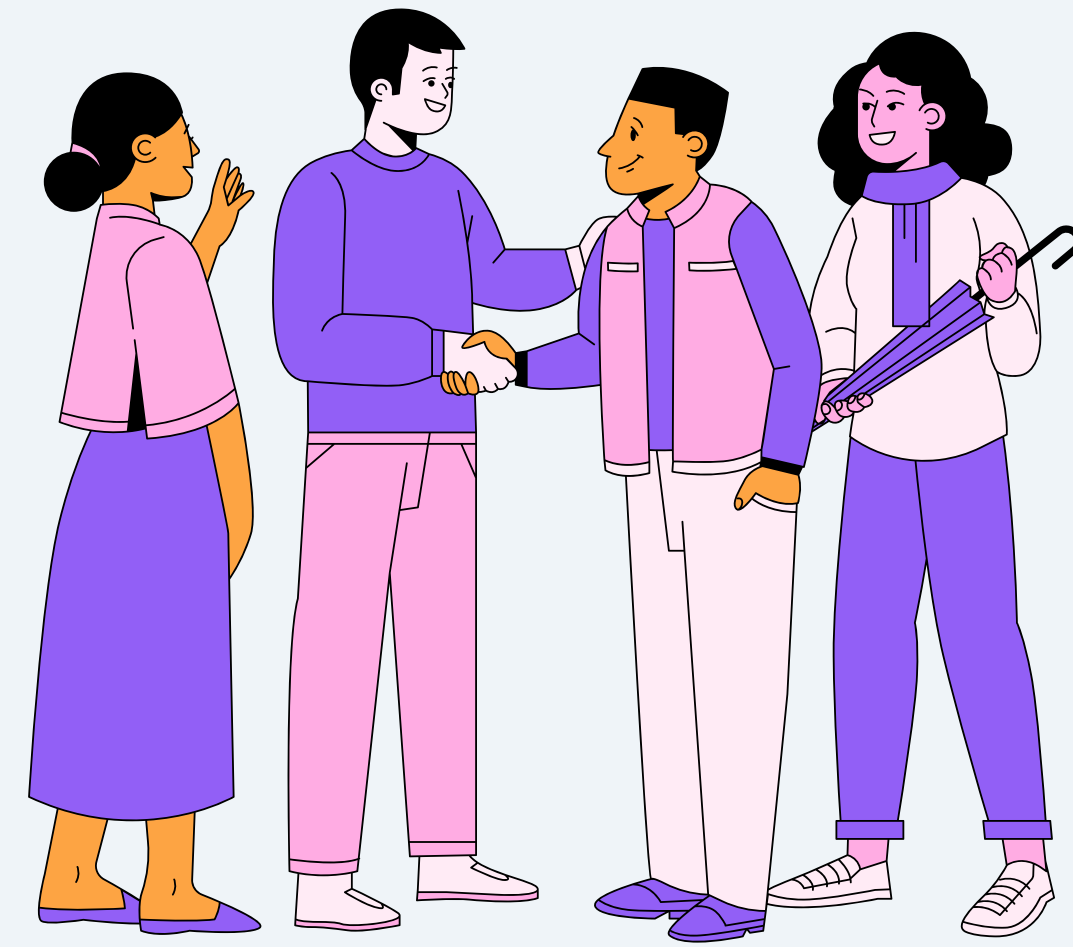
# WELCOME!

☀️ Hey incoming students! Welcome to Aachen! 🌍 AISA's webinar helps you to kickstart your journey smoothly.

Dive into this webinar to get answers and tackle those first-week challenges together. Learn how to register with the city, open a bank account, and navigate health insurance requirements.

We'll guide you through enrollment and assist with any questions along the way. Get ready to thrive in Aachen with AISA's support! 🎓 ✨

#AISA #AachenStudentLife #InternationalStudents #WelcomeToAachen



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# WELCOME!

Aachen, a vibrant international city, stands as the westernmost point in Germany, nestled on the borders of Belgium and the Netherlands. Renowned for its student-friendly environment and home to two prestigious higher education institutions, Aachen attracts students from around the globe.

One of the city's highlights is its annual Christmas market, held around the Aachen Cathedral and City Hall. Here, visitors can soak in the festive ambiance and indulge in the renowned Aachener Printen, a delicious gingerbread biscuit.

- 236.420 Inhabitants
- 58.175 Students

See more at : [https://www.aachen.de/de/kultur\\_freizeit/kultur/index.html](https://www.aachen.de/de/kultur_freizeit/kultur/index.html)



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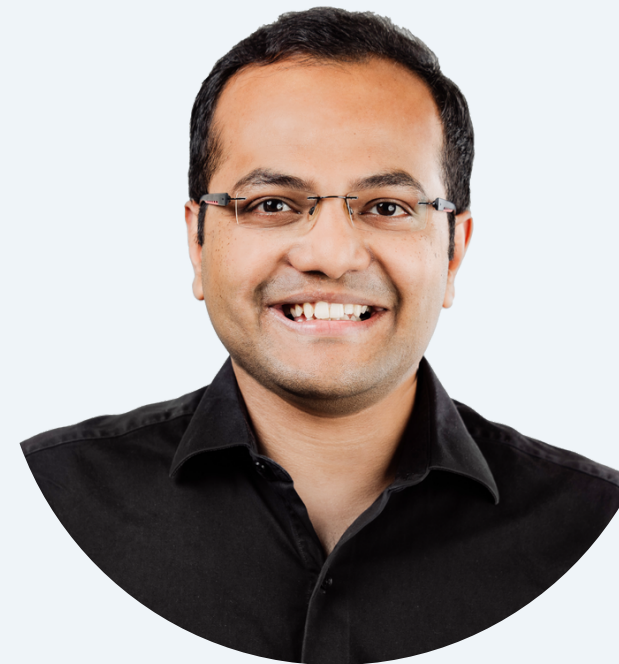
# MEET YOUR TEAM



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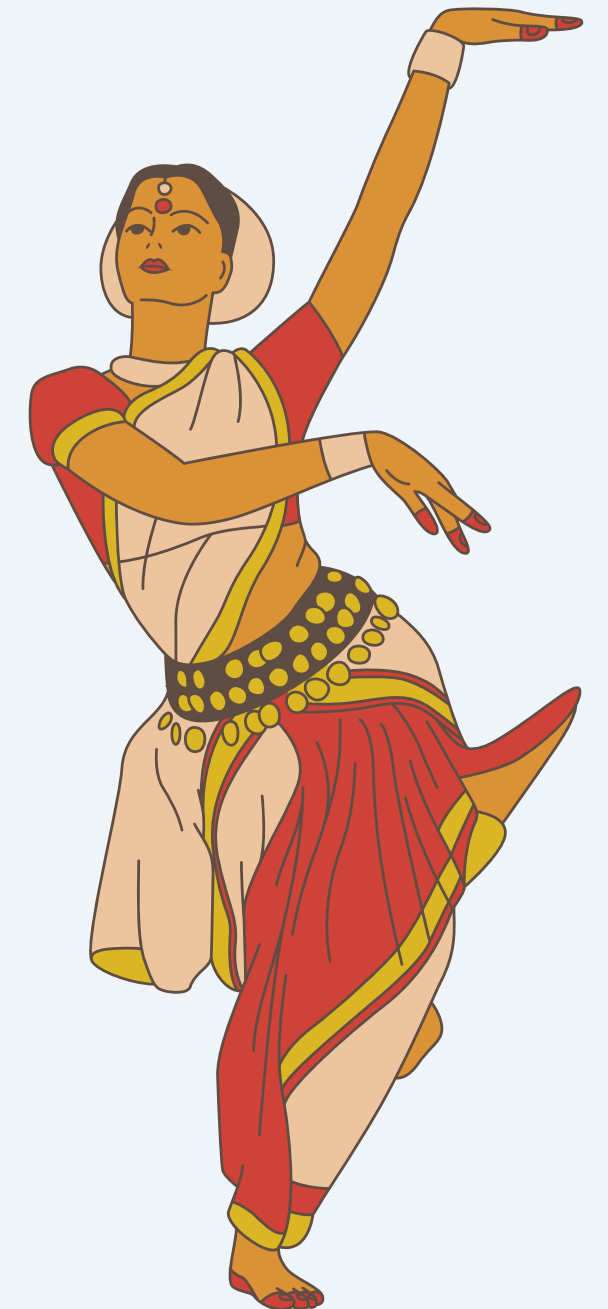
The AISA (Association of Indian Students in Aachen) is a registered student organization of the RWTH Aachen University and the FH Aachen. We work in close co-operation with the International Office of both the Universities as well with Indian Embassy and Consulate offices

## About AISA

Association of Indian Students in Aachen (AISA) has been conceived and established with a primary aim to **preserve and increase awareness of Indian heritage through the ideals of cultural awareness, political awareness, social awareness, and community service in Aachen.**

AISA serves as a platform for Indian and International students as well as community to interact and share the joy of promoting cultural integration. Our goal is to **promote the awareness of cultural diversity by organizing cultural and social events on campus.** While the overall purpose of the organization is stated above, there are many specific goals that AISA attempts to fulfill:

- Vision to create an awareness about Indian culture on campus.
- Promote growth in international understanding and fellowship.
- Represent the growing community of Indian students in Aachen.
- Inform the community of current issues through events and cultural programs.
- Mentor students moving in to Aachen for studies and make their transition a pleasant one.



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# TRAVEL FROM FRANKFURT TO AACHEN



Frankfurt International Airport



Direct ICE Train



Connection Train in Cologne

Flix Bus / Train



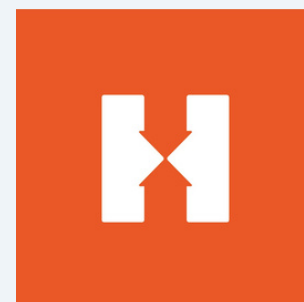
Car Pooling(Direct or to Köln)



**AACHEN**

## Airport Overnight Stay

A&o hostels  
Hostel world  
Meininger



# STEP BY STEP GUIDE

## First steps in Aachen

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### Housing

Finding a temporary or permanent accommodations

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### Registration

Doing your city registration and university enrollment

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### Essentials

Opening a bank account, starting your health insurance, residence permit and broadcasting fees

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### Settling In

Attend welcome week events, making friends





# GERMANY- A BUREAUCRATIC NIGHTMARE

**Landed in Germany? WOW!!! It's an amazing feeling. Now breathe in all the fresh air you can. You will need it in the next few weeks.**

## **1. Opening a Bank Account:**

- Once you are done with your city registration, you can book an appointment to open a bank account in any bank of your choice (most popular being Sparkasse Aachen, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank, N26, etc.). You'll need your City registration document, Passport and your Enrollment Certificate.

## **2. Activate Blocked Account:**

- After you have opened your bank account, you can activate your Blocked Account by providing your IBAN number in your respective blocked account provider. It takes a few days to activate the blocked account and the money to be received in your bank account. You will then start to receive the monthly disbursements (usually in the last week of the previous month).
- Make sure to verify and carefully add your bank account details.

## **3. Activate Health Insurance:**

- Activate your Health Insurance along with your Blocked Account (We recommend Barmer due to it's overall benefits & customer service)

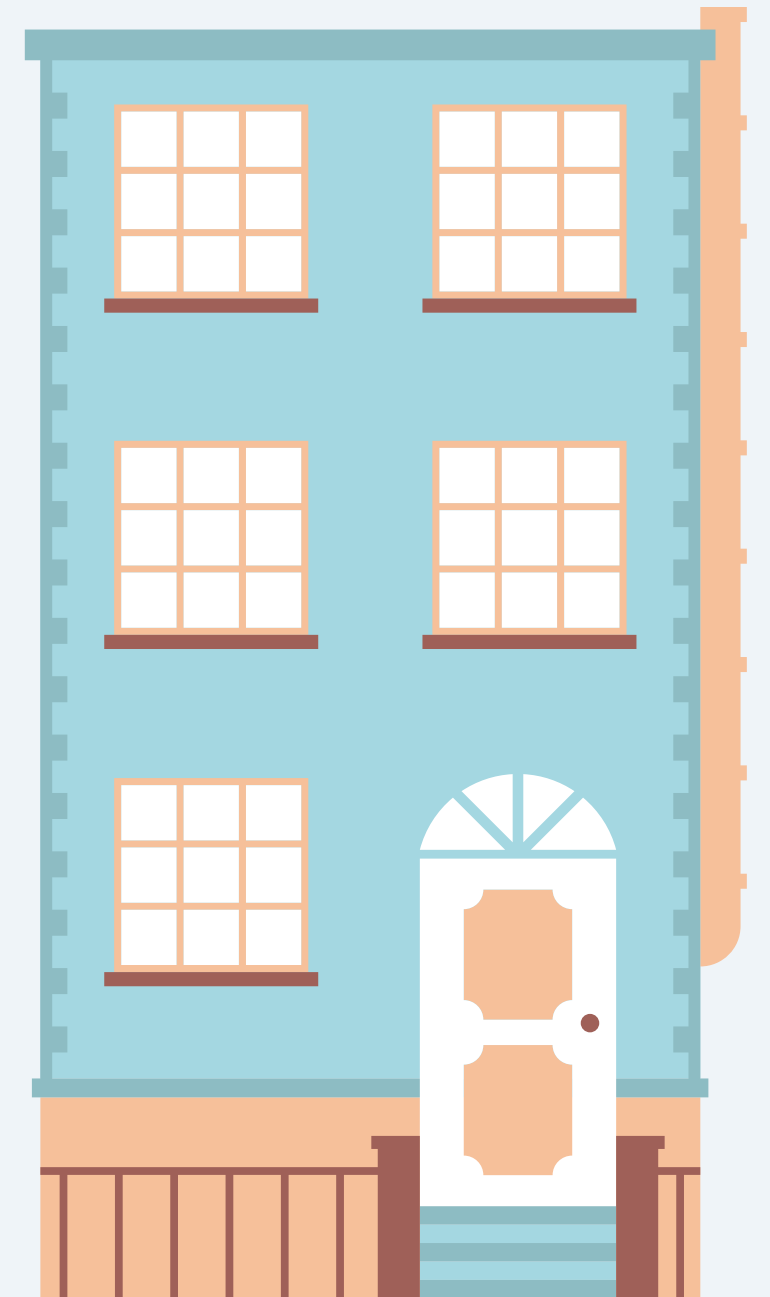
## **4. Mark your Mailbox:**

- Make sure your name is clearly mentioned on the Mailbox of your WG/Dorm because you'll now start receiving a lot of mails including your TAX ID, Social Security Number, Health Insurance activation details, etc. Also, do not discard any of these letters as you will need them in the long run.

# ACCOMMODATION PROCESS (PART 1)

Finding housing in Aachen can be competitive, so start your search early. Here are some options to consider:

- **Student Dorms:** RWTH Aachen offers student dorms through the Studierendenwerk Aachen. These are affordable and a great way to meet other students, but there are a limited number of rooms. Apply as soon as possible. The waiting time is in between 6 - 12 months.
- We understand that a seamless onboarding experience sets the foundation for your success within this organisation. Our innovative onboarding process is designed to make you feel welcome, connected, and equipped to contribute from day one.
- **Shared Apartments (WG):** This is a common option for students in Germany. You can find rooms advertised online or through noticeboards at the university. Websites like WG-Gesucht can help with your search [WG gesucht Germany]. Be prepared to attend viewings and meet potential flatmates.
- **Private Apartments:** Studios or one-bedroom apartments are available but can be more expensive than other options. Search online platforms like ImmobilienScout24 or local listings in Aachen newspapers.



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# ACCOMMODATION PROCESS (PART 2)

## Follow some of these important points:

- Write your message in German, use an online translator such as Google Translate or Deep L.
- Your introduction in the message should be polite and give out a basic picture of the type of person you are.
- Your name, degree, university, age, country, work-status, smoker/non-smoker, allergic to pets or not.
- A little bit about yourself and what your daily routine would look like.
- Whether you like to cook and your stand on cleanliness in the WG.
- Your hobbies and the languages you speak.
- The duration for which you would like to rent the apartment.
- Mention important details and cater your introduction to every ad individually.
- Remember : Quality over Quantity.



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# REGISTRATION PROCESS

- **City Registration:** Within two weeks of arriving, register with the city of Aachen. You'll need your ID and proof of your address. RWTH Aachen First Steps in Aachen: <https://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/studium/vor-dem-studium/internationale-studieninteressierte/organisation-des-studienaufenthaltes/~bqdv/erste-schritte-in-aachen/?mobile=1&lidx=1>
- **University Enrollment:** If you haven't already, complete your enrollment at RWTH Aachen University. This might involve activating your university email and setting up your online student account. RWTH Aachen Getting Started: <https://help.itc.rwth-aachen.de/>



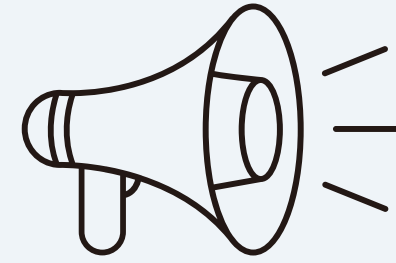


# ESSENTIAL PROCESS

- **Residence Permit:** If you're staying longer than three months, apply for a residence permit extension at the Immigration Office. Keep in mind the expiration date of your current visa. RWTH Aachen First Steps in Aachen: <https://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/studium/vor-dem-studium/internationale-studieninteressierte/organisation-des-studienaufenthaltes/~bqdv/erste-schritte-in-aachen/?mobile=1&lidx=1>
- **Health Insurance:** Make sure you have valid health insurance for your stay in Germany. This is usually required for enrollment.
- **Broadcasting Fee:** Every household in Germany pays a monthly broadcasting fee. You might need to register for this, even if you're in a shared apartment.
- **Bank Account:** Sparkasse Aachen, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank, N26, etc...



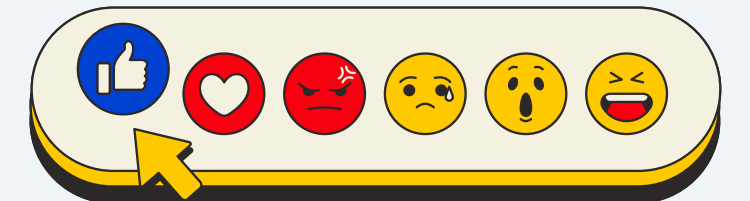
# SOCIAL MEDIA



- What's App
- Instagram
- Facebook
- LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aisa-aachen/>
- Website - <https://www.aisa.rwth-aachen.de/>



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# SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS IN VARIOUS EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



14.04.2024 (Sunday) - AISA Ramzan/Eid Celebration (Humboldt Haus)

19.04.2024 (Friday) - AISA x Starring Aachen Kochabend (Humboldt Haus)

27.04.2024 (Saturday) - AISA Chillout SoSe 2024

11.05.2024 (Saturday) - AISA x SPIC MACAY Movie viewing and Baithak

06.06.2024 (Thursday) - AISA BollyBeats SoSe 2024

and many more events.....



# Q&A SESSION

We value your participation and encourage you to ask any questions now.

Please mail your remaining queries to:

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(Please limit to one request per person only)



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THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH  
FOR LISTENING  
& WELCOME TO  
STARTING A  
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