

## INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS FOR VISITING RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ZARAGOZA

Welcome to the University of Zaragoza! To ensure a successful stay, it's important to meet the following requirements:

### Invitation Letter to the University of Zaragoza:

If your stay is less than one year, you must complete a form for temporary research stays. This form is an official invitation letter in Spanish from UNIZAR signed by your Professor/Principal Investigator (including dates, location, and purpose of the stay in Zaragoza). Once signed, send it to VGI [vginves@unizar.es](mailto:vginves@unizar.es). Additionally, you need to send a letter from your university with all the details related to your scholarship: amount, duration, etc.

## TYPES OF VISAS

1. STUDENT VISA
2. TOURIST VISA

### 1. STUDENT VISA

#### 1.1. Student Visa Application:

Research stays are covered under the Spanish student visa. You must apply for a student visa at the Spanish consulate in your country of origin (where you currently reside).

To apply for this visa, you need an invitation letter from the researcher inviting you from the University of Zaragoza. This letter should include the purpose of the stay, duration (with dates), and destination (department, faculty).

Additionally, you'll need to purchase health insurance that provides complete coverage for the duration of your stay. This insurance must cover medical expenses, not just travel.

A certificate of criminal record for the last 2 years from all countries where you have resided is also required.

#### 1.2. Registration at the Foreigners' Office:

Upon arrival in Spain, you must [register at the foreigners' office](#) (previous appointment needed) to regularize your stay in the country. Here, you'll be granted a residence permit for study purposes.

### 1.3. Residence Card (TIE) Application:

If your stay is longer than 3 months, with the obtained residence permit, you must go to the Police office to apply for your Foreigner Identity Card (TIE) ([previous appointment needed](#)), also known as a resident card. This document is essential to prove your residency status in Spain during your research period at the University of Zaragoza.

### 1.4. Renewal of Study Stay:

If your stay is extended or if you decide to enroll in a course at the University of Zaragoza, you can renew your study stay permit with the proper justification at the foreign office or by mercurio platform.

## 2. TOURIST VISA

The [tourist visa](#) allows for stays for study or research purposes, although **we DO NOT advise you** to apply for this visa if you plan to stay for more than 3 months or if you intend to extend your stay in Spain later. Additionally, even if your stay is less than 3 months, **we recommend applying for a student visa**. It's important to note that this type of visa does not allow you to regularize your stay in Spain later on in any way. **Once this visa expires, it's mandatory to leave the country**. Additionally, if you enter Spain with a tourist visa, you cannot apply for a student permit later. Therefore, it's crucial to carefully consider your plans and choose the type of visa that best suits your specific situation and future goals in Spain. Remember that your visa choice can have a significant impact on your stay for living in Spain without legal issues.

**Important Note:** The University of Zaragoza wishes to inform you that we will **not** assume responsibility or provide legal advice or assistance if you choose to enter Spain with a tourist visa. It's essential to obtain the appropriate visa according to your specific needs and the planned duration of your stay in Spain.