In Magdeburg, there are plenty of housing possibilities for different stays. In order to find the best location, it is good to know something about its geography:

The main university campus lies in the north of the city center which is called “Altstadt”. In the “Altstadt”, there is the “Hasselbachplatz”, a crowded place with many bars and restaurants. The quarter “Stadtfeld” is located in the west of the main campus and is inhabited by many students.

The Faculty of Medicine in situated in the south of Magdeburg in the quarter “Leipziger Straße” and is surrounded by “Buckau” in the east and “Sudenburg” in the west. Particularly lively quarters are “Altstadt” and “Stadtfeld”.

During daytime, you can reach the Faculty of Medicine from most of the quarters in less than 30 minutes with public transportation, the fastest connection is from “Leipziger Straße” and “Altstadt”. Central changing stations are “Hasselbachplatz” and “Alter Markt” in the city center near the main university campus. You will find up-to-date information on public transportation here:

http://www.insa.de/bin/query.exe/dn

When renting an apartment or an accommodation it is common to sign a rental agreement and usually you will have to pay a deposit of 1-2 monthly rents for your room/ apartment which is refunded when you move out and everything is left in a proper state.

Furthermore you will need a “Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung” which is a document you will receive from your landlord. It resembles the rental agreement and is necessary to register at the citizen’s office which is obligatory if you stay longer than 3 months.

Rundfunkbeitrag (License fee):

Additionally the so-called „Rundfunkbeitrag“ (License fee) has to be paid for every flat in Germany. The amount of this fee is about 18€ per month and finances the public service broadcasting companies (ARD, ZDF, etc.) and everything they offer.
Accommodations:
Since many accommodations have restrictions concerning the duration of a stay, we recommend different types depending on the time you are going to spend in Magdeburg.

Short- and intermediate term stays:
1) hotel:
Overview of hotels in Magdeburg (document in German), starting at 35 Euro/night
▶ http://www.ikus.ovgu.de/ikus_media/Angebot/Kurzfristige+Unterbringungsm%C3%B6glichkeiten+Hotel.pdf

2) youth hostel:
Website in English, starting at 23 Euro
▶ http://www.jugendherberge-in-magdeburg.de/

3) International meeting center:
Furnished rooms, for foreign guest scientists (+family) only, 3-24 months stay
Reservations are available on a first come, first served basis.
▶ http://www.ibz.ovgu.de/ibz/en/

4) Airbnb:
Private persons let rooms/flats
▶ https://www.airbnb.de/
(website in German)

5) search portals for accommodations, “temporary living search”
Private persons let often furnished rooms or apartments during different periods of time varying between weeks and months
▶ https://www.immobilienscout24.de/wohnen/sachsen-anhalt,magdeburg/wohnen-auf-zeit.html
(website in German)
▶ https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/s-auf-zeit-wg/magdeburg/m%C3%B6bliertes-zimmer/k0c199l2227
(website in German)
▶ https://www.zwischenmiete.de/zwischenmiete,Magdeburg.html
(website in German)

6) shared flat search portals: (mostly in German)
Flat-sharing communities are looking for permanent or non-permanent new housemates
▶ http://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/wg-zimmer-in-Magdeburg.83.0.1.0.html
(website in English)
▶ https://www.immobilienscout24.de/wohnen/sachsen-anhalt,magdeburg/wg-zimmer.html
▶ https://www.wg-suche.de/wg-zimmer/deutschland-sachsen-anhalt-magdeburg
(website in English)
▶ https://www.wohnungsboerse.net/Magdeburg/wg-zimmer-provisionsfrei
▶ http://www.studenten-wg.de/Magdeburg,wg.html

7) Facebook:
Facebook groups offer the possibility to post inquiries as well as to find posts from persons letting their rooms
▶ https://www.facebook.com/groups/ikusmd/?fref=ts
Long-term stays:

1) International meeting center:
Furnished rooms, for foreign guest scientists (+family) only, 3-24 months stay
Reservations are available on a first come, first served basis.
► http://www.ibz.ovgu.de/ibz/en/

2) Flat share search portals:
Flat-sharing communities are looking for permanent or non-permanent new housemates
► http://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/wg-zimmer-in-Magdeburg.83.0.1.0.html
   (website in English)
► https://www.immobilienscout24.de/wohnen/sachsen-anhalt,magdeburg/wg-zimmer.html
   (website in English)
► https://www.wg-suche.de/wg-zimmer/ deutschland-sachsen-anhalt-magdeburg
   (website in English)
► https://www.wohnungsboerse.net/Magdeburg/wg-zimmer-provisionsfrei
► http://www.studenten-wg.de/Magdeburg,wg.html

3) Lorenzquartier:
Accommodation with several furnished rooms in the north of Magdeburg, minimum stay is one year.
► http://www.lorenzquartier.de

4) Major commercial housing providers: (websites in German)
► https://www.wbg-stadtfeld.de/wohnungssuche/
► http://www.mwg-wohnen.de/
► https://www.wobau-magdeburg.de/
► https://www.immonet.de/sachsen-anhalt/magdeburg-wohnung-mieten.html
► https://www.immobilienscout24.de/wohnen/sachsen-anhalt,magdeburg/wohnungen.html

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