

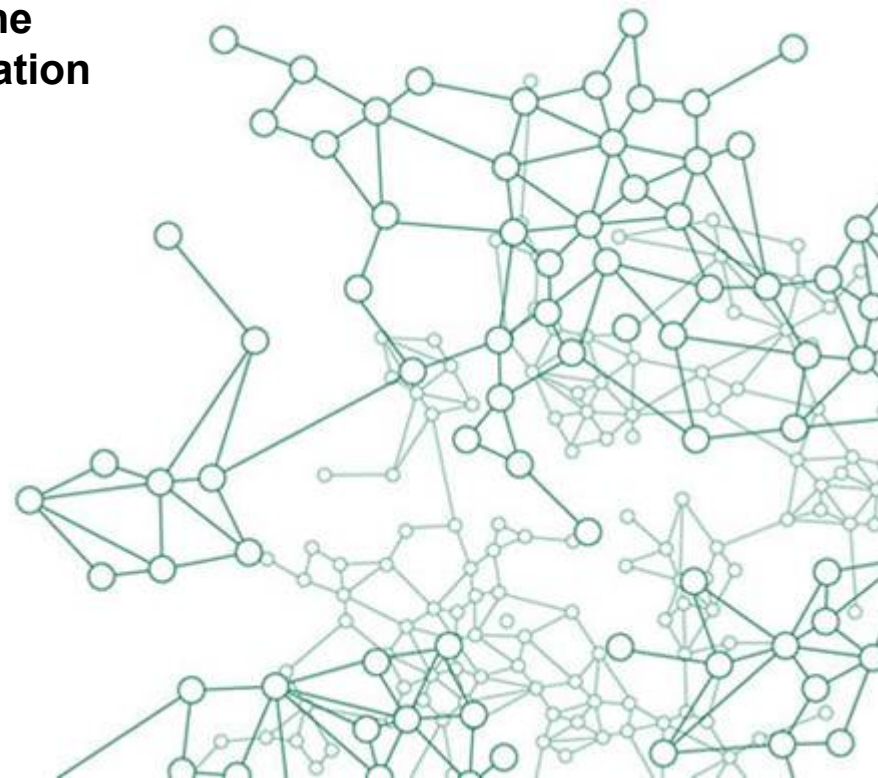


# Exzellenz verbindet – be part of a worldwide network

**Sponsorship Opportunities by the  
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation**

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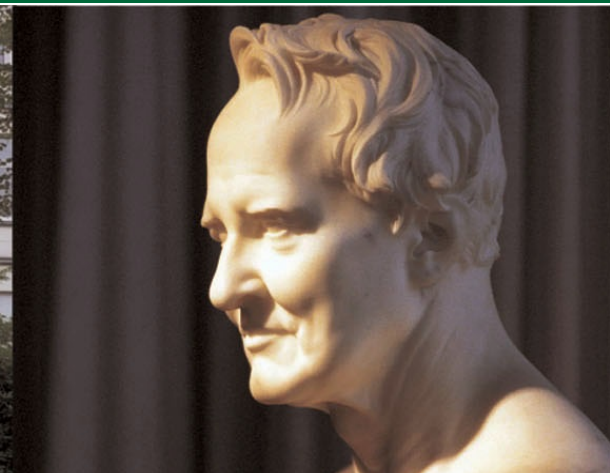




# The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide

Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level





## Historical and intellectual roots

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- Alexander von Humboldt (1769 - 1859): discoverer, universal scholar, cosmopolitan and patron of excellent scientific talent
- 1953: establishment of today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation based in Bonn Bad-Godesberg
- international network of academic cooperation and trust inspired by Humboldt's example



# Become part of the international Humboldt Family

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- Become part of an ever-growing **international network**
- Get in touch with peers, rising stars and international top scientists
- Benefit from our networking and sponsorship opportunities – **for a lifetime!**

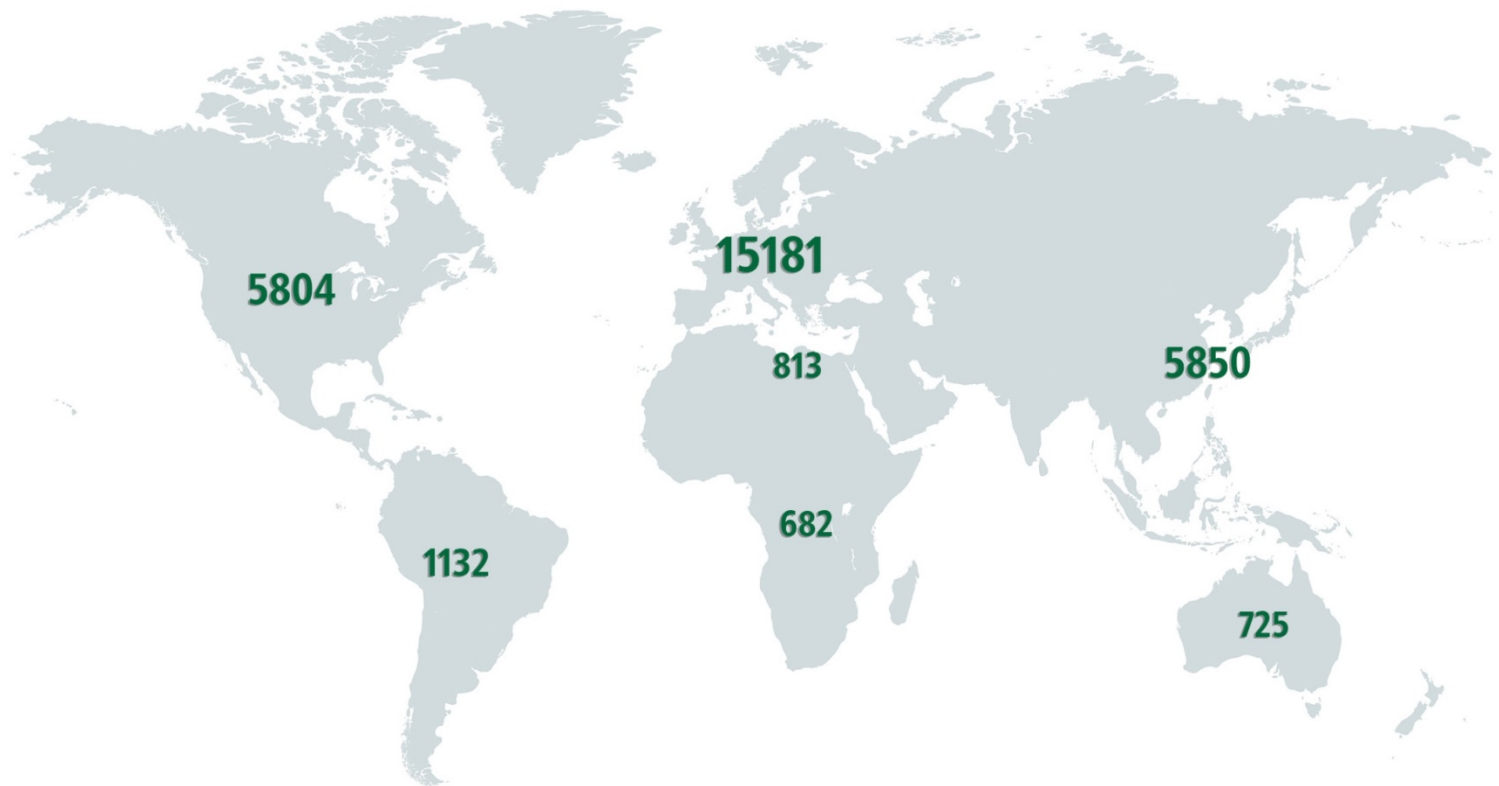
... Once a Humboldtian, always a Humboldtian!





# Humboldt is everywhere

Over **30,000 Humboldtians** from all disciplines and more than 140 countries make up the global Humboldt Network...







# The Humboldt Foundation's areas of work

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- We sponsor international researchers, **regardless of discipline and nationality**
- We strengthen Germany as a research location through international academic exchange
- We support our fellows and award winners – for their entire lifetime
- We campaign for international understanding, scientific progress and development





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# Sponsorship Opportunities offered by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation





## Sponsorship – individual and personal

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- sponsorship for foreign and German top-flight academics to collaborate with specialist colleagues
- more than 700 prestigious research fellowships and awards annually
- flexible sponsorship options for different career stages
- individual and personal mentoring for those sponsored and their families







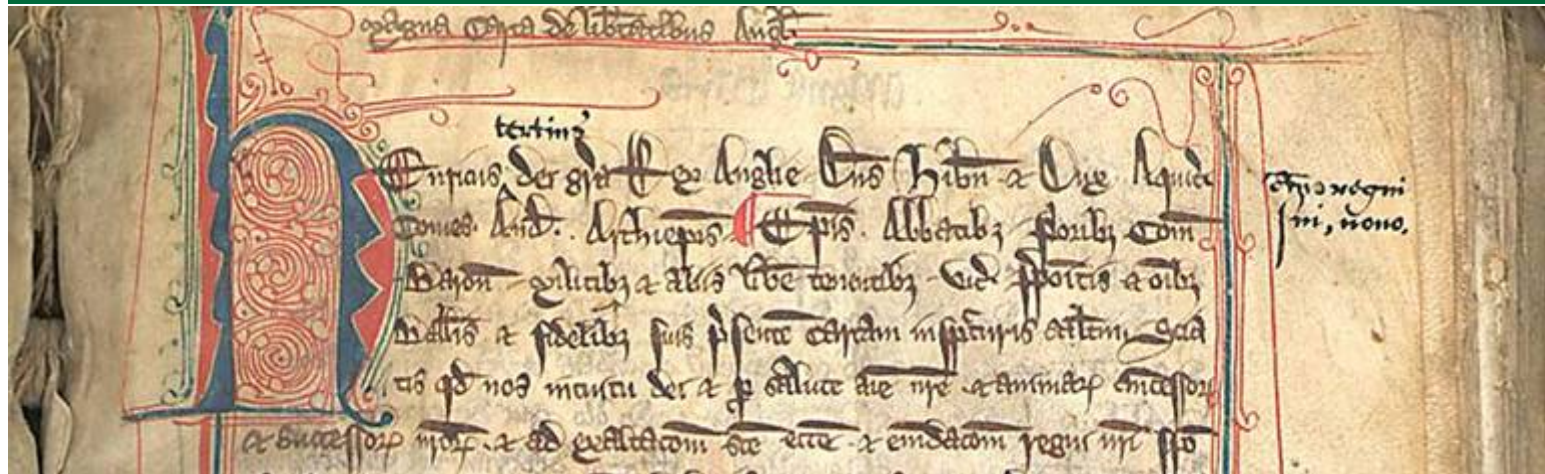
## Key programmes at a glance

	Academics from abroad	Academics from Germany
<b>Postdoctoral researchers</b> (up to 4 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Humboldt Research Fellowship</li><li>● Georg Forster Research Fellowship</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship</li></ul>
<b>Experienced researchers</b> (up to 12 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Humboldt Research Fellowship</li><li>● Georg Forster Research Fellowship</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship</li></ul>
(up to 15 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award</li></ul>	
(up to 18 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award</li></ul>	
<b>Internationally renowned academics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Humboldt Research Award</li><li>● Georg Forster Research Award</li><li>● Alexander von Humboldt Professorship Alexander von Humboldt Professorship for Artificial Intelligence</li></ul>	



# Research Fellowships

for exceptionally qualified academics from abroad and from Germany



# Research fellowships for stays in Germany

## Humboldt Research Fellowship

Worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas

	Postdoctoral researchers	Experienced researchers
<b>Duration of sponsorship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 to 24 months</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 to 18 months, may be divided up into 3 stays</li></ul>
<b>Application period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 4 years ago</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 12 years ago</li></ul>
<b>Fellowship amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• €2,670 per month (plus additional benefits)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• €3,170 per month (plus additional benefits)</li></ul>



# Research fellowships for stays abroad

## Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships



- Worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas
- Members of the worldwide Humboldt network as hosts
- Host contribution (negotiated individually)

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**Fellowship amount:** varies according to target country and personal circumstances – a fellowship calculator available on our website



# How to find an academic host abroad?



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## Feodor Lynen: Search for a host

Search the pool of some 15,000 potential hosts across the world.

15650 search results Sorted by: selection date

Search term

Select discipline >

Current address

Country

Town

Institution

→ Fields Medal

→ Holberg Prize

→ Johan Skytte Prize

→ King Faisal Prize

→ Kyoto Prize


→ Lasker Award

→ L'Oréal-UNESCO-Prize "For Women in Science"

→ Nobel Prize

→ Princess of Asturias Awards

→ Shaw Prize

 Search the pool of some 15,000 potential hosts across the world.\*

Researchers who are not included in this online search can also become hosts – provided that they work abroad and

- are a member of the Humboldt Network or
- have received one of the international academic awards cited below the filter.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact [info\[at\]avh.de](mailto:info[at]avh.de).

\*For reasons of data protection, we only publish the names of individuals and institutes but not personal details.

Prof. Dr. Oliver Peter Ernst →

Program: Konrad Adenauer Research Award Programme  
Selection date: November 2020  
Business address (at time of selection): University of Toronto, Canada  
Origin country: Canada  
Area of expertise: Structural Biology  
Host: Prof. Dr. U. Benjamin Kaupp (Forschungszentrum caesar, Bonn, Germany)

Prof. Dr. M. Denise Dearing →

Program: Humboldt Research Award Programme  
Selection date: October 2020  
Business address (at time of selection): University of Utah, Salt Lake City, United States of America  
Origin country: United States of America  
Area of expertise: Animal Biochemistry and Physiology  
Host: Prof. Dr. Jonathan Garshenon (Max-Planck-Institut für Chemische Ökologie, Jena, Germany)

Prof. Dr. Yong Zhu →

Program: Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award Programme  
Selection date: October 2020  
Business address (at time of selection): North Carolina State University





# Research Fellowships Japan/Taiwan

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In the framework of the Feodor Lynen Programme, the Humboldt Foundation is responsible for the pre-selection of German post-doctoral researchers for the fellowships of the

## Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

- research stays lasting 6 to 24 months in Japan and

## Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)

- research stays lasting 3 to 12 months in Taiwan





# Research Fellowships: Application Requirements and Benefits





# Application requirements

## Postdoctoral researchers

- above average doctorate
- academic publications
- agreement by academic host
- independent research proposal
- knowledge of German and/or English

## Experienced researchers

- independent academic activity, e.g. as an assistant professor
- comprehensive list of academic publications with own, clearly defined academic profile
- agreement by academic host
- independent research proposal
- knowledge of German and/or English



# Application procedure

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- online applications at any time to the Foundation directly
- assessment by independent peer reviewers
- decision by independent selection committees
- duration of procedure: approximately 4 to 7 months





## Benefits provided

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- fellowship
- travel lump sum
- language courses\*
- benefits for families
- allowance for research costs for the host institute\*

(\*not applicable to Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships)





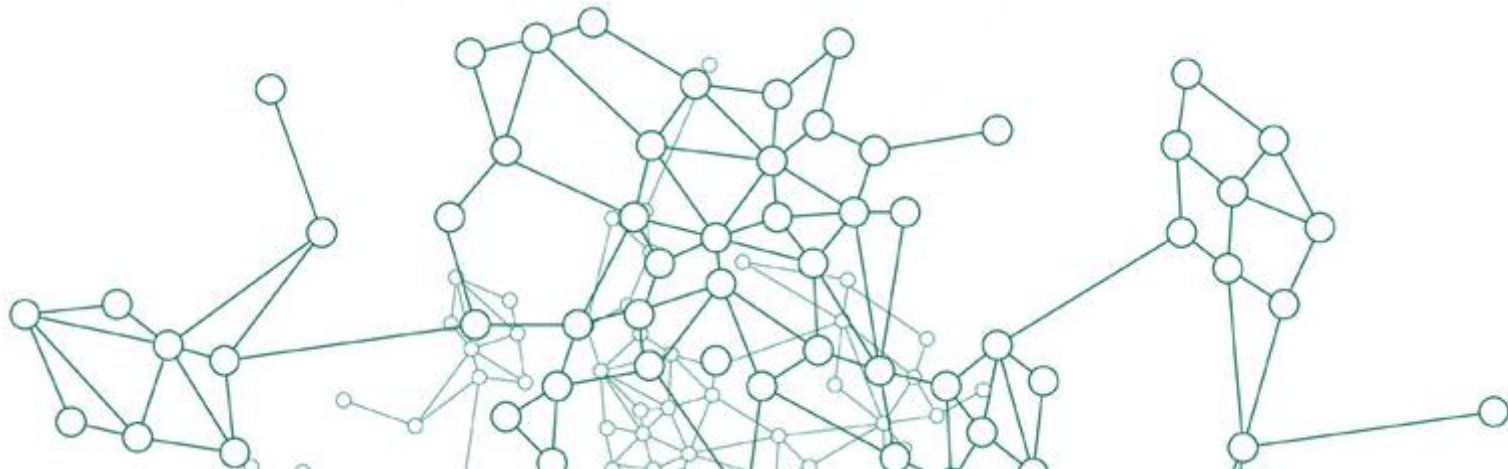


## Benefits provided

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- intensive and individual mentoring in Germany and abroad by personal contacts at the Foundation
- study tour\*, network meeting, annual meeting
- return fellowships for specific regions
- alumni sponsorship

(\*not applicable to Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships)





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# Award Programmes





# Research awards

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## Humboldt Research Award (by nomination)

- for internationally eminent academics from abroad
- up to €60,000, research stay in Germany

## Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award (by nomination)

- for experienced, internationally-respected academics from abroad up to 18 years after completion of doctorate
- up to €45,000, research stay in Germany





## Hints & Tips

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- prepare your application well in advance and calculate with some extra time
- take your time to find an appropriate academic host
- choose the right time to submit your application (PhD (almost) completed? Already abroad?)
- postdoctoral researchers should ensure that the key findings of their doctoral thesis are already published
- the research outline should not be a direct continuation of the doctoral thesis or of the academic work carried out to date





## Contact and Information

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