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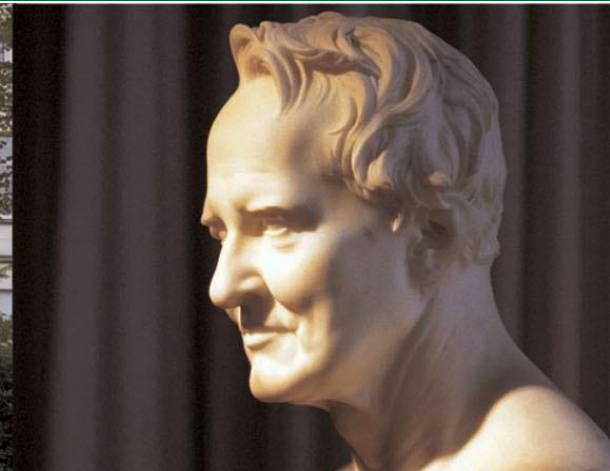




The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide

Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level





Historical and intellectual roots

- 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





The Humboldt Foundation's areas of work

- sponsorship of international academics as a part of foreign cultural and educational policy
- strengthening cutting-edge research through internationalisation
- impetus for the research location Germany by promoting individuals
- advancing development through academic cooperation





Principles of the Foundation

- sole selection criterion: academic excellence
- no quotas for countries or disciplines
- sponsorship of people, not projects
- free choice of research topic and of academic host/collaborative partner in Germany





Equal opportunities for female academics

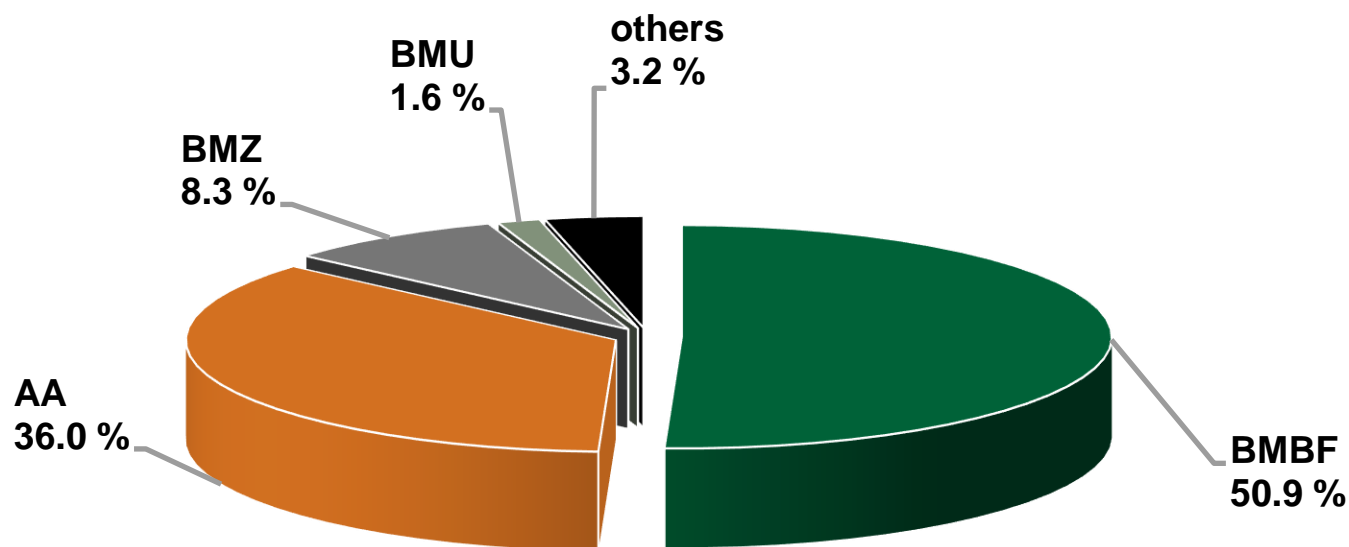
- equal opportunities is an important issue for the Foundation
- fellowship extension or interruption, allowances to support childcare
- targeted counselling and provision of information





The Humboldt Foundation's funding

Budget for 2022*: approx. €148.9 million
Financed by federal funds: approx. 97%



AA: Federal Foreign Office

BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research

BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

BMUV: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection

* according to second draft of 2022 Budget of 5.11..2021 (plus second government draft federal budget)



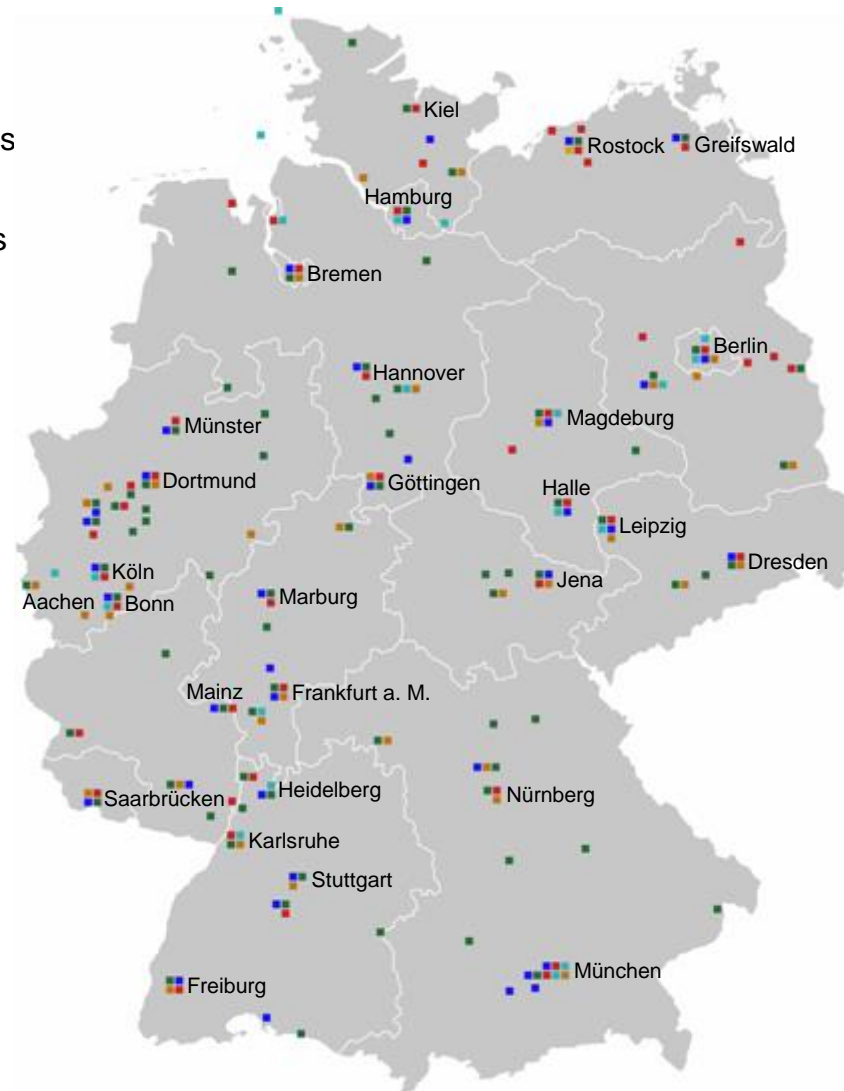
Research Location Germany





Research location Germany

- Universities
- Leibniz Institutes
- Max Planck Institutes
- Helmholtz Centres
- Fraunhofer Institutes





Research institutions

- approximately 100 universities: research in all disciplines
- 86 Max Planck Institutes: basic research, especially in the natural and biosciences but also in the humanities and social sciences
- 69 Fraunhofer Institutes: applied research
- 19 Helmholtz Centres: technical-scientific and biomedical research
- 96 Leibniz Institutes: research ranging from knowledge-oriented basic research to applied research





Sponsorship Opportunities offered by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation





Sponsorship – individual and personal

- 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 sponsorship programmes at a glance

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

Alumni sponsorship and international networking

- more than 30,000 Humboldtians in over 140 countries:
“Once a Humboldtian – always a Humboldtian“
- alumni sponsorship and international networking through e.g.
 - further research stays
 - Research Group Linkage Programme
 - Humboldt Colloquia and Kollegs
 - Humboldt Alumni Associations
 - Humboldt Alumni Award



Research fellowships for research stays in Germany

For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

Humboldt Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas

Georg Forster Research Fellowship

- researchers from emerging and developing countries, all disciplines, no quotas
- research projects with relevance to development



Research fellowships for research stays in Germany

Humboldt Research Fellowship / Georg Forster Research Fellowship

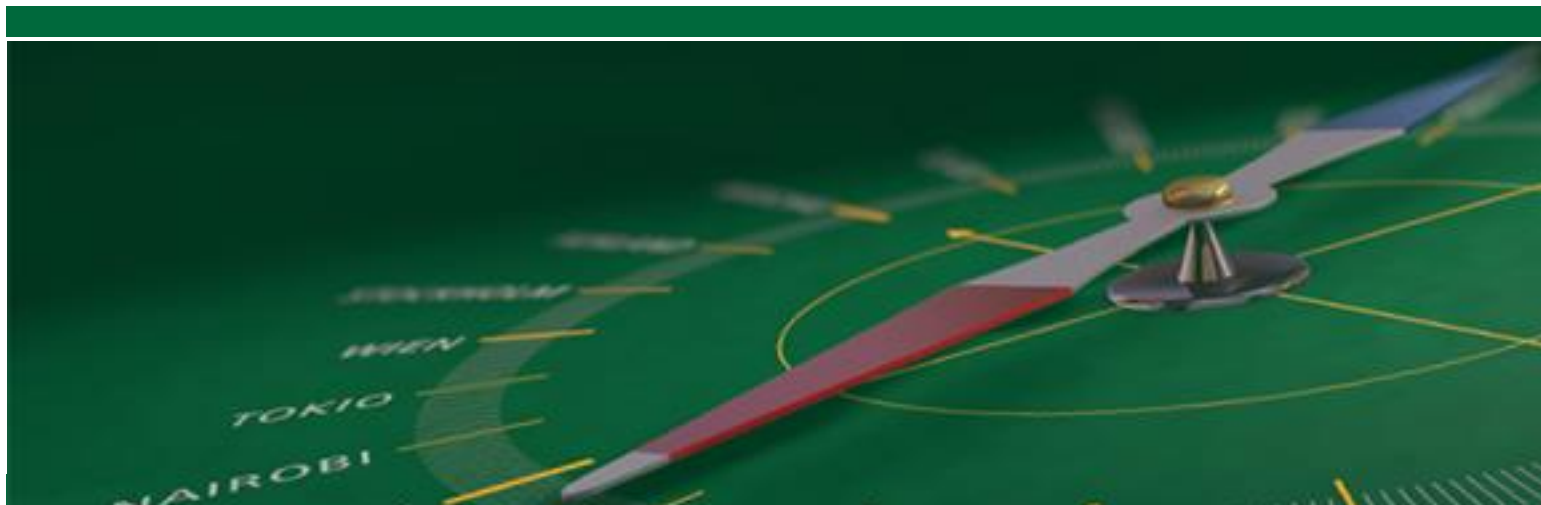
	Postdoctoral researchers	Experienced researchers
Duration of sponsorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 to 24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 to 18 months, may be divided up into 3 stays
Application period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• applications at any time, doctorates completed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

Research fellowships for research stays abroad

For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas
- members of the Humboldt Network abroad as hosts
www.humboldt-foundation.de/lynen-search-for-host
- host contribution (negotiated individually)



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Fellowship amount: varies according to target country and personal circumstances

(A fellowship calculator is available on our website)



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

- 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

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

(*not applicable to Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships)

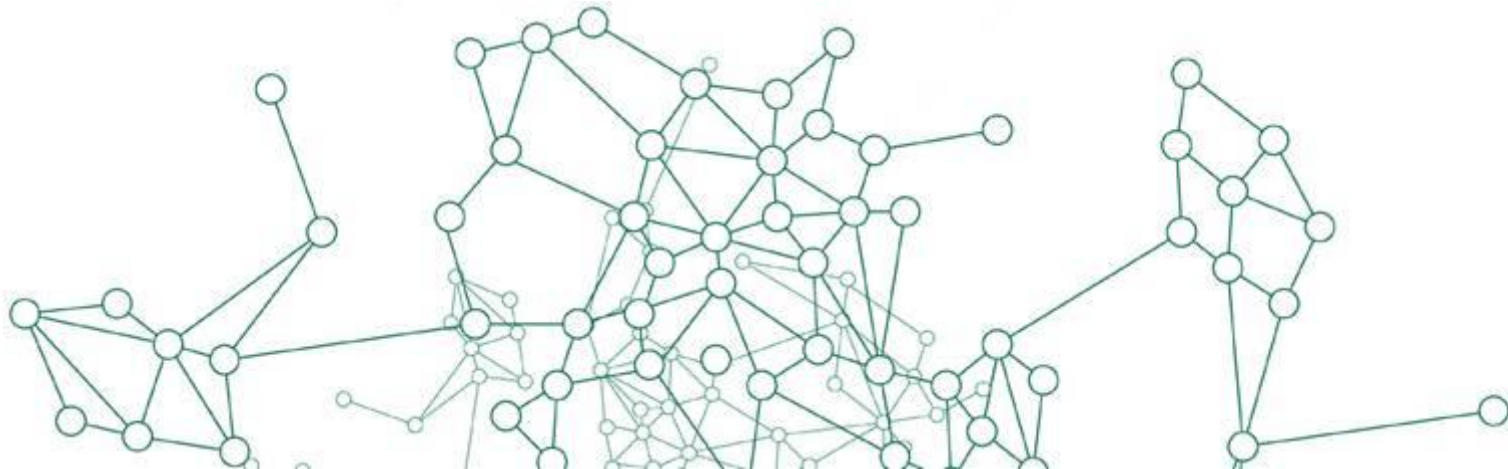




Benefits provided

- 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

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Look for a host in Germany

through the Humboldt Foundation's Network Online

- Network Online can be used to locate Humboldtians' host institutes
- searches can be filtered by subject area, location or keyword

www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/connect/explore-the-humboldt-network

on the EURAXESS Germany website

www.euraxess.de/germany/information-assistance/finding-academic-host

with the help of information portal GERiT – German Research Institutions from DFG, DAAD and HRK

- contains more than 25,000 institutes at German universities and non-university research institutions
- allows searches based on geographical, field-related and structural criteria

www.gerit.org/en/

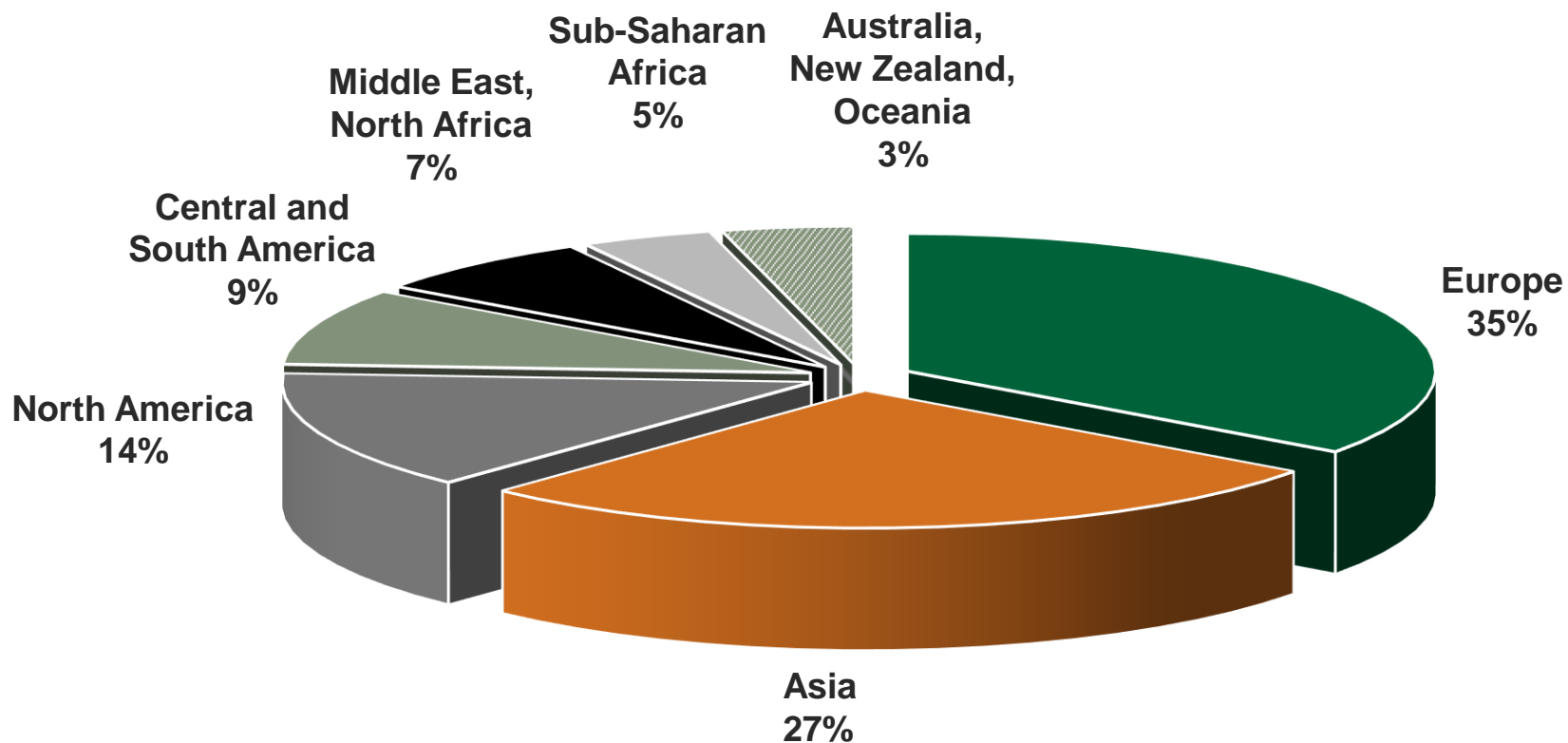
ask colleagues at your institute who have contacts in Germany (possibly Humboldtians)



Origin of guest researchers

2017–2021:

3,190 research fellowships granted to academics from abroad

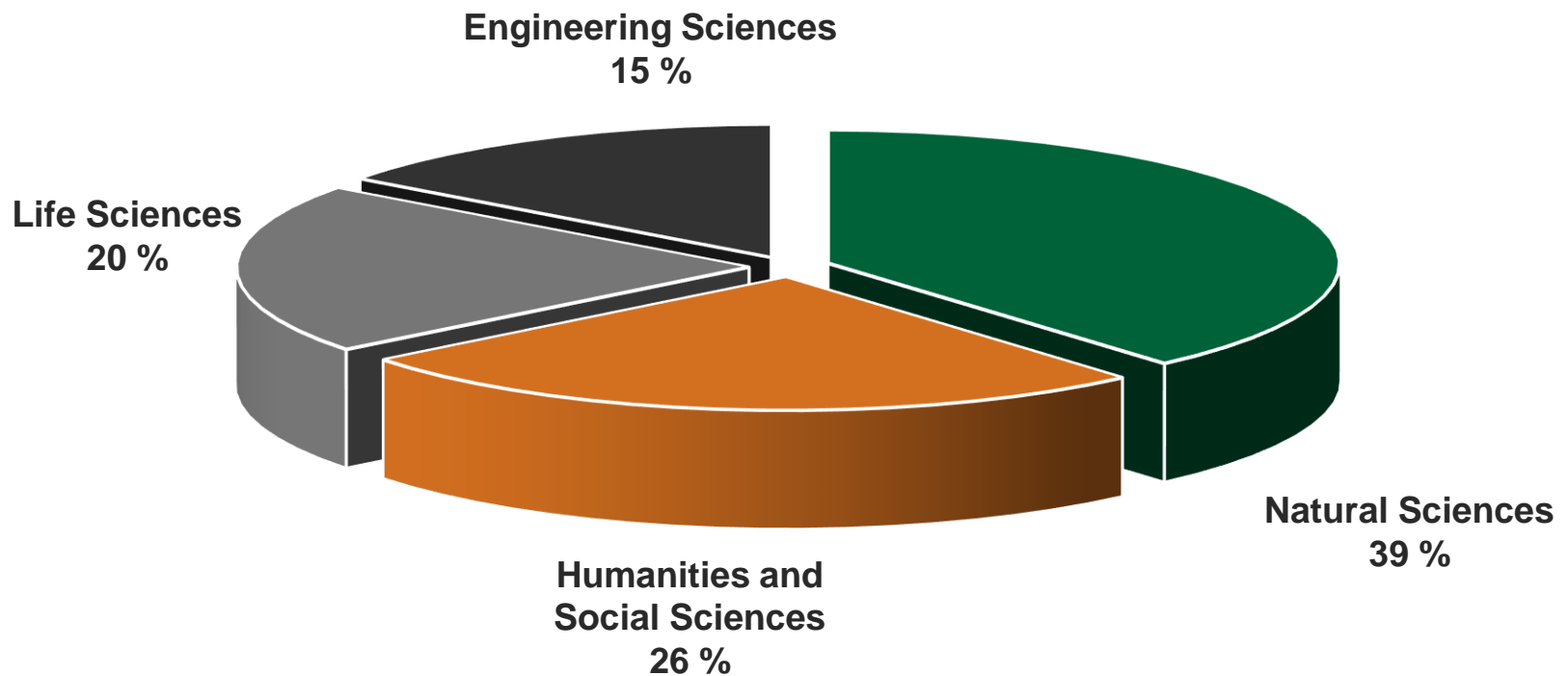




Disciplines of guest researchers

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Award Programmes





Research awards

Humboldt Research Award (by nomination)

- for internationally eminent academics from abroad
- €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





Research awards

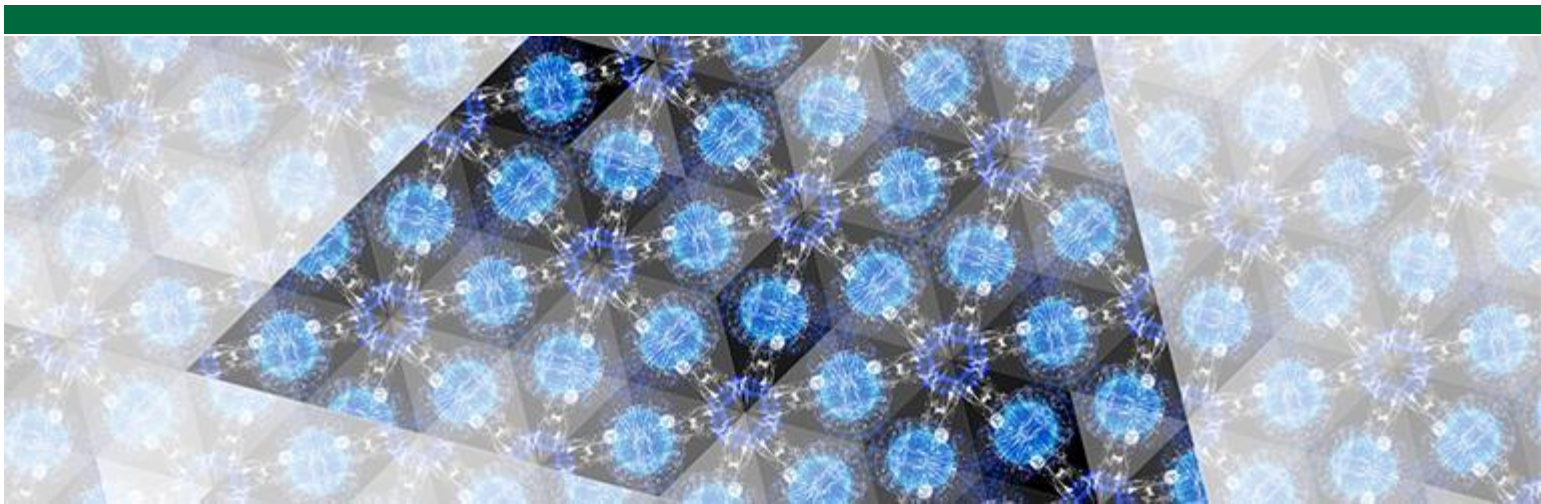
Alexander von Humboldt Professorship

- award to recruit world-leading researchers from abroad
- €3.5 or €5 million for 5 years, up to 10 award winners p.a.
- nominations by German universities or joint applications by universities and non-university research institutions
- requirement: strategic plan by the university to integrate the award winner into long-term research and development



New: Alexander von Humboldt Professorships for Artificial Intelligence

- award to recruit world-leading researchers from abroad
- up to 30 new Humboldt Professorships for AI are to be filled in the years up to 2024
- Researchers from all disciplines who focus on the investigation and use of AI as well as its societal impacts are eligible to be nominated
- funds: €3.5 or €5 million for 5 years





Research awards

Georg Forster Research Award

- for internationally renowned academics from developing and threshold countries
- €60,000; additional funding of up to €25,000 to support the collaboration
- research stay in Germany
- nomination





Further Sponsorship Programmes





German Chancellor Fellowships

for outstanding prospective leaders from **Brazil, China, India, the Russian Federation, South Africa and the USA**

- from a broad range of areas such as politics and public policy, law, media, business, the non-governmental sector, and the arts
- with an independent project in Germany that has been agreed with the host.
- intermediaries between their home countries and Germany





German Chancellor Fellowships

Application requirements

- Bachelor's or equivalent academic degree
- leadership potential

Benefits provided

- 12-month fellowship in Germany, flexible outlining
- language course, introductory seminar, study trip, reception at the Federal Chancellery
- travel lump sum, family allowances



International Climate Protection Fellowships

for prospective leaders and postdocs from non-European **transition and developing countries**, who

- are engaged in climate protection or resource conservation;
- are working in non-governmental organisations, public administrations, politics, academia or business;
- would like to conduct an independent project agreed with a host in Germany



International Climate Protection Fellowships

Application requirements

- Bachelor's or equivalent academic degree
- clearly visible leadership potential
- extensive theme-related work experience or a successfully completed doctorate in climate protection or climate-related resource conservation

Benefits provided

- 12 to 24-month fellowship in Germany
- introductory seminar, training courses, final meeting
- language course (optional), travel lump sum, family allowances





Frontiers of Research Symposia

Bilateral and trilateral interdisciplinary conferences for outstanding young researchers* from the USA, Japan, United Kingdom, China, India, Israel, Turkey and Brazil.

Format

- 3 ½ -days conferences in the areas of natural sciences, engineering and the humanities
- in cooperation with foreign partner organisations
- alternating (bi)annually between Germany and the partner country

* up to 15 years post-PhD-experience, self-nomination is not possible





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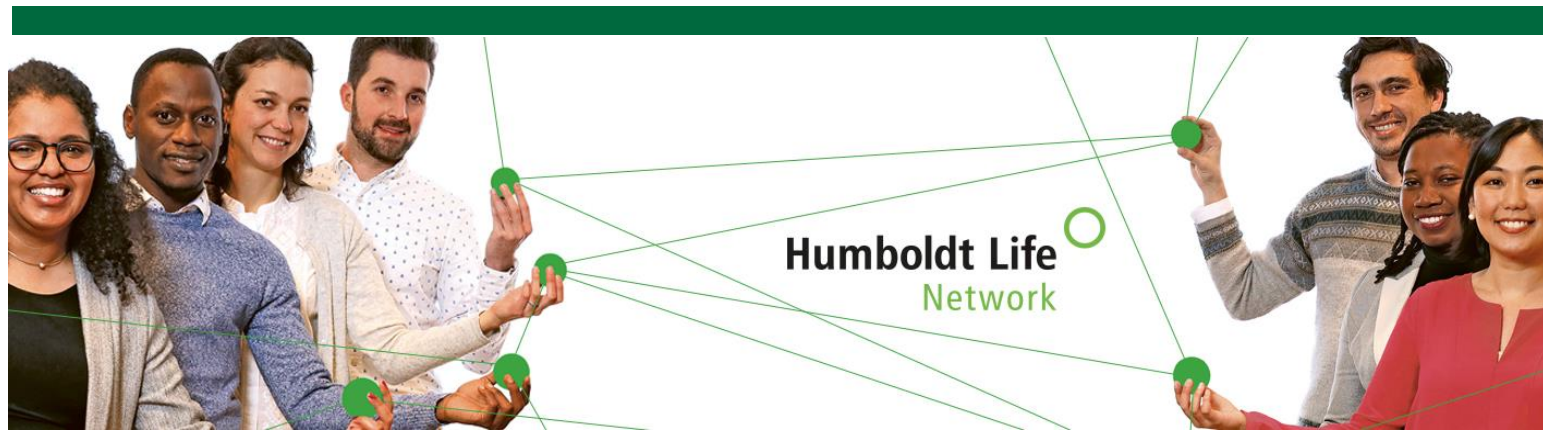


Humboldt Life on the Alumniportal Deutschland

- digital platform for the Humboldt family to promote professional and personal exchange
- members can:
 - present themselves and their main research areas
 - network and exchange ideas with other Humboldtians, Germany alumni and German universities and funding organizations
 - join groups or found new groups, to establish thematic and regional networks
 - access and post exclusive events, job offers and advertisements
 - use digital learning opportunities

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