



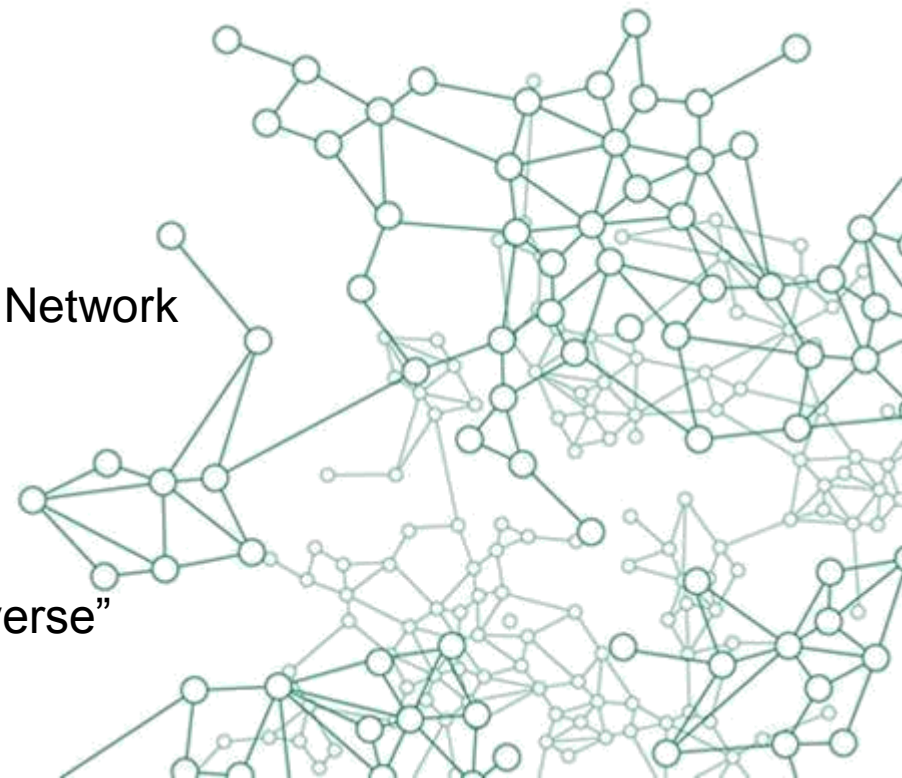
# Exzellenz verbindet – be part of a worldwide network

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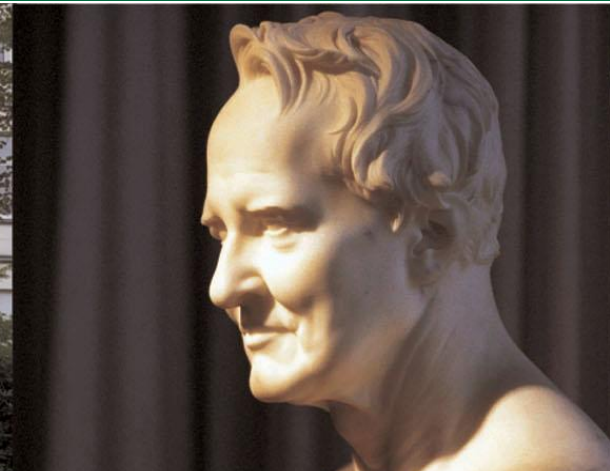




# The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide

Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level





# Principles of the Foundation

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- sole selection criterion: **academic excellence**
- no quotas for countries or disciplines
- **sponsorship of people**, *not projects*
- free choice of academic host/collaborative partner in Germany
- independent scientific research, not stipulated by the Foundation

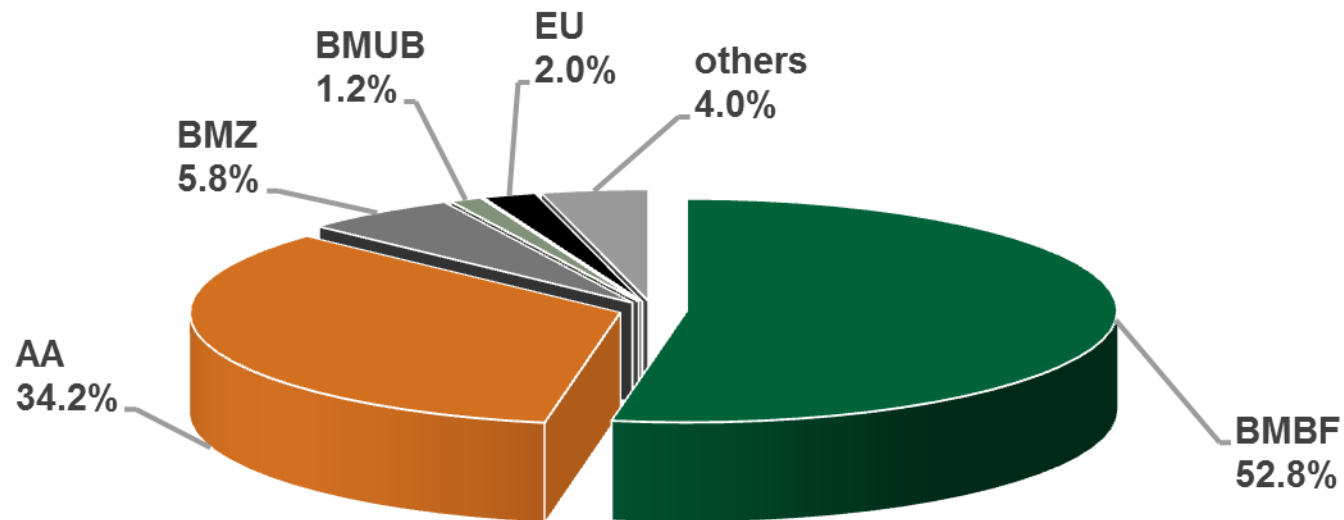




# The Humboldt Foundation's funding

Budget for 2015: approx. €114.2 million

Financed by federal funds and the European Union: approx. 96%



AA: Federal Foreign Office

BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research

BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

BMUB: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety



# Key sponsorship programmes at a glance

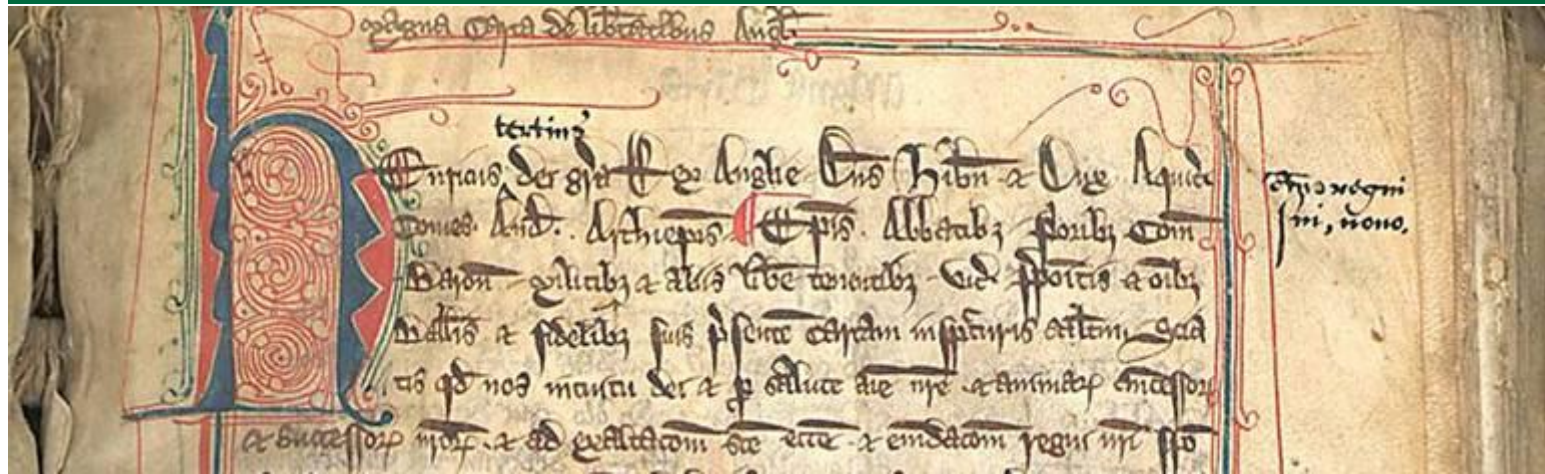
	Academics from abroad	Academics from Germany
<b>Postdoctoral researchers</b> (up to 4 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Humboldt Research Fellowship</b></li><li>● Georg Forster Research Fellowship</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship</b></li></ul>
<b>Junior research group leaders</b> (up to 6 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Sofja Kovalevskaja Award</b></li></ul>	
<b>Experienced researchers</b> (up to 12 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Humboldt Research Fellowship</b></li><li>● Georg Forster Research Fellowship</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship</b></li></ul>
<b>Internationally renowned academics</b> (up to 18 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Humboldt Research Award</li><li>● Georg Forster Research Award</li><li>● Anneliese Maier Research Award</li><li>● Max Planck Research Award</li><li>● <b>Alexander von Humboldt Professorship</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Max Planck Research Award</li></ul>





# Research Fellowships

for exceptionally qualified academics from abroad and from  
Germany



# Research fellowships for research stays in Germany

## Humboldt Research Fellowship

	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>• €2,650 per month (plus additional benefits)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• €3,150 per month (plus additional benefits)</li></ul>

# Research fellowships for academics from Germany for research stays abroad

## Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships

	Postdoctoral researchers	Experienced researchers
Duration of sponsorship	<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>
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**Fellowship amount:** varies according to target country and personal circumstances

(A fellowship calculator is available on our website)





# Application requirements

## Postdoctoral researchers

- above average doctorate
- academic publications
- agreement by academic host
- independent research proposal
- knowledge of German and/or English (English or language of the country of destination in the case of the Lynen Programme)

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

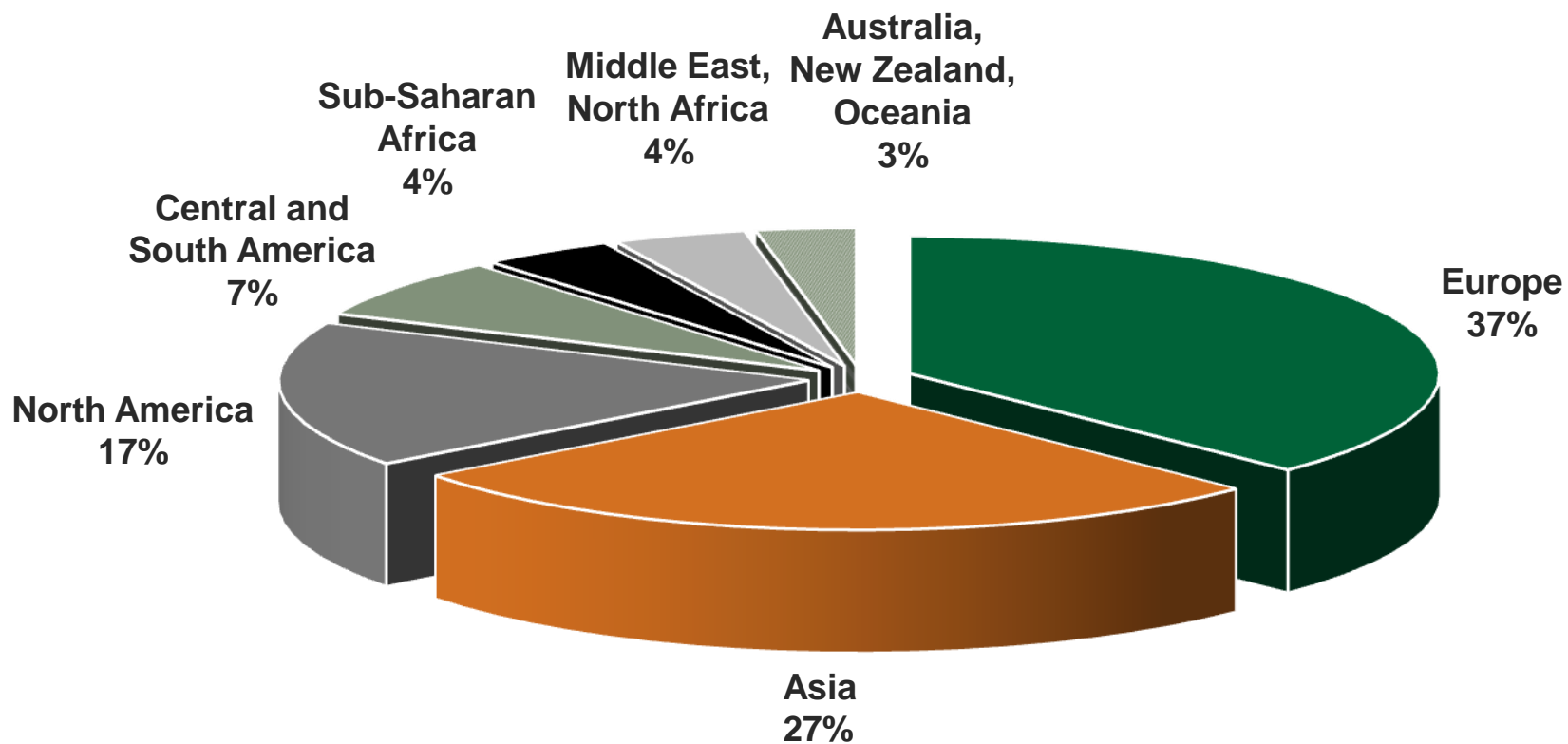




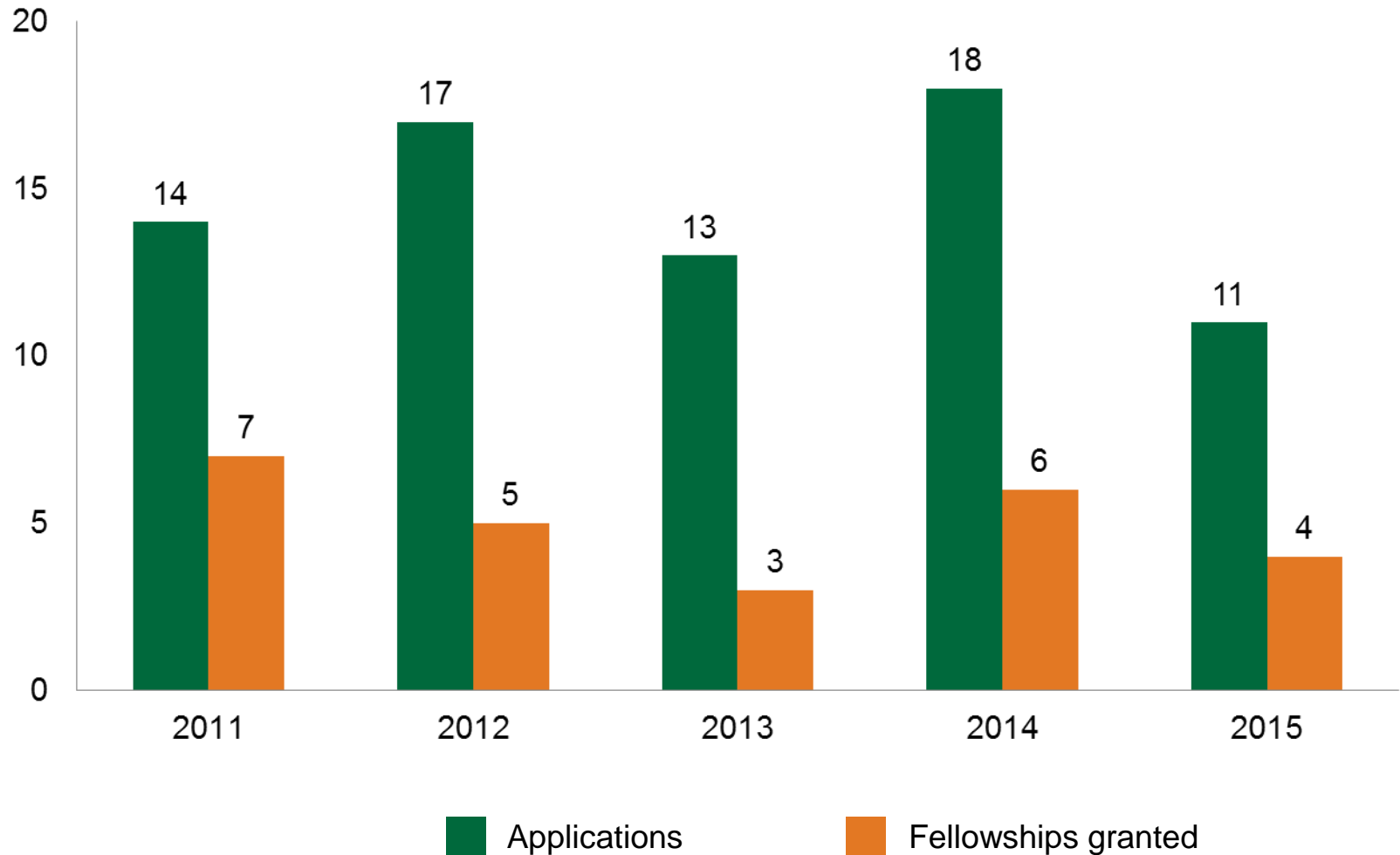
## Origin of guest researchers

2011–2015:

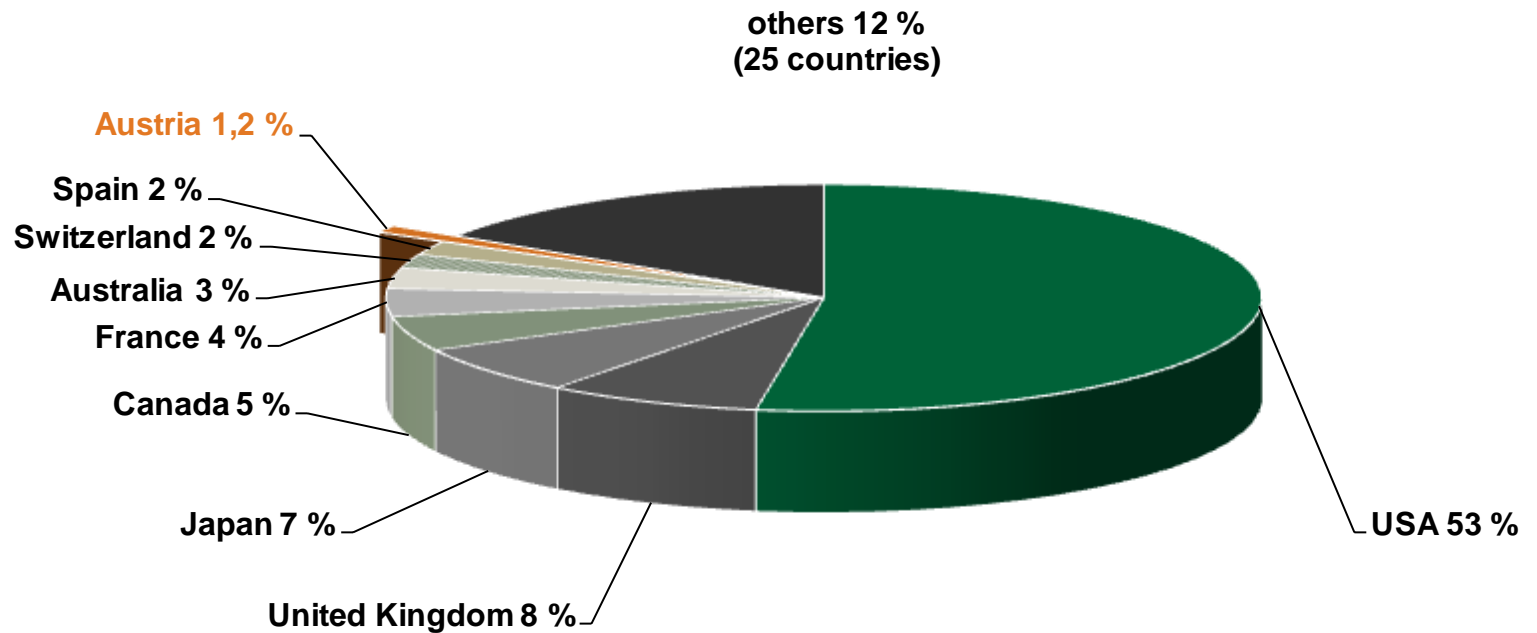
2,769 research fellowships granted to academics from abroad



# Applications and Fellowships granted to Researchers from Austria (2011-2015)



# Countries of destination Feodor Lynen Fellows (2011–2015)





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# Award Programmes







## Sofja Kovalevskaja Award

- for top level junior academics from abroad up to 6 years after completion of doctorate
- up to 1.65 million EUR for a period of 5 years
- to establish their own junior research group in Germany
- joint **application** by the applicant and the host institution
- 1 call per year

New round of applications open until **31 July 2016**

[www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/kovalevskaja-award.html](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/kovalevskaja-award.html)



# Mobility of Sofja Kovalevskaja Award Winners by country of application – Europe

62 Sofja Kovalevskaja  
Award Winners applied  
from European countries

45 Sofja Kovalevskaja  
Award Winners applied  
from outside Europe



as of: November 2015



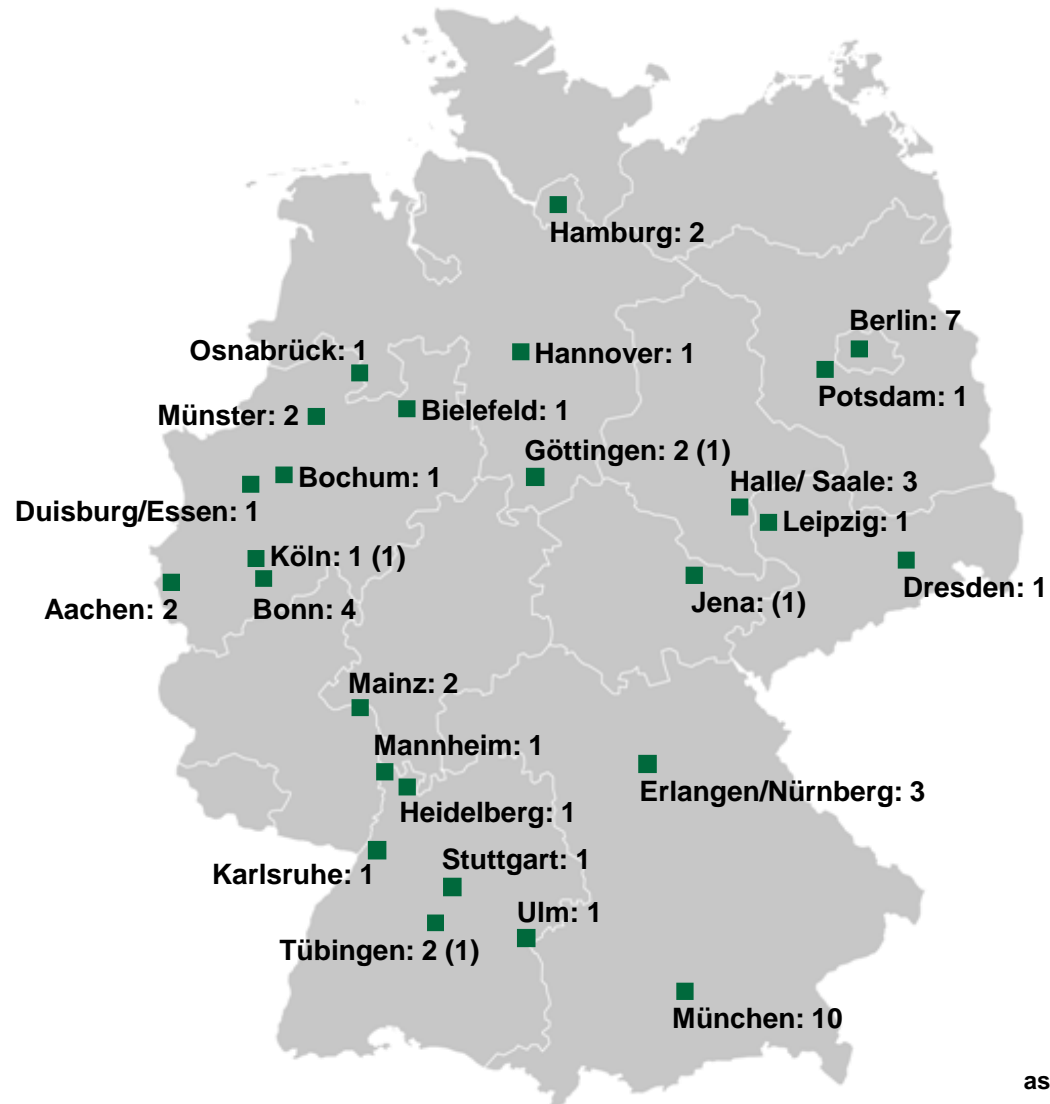
# Alexander von Humboldt Professorship

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- International Award for Research in Germany for leading academics of all disciplines from abroad
- 3.5 or 5 million euros 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



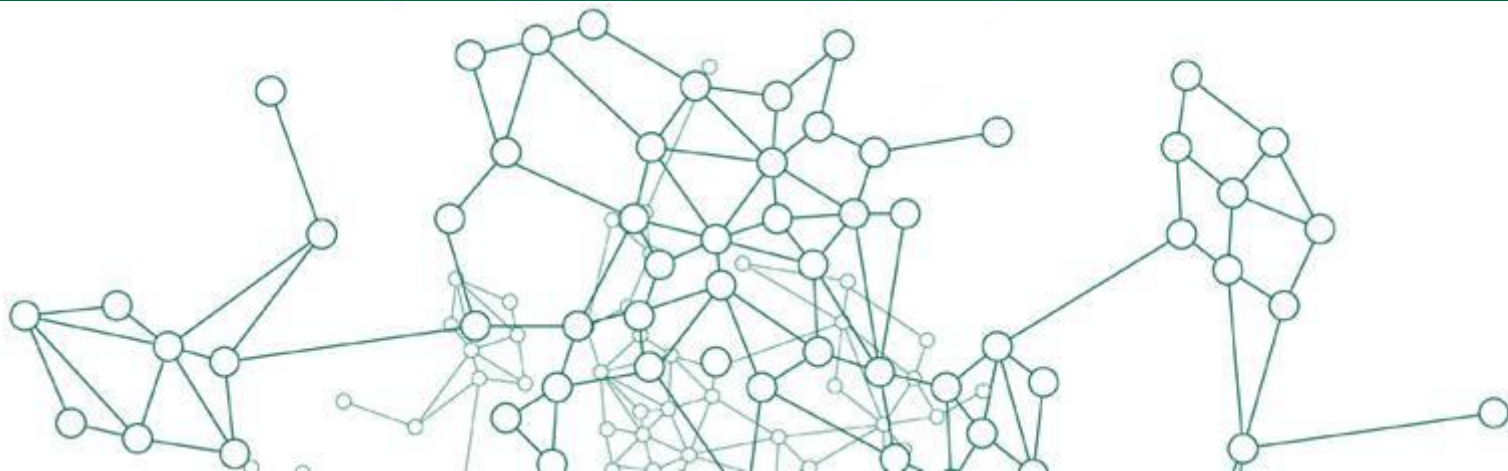
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# The Humboldt Network



# Alumni sponsorship and international networking

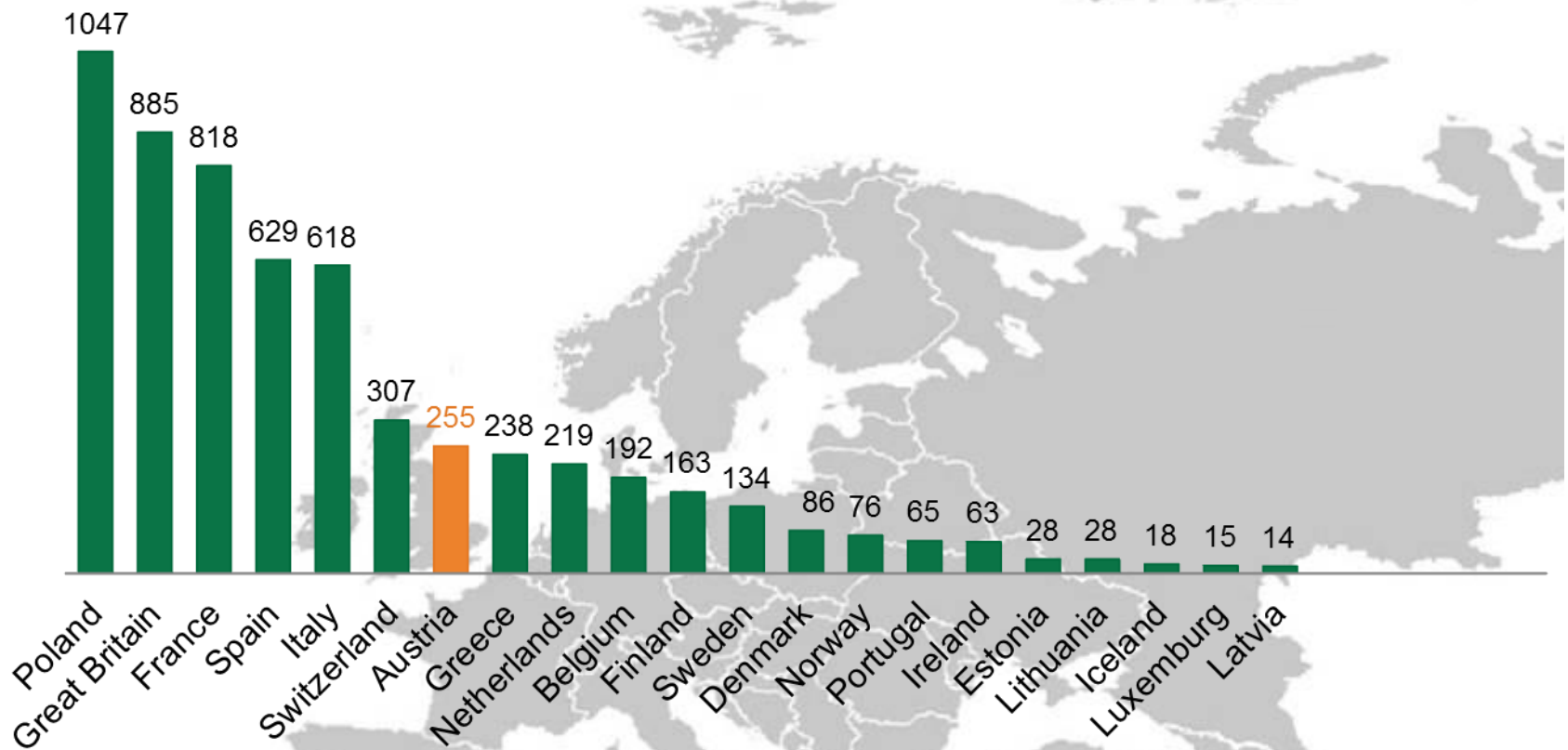
- more than 27,000 Humboldtians in over 140 countries:  
“Once a Humboldtian – always a Humboldtian“
- alumni sponsorship and international networking through e.g.
  - further research stays
  - Humboldt Colloquia and Kollegs
  - Humboldt Alumni Associations
  - Humboldt Alumni Award







# Our Network in Europe



...plus 4977 Humboldtians in Germany



# Humboldt-Klub Austria

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# Thank you!

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