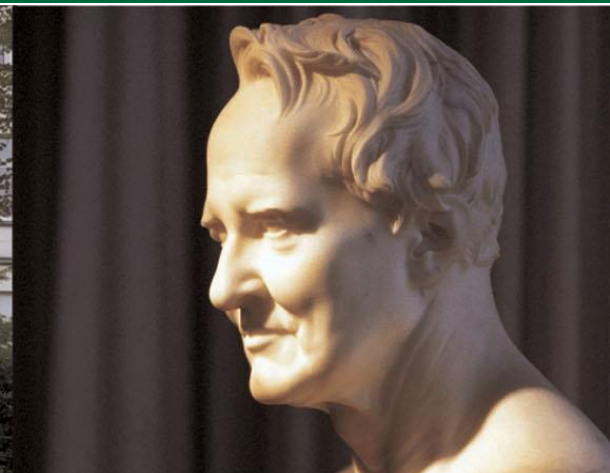




The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide

Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level





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





Historical and intellectual roots

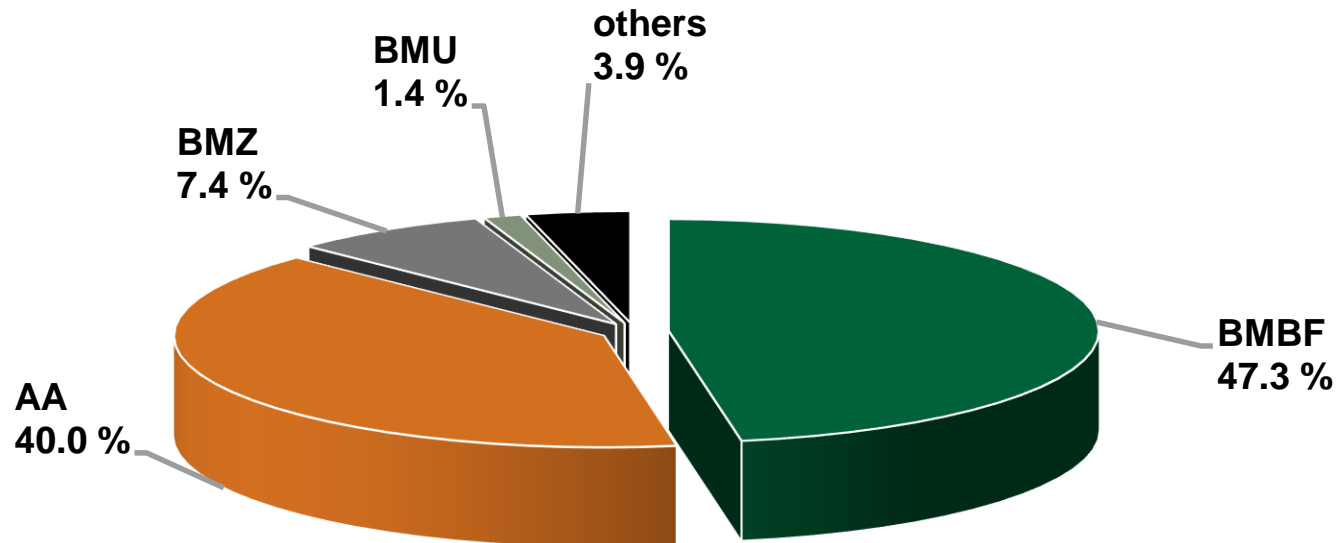
- Alexander von Humboldt (1769 - 1859): discoverer, universal scholar, cosmopolitan and patron of excellent scientific talent
- 1953: establishment of today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation based in Bonn Bad-Godesberg
- international network of academic cooperation and trust inspired by Humboldt's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





The Humboldt Foundation's funding

Budget for 2019*: approx. €142.7 million
Financed by federal funds: approx. 96%



AA: Federal Foreign Office
BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research
BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
BMU: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation
and Nuclear Safety

* according to second draft of 2019 Budget of 14.12.2018



Key Sponsorship Programmes

Flexible sponsorship programmes for cutting-edge researchers at all stages of their careers

for postdoctoral researchers (doctorates completed less than 4 years ago)

- Research Fellowships; 6 to 24 months; €2,650 per month

for junior research group leaders (doctorates completed less than 6 years ago)

- Sofja Kovalevskaja Award; up to €1.65 million, to establish their own junior research group in Germany





Key Sponsorship Programmes

for experienced researchers with an own, clearly defined academic profile

- Research Fellowships
(doctorates completed less than 12 years ago)
6 to 18 months; €3,150 per month
- Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award
(doctorates completed less than 18 years ago)
up to €45,000 ; research stay in Germany; nomination



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



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)

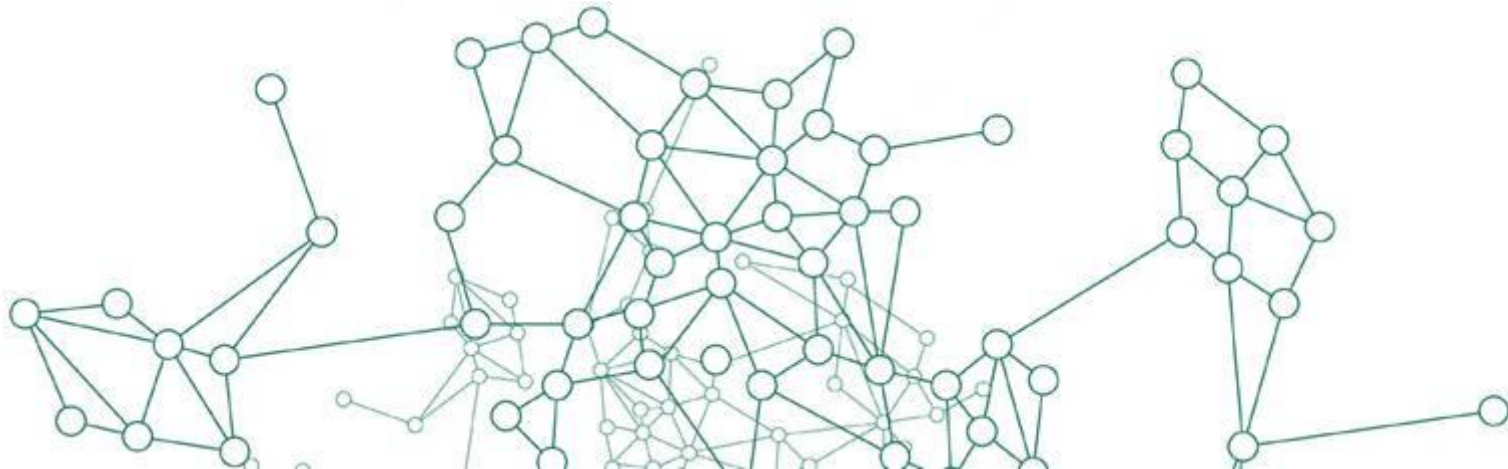




Benefits provided

- 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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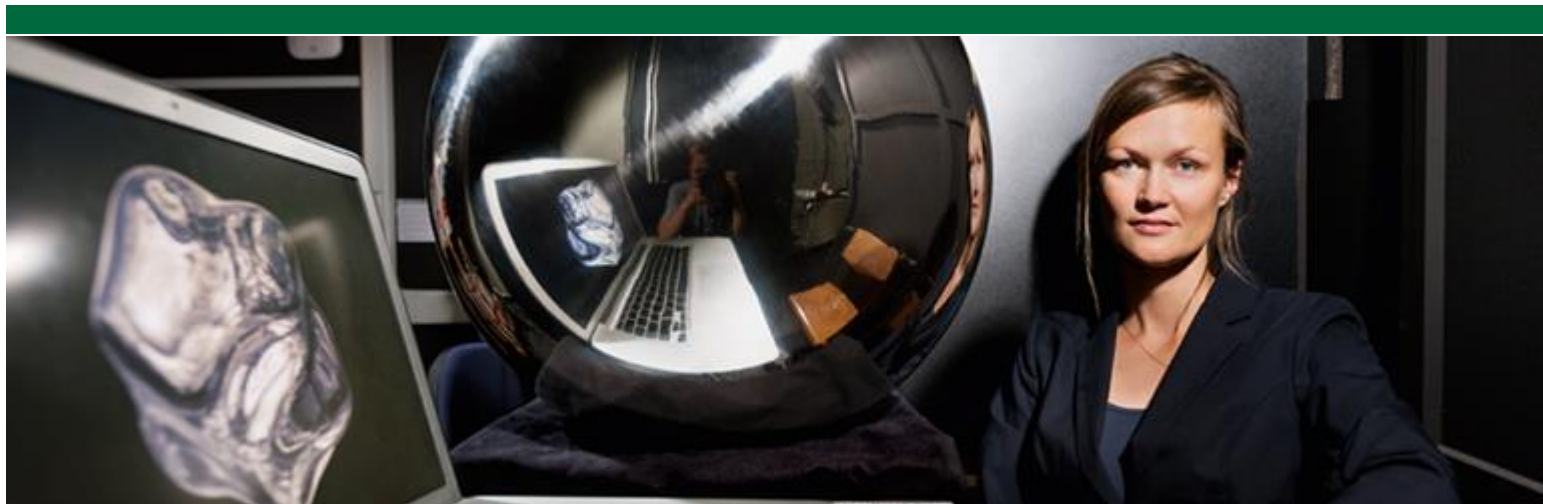




Research awards

Sofja Kovalevskaja Award

- for top level junior academics from abroad
- up to €1.65 million for a period of 5 years
- to establish their own junior research group in Germany
- joint application by the applicant and the host institution





Key Sponsorship Programmes

for internationally recognised cutting-edge researchers

- Humboldt Research Award/Georg Forster Research Award; €60,000; research stay in Germany; nomination
- Alexander von Humboldt Professorship; 3.5 - 5 million euros for a period of 5 years, for the long-term recruitment of established cutting-edge researchers from abroad; nominations by German universities (or joint applications by universities and non-university research institutions)



Alumni sponsorship and international networking

- more than 29,000 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





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