

Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation: Georg Forster Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers

Overview

Programme Description

The grant is intended to support highly-qualified scientists and scholars of all disciplines from [developing and transition states](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf) [\[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf) excluding PR China and India. Candidates are experienced researchers who completed their doctorates less than 12 years ago. The fellowship allows them to conduct their own long-term research project (6 to 18 months) in cooperation with an academic host of their own choice at a research institution in Germany.

Candidates are expected to have their own, clearly defined research profile. The issues treated in the research project must be of high relevance to the continued development of the applicant's country or region of origin.

Target Group

highly-qualified experienced researchers from a developing or transition country. See the list of [eligible countries](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf) [\[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf) here.

Doctorate or comparable academic degree (Ph.D., C.Sc. or equivalent) completed less than twelve years prior to the date of application and the research profile can be documented by a comprehensive list of academic publications reviewed according to international standards and printed in journals and/or by publishing houses.

Academic Requirements

doctorate

If it is not possible or customary to take a doctorate in the candidate's subject or country, an application may be submitted up to 16 years after completing a Master's or Diploma degree, provided that the publication record is commensurate with the candidate's career stage.

Duration

6 to 18 months

Scholarship Value

The fellowship is worth 3,170 EUR per month. The amount includes a mobility lump sum and payments towards health- and liability insurances.

Additional benefits:

- travel allowance
- language grant
- allowances for accompanying family members
- standard allowance for single parents with children accompanying them
- option to additionally extend the research grant, if the fellow is accompanied by children under the age of 12
- subsidy towards research costs to be paid to the hosts
- Europe allowance
- extensive alumni sponsorship

Application Papers

All application forms and further information on the application procedure can be found [here \[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/georg-forster-research-fellowship\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/georg-forster-research-fellowship).

Application Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The Selection Committee responsible for reviewing applications to this programme meets every February, June and October.

Application requirements

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- candidate's own research profile documented by a comprehensive list of academic publications reviewed according to international standards and printed in journals and/or by publishing houses
- research must be of major relevance to the future development of the candidate's country or region of origin
- confirmation that research facilities are available, mentoring agreement and detailed expert's opinion by an academic host at a research institution in Germany
- 2 expert reviews from important collaborative partners and/or academics from the candidate's own institute and, if possible, from abroad
- necessary language skills: humanities or social sciences and medicine: good knowledge of German, if it is necessary to carry out the project successfully, otherwise a good knowledge of English; natural sciences and engineering: good knowledge of German or English
- citizenship as well as habitual place of work and residence in a developing or transition country

Eligible applicants must have lived outside Germany for a minimum of 12 months in total in the 18-month period prior to submitting the application.

Candidates who have completed their school education and one higher-education degree or one higher-education degree and their doctorate in Germany are eligible to apply provided that their habitual place of work and residence has been located in a developing or transition state on the assumption of permanence for at least 5 years.

Please also take note of our [important scholarship information \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/).

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