

# Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers

## Overview

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### Programme Description

Highly-qualified international scientists and scholars from all disciplines who completed their doctorates less than 12 years ago and wish to spend extended periods of research in Germany are invited to apply. Candidates can come from any nation and are expected to have their own, clearly defined research profile: they should typically be working at least at the level of assistant professor or junior research group leader or be able to document independent research work over a number of years.

The fellowship amounts to 3,170 EUR, offering the candidates the opportunity to carry out their own long-term research projects (6 to 18 months) in cooperation with academic hosts of their choice at research institutions in Germany. The sponsorship entails further benefits and may be flexibly divided into a maximum of 3 visits within a range of 3 years. Short-term visits for study and training purposes or for attending conferences are not eligible for sponsorship.

### Target Group

highly-qualified scientists and scholars from any discipline or nation who have completed their doctorates less than 12 years ago

### Academic Requirements

doctorate

### Number of Scholarships

About 500 Fellowships are awarded each year to post-doctoral or experienced researchers.

### 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
- allowance for accompanying family members
- for single-parent fellows: fixed allowance for accompanying children
- option to extend the research grant, if the fellow is accompanied by children under the age of 12
- research cost allowance
- Europe allowance
- extensive alumni sponsorship

### Application Papers

Detailed information on the application and selection procedures can be found [here \[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/humboldt-research-fellowship\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/humboldt-research-fellowship).

## Application Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The Selection Committee responsible for reviewing applications to this programme meets every March, July and November.

## Application requirements

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### Application Requirements

- doctorate or comparable academic degree (Ph.D., C.Sc. or equivalent) awarded no longer than 12 years prior to the date of application. If a doctorate is not possible or usual in the applicant's country of origin or subject, application is possible up to 16 years after gaining a Master's degree or Diplom, provided that the publication record is commensurate with the candidate's career stage
- 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
- confirmation of a research post as well as a detailed letter of recommendation from an academic host at a research institution in Germany
- 2 expert reviews by important cooperation partners and/or academics from the candidate's own institute and, if possible, from outside the candidate's country of origin
- 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

Eligible applicants must have lived outside Germany for a minimum of 12 months in total in the 18-month period prior to submission of the application. Candidates who hold German citizenship are eligible to apply provided that their habitual place of work and residence has been located abroad on the assumption of permanence for at least 5 years. Potential applicants who have completed their school education and one university degree or one university degree and their doctorate in Germany are subject to the regulations governing German citizens.

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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