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Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: Humboldt Research Fellowships

Programme Description

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation awards approximately 600 Humboldt research fellowships a year (for postdoctoral and experienced researchers together). Their purpose is to allow highly qualified young foreign doctorate holders to carry out research projects of their choice in Germany. Applications may be submitted for long-term research visits of at least 6 to a maximum 18 months. A monthly grant of 2,450.00 EUR is currently paid. This may be supplemented by travel and family allowances. Short study or congress trips or specialised training, e.g. for technical equipment, cannot however be financed.

Target Group

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundations uses Humboldt research fellowships for experienced scientists to support long-term research visits (6 to 18 months, may be split into up to 3 visits) to Germany by foreign scientists with above average qualifications who have completed their doctorates no longer than 12 years earlier. Applicants are required to have developed a distinct and individual academic profile. Applicants should therefore generally have at least worked as assistant professors or as young group leaders or be able to provide evidence of several years of independent scientific work. Academics from all over the world specialising in all kinds of disciplines are eligible to apply.

Number of Scholarships

600

Duration

6 to 18 months

Scholarship Value

A monthly grant of 2,450.00 EUR is paid. This includes a standard travel allowance as well as a contribution towards a health and personal liability insurance. Additional payments:

- A monthly subsidy of 800.00 EUR to research costs paid to the host institute (for natural and engineering science research projects) or 500.00 EUR (for humanities and social sciences research projects);
- Language grant for a 2- to 4-month intensive language course for the fellowship holder and spouse at selected language institutes in Germany just before commencement of the research period;
- Standard travel allowance for the research fellowship holder's coming and return journey, unless these costs are born by a third party;
- Additional allowances for accompanying family members for stays of at least 3 months (spouse up to 326.00 EUR and up to 204.00 EUR per child per month);
- Additional Europe allowance for a research visit at a research institute in a different European country (not however the fellowship

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holder's country of origin) for a limited period of time during the duration of the sponsorship, if this is necessary for the conduction of the research project;

- Extensive alumni support after successful completion of the research period, particularly fostering contacts with cooperation partners in Germany throughout the entire scientific career of the Humboldt fellowship holder.

Application Requirements

- 1. Doctorate or comparable academic degree (Ph.D., C.Sc. or equivalent) awarded no longer than 12 years earlier at the time of receipt of the application. If a doctorate is not possible or usual in the country of origin of the applicant, an application can be made up to 16 years after award of a Master's degree or Diplom with a publication output corresponding to the stage in the applicant's career;
- 2. Individual scientific profile of the applicant, substantiated by means of an extensive list of scientific publications in journals and by publishers referenced according to international standard;
- 3. Confirmation of a research post as well as a detailed letter of recommendation from an academic host at a research facility in Germany;
- 4. Reference letters of recommendation from important cooperation partners or academics at the own and other institutes, if possible also from outside the country of origin;
- 5. Language skills: Humanities scholars, social scientists and medics are required to be proficient in German to the extent that this is necessary for successful conduction of the project, otherwise a good knowledge of English is required; natural and engineering scientists are required to have a good command of German or English.

"Potential applicants who have been staying in Germany for over 6 months at the time of application should contact the Humboldt Foundation (info@avh.de) before submitting their application documents, since formal grounds may stand in the way of an application.

Application Papers

Application documents can be downloaded [here](#).

Application Deadline

Applications can be submitted to the AvH at any time. Selection meetings take place three times a year, in March, July and November of each year. Completion and evaluation of applications takes between three and six months.