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### Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdocs

#### Programme Description

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Humboldt postdoctoral research fellowships enable academics from abroad with above average qualifications, who are at the beginning of an academic career who were awarded a doctorate no longer than 4 years earlier, to carry out long-term research in Germany. Academics from all over the world specialising in all kinds of disciplines are eligible to apply. The research projects are conducted in cooperation with the academic hosts at research facilities in Germany. The applicant is responsible for selecting a research project and a host in Germany as well as for producing an independent research plan. A total of about 600 scholarships are allocated within this programme (for postdoctoral and experienced researchers together). A monthly grant of 2,250.00 EUR is paid.

#### Target Group

Academics from abroad with above average qualifications, at the beginning of their academic career, with a doctorate awarded no more than 4 years earlier.

#### Academic Requirements

Doctorate

#### Number of Scholarships

600

#### Duration

6 to 24 months

#### Scholarship Value

A monthly grant of 2,250.00 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 arrival 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 holder's country of origin) for a limited period of time during the sponsorship term, if this is necessary for the conduction of the research project;

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- 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

- Doctorate or comparable academic degree (Ph.D., C.Sc. or equivalent), with the degree having been awarded no longer than 4 years earlier at the time of receipt of the application. If the doctorate is at a stage just before completion, an application can be made on the basis of submission of the thesis manuscript or of publications containing the results of the thesis;
- Academic publications in journals and by publishers referenced according to international standard;
- Confirmation of a research post as well as a detailed letter of recommendation by an academic host at a research facility in Germany; details and the time frame of the research project have to be agreed with the intended host before application;
- Reference letter of recommendation by the supervisor of the doctorate and other academics in a position to provide information about the qualifications of the applicant, from outside the own institute if possible;
- Language skills: Humanities scholars, social scientists and medics are required to have a good knowledge of German to the extent that this is required for successful conduction of the project. Good knowledge of English is required otherwise; natural and engineering scientists are required to have a good knowledge 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](mailto: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.