#### **EXZELLENZ VERBINDET –** BE PART OF A WORLDWIDE NETWORK

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#### WHAT WE DO

- Academic collaborations between excellent international and German researchers
- Sponsorship throughout lifetime
- A network of 30,000 alumni worldwide
- International understanding, diplomacy, scientific progress and development
- Internationalization of Germany as a research location





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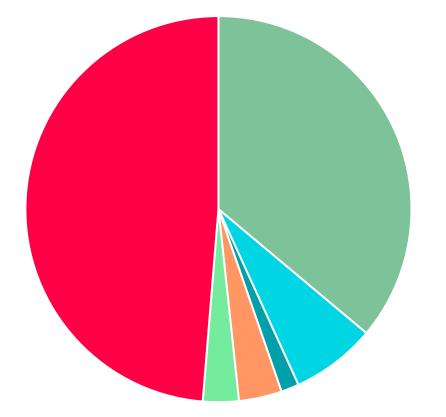
- No quotas, neither for individual countries nor for specific academic disciplines
- The only thing that counts is the applicant's academic record.
- We support people, not projects.





### **HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION** FINANCING

Budget 2024\*: approx. 165.9 mill. euros, 97 percent financed through federal funds



AA	32,7 %
BMZ	7,0 %
AA (IKI)	1,5 %
EU	4,4 %
Others	2,9 %
BMBF	51,5 %

AA: Federal Foreign Office BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development BMZ:

Internationale Klimaschutzinitiative (International Climate Initiative) IKI:

\* according to the 2024 budget



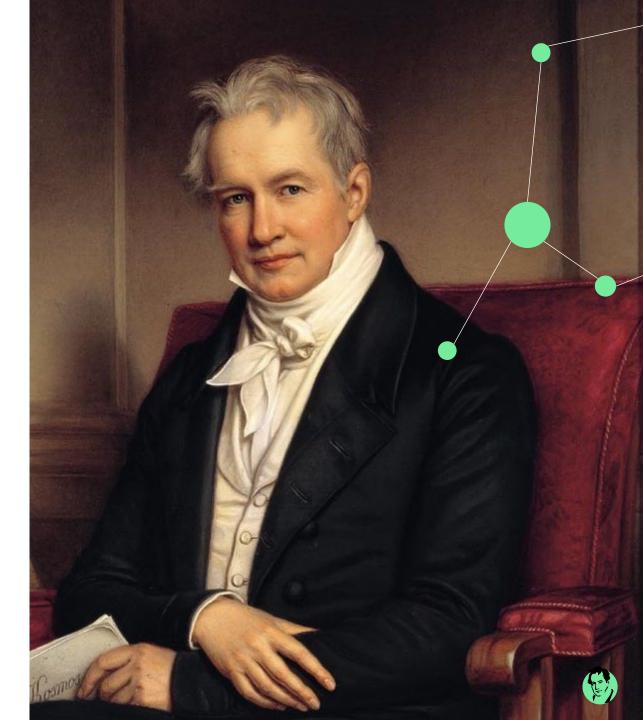
# **OUR ROOTS**

#### Alexander von Humboldt (1769 – 1859):

explorer, universal genius, cosmopolitan and sponsor of excellent scientific talent

**1953:** Establishment of today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, based in Bonn Bad-Godesberg

International network of academic cooperation, modelled on Humboldt



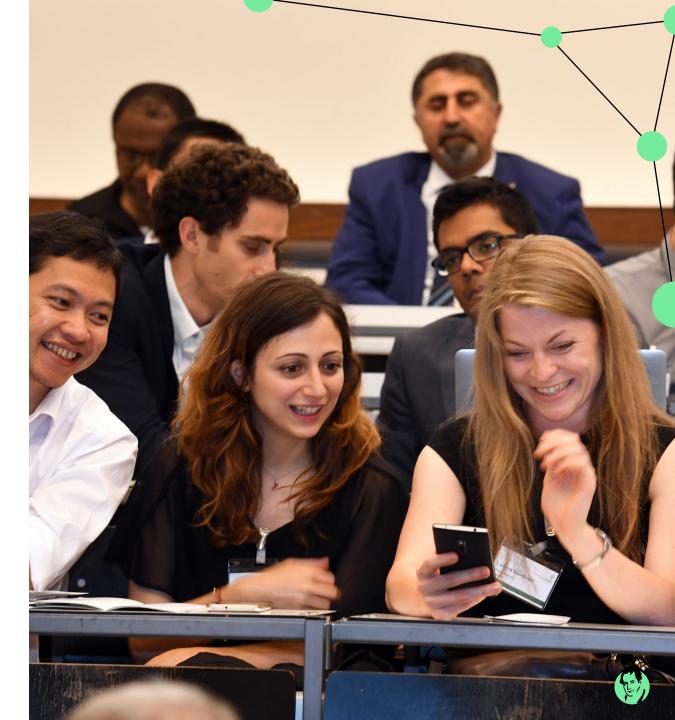
#### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Research topic and academic host / unrestricted selection of collaborative partners in Germany
- From postdocs via experienced researchers to world leaders: research fellowships and research awards for every career situation



# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- online applications at any time to the Foundation directly
- assessment by independent peer reviewers
- decision by independent selection committees
- duration of procedure: approximately 4 to 7 months



# MAJOR SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMMES AT A GLANCE

Researchers from abroad	Researchers from Germany• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship	
<ul> <li>Humboldt Research Fellowship</li> <li>Georg Forster Research Fellowship</li> </ul>		
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Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award		
Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award		
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# **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH STAY IN GERMANY**

#### Humboldt Research Fellowship /Georg Forster Research Fellowship

	Postdoctoral researchers	Experienced researchers		
Duration of sponsorship	6 to 24 months	<ul> <li>6 to 18 months, may be divided up into 3 stays</li> </ul>		
Application period	<ul> <li>applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 4 years ago</li> </ul>	• applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 12 years ago		
Fellowship amount	• €2,700 per month (plus additional benefits)	• €3,200 per month (plus additional benefits)		



# **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Po	ostdoctoral researchers	Ex	perienced researchers
•	above average doctorate	•	independent academic activity, e.g. as an
•	academic publications		assistant professor
•	agreement by academic host	•	comprehensive list of academic publications
•	independent research proposal		with own, clearly defined academic profile
•	knowledge of German and/or English	•	agreement by academic host

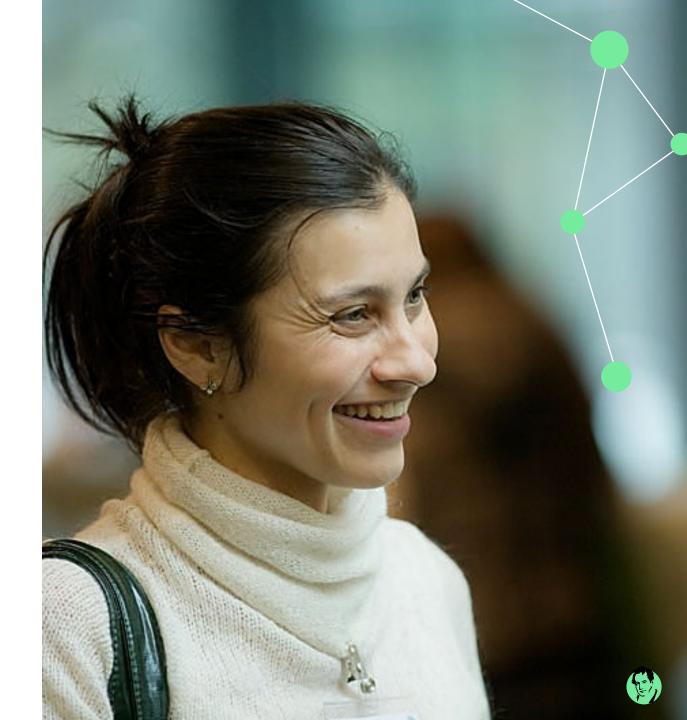
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# BENEFITS PROVIDED

- fellowship
- travel lump sum
- language courses\*
- benefits for families
- benefits for researchers with disabilities or chronic illnesses
- allowance for research costs for the host institute\*

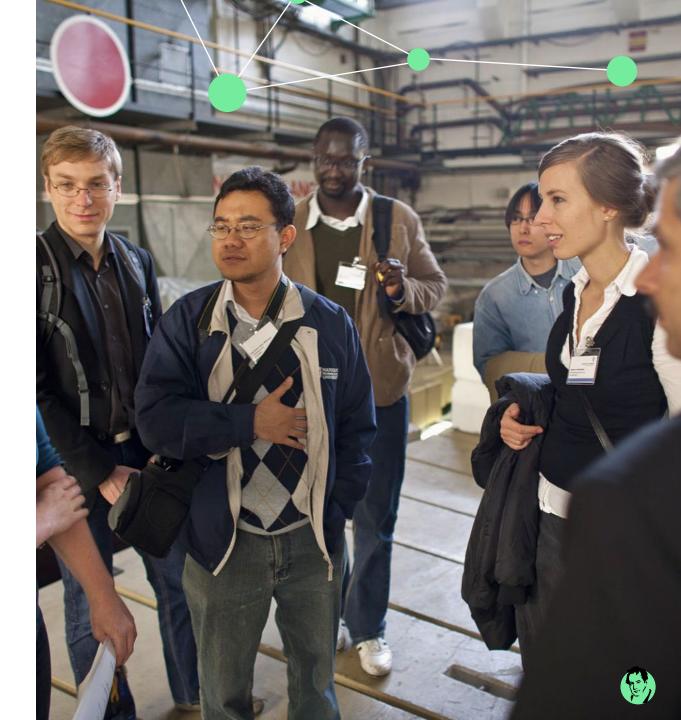
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# BENEFITS PROVIDED

- 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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#### ALUMNI SPONSORSHIP AND NETWORKING

- more than 30,000 Humboldtians in over 140 countries:
   "Once a Humboldtian – always a Humboldtian"
- alumni sponsorship and international networking through e.g.
  - further research stays
  - return fellowships
  - Research Group Linkage Programme
  - Humboldt Colloquia and Kollegs
  - Humboldt Alumni Associations
  - Humboldt Alumni Award

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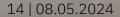


# **OUR NETWORK**

#### **IDEAS CAN ONLY BEAR FRUIT IF THEY TAKE ROOT IN MANY** MINDS.

Alexander von Humboldt

- World-spanning Humboldt Network transcending the boundaries of disciplines and countries
- Scientific solutions to the challenges of our times
- A network of trust and understanding





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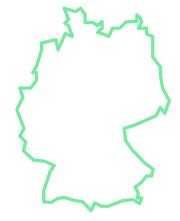




**950** Awards and

fellowships every year

Alumni in more than **140** countries



2,300

Research stays in Germany every year





Humboldtians across the world

61 Nobel laureates **40** 

Conferences and meetings across the world every year

109

Humboldt alumni associations worldwide







#### **THANK YOU!**