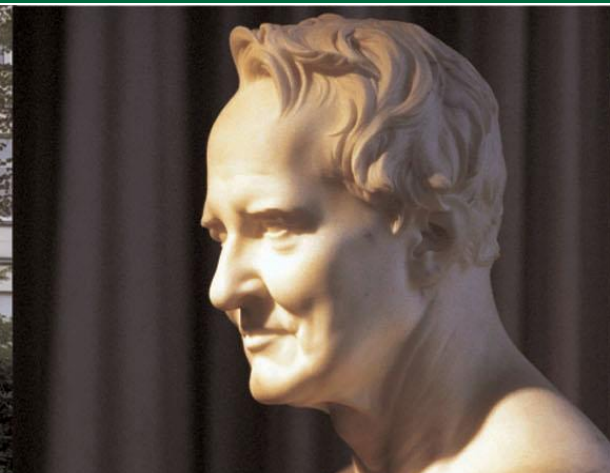




The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide

Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level





The Humboldt Foundation's areas of work

- sponsorship of international academics as a part of foreign cultural and educational policy
- strengthening cutting-edge research through internationalisation
- impetus for the research location Germany by promoting individuals
- advancing development through academic cooperation
- furthering mobility in the European context
- **main activity is sponsoring postdoctoral research fellowships**





Principles of the Foundation

- sole selection criterion: academic excellence
- no quotas for countries or disciplines
- sponsorship of people, not projects
- free choice of academic host/collaborative partner in Germany
- independent research, not stipulated by the Foundation





Key Sponsorship Programmes

Flexible sponsorship programmes for cutting-edge researchers at all stages of their careers

for postdoctoral researchers (doctorates completed less than 4 years ago)

- Research Fellowships; 6 to 24 months; 2,650 EUR per month

for junior research group leaders (doctorates completed less than 6 years ago)

- Sofja Kovalevskaja Award; up to 1.65 mill. EUR, to establish their own junior research group in Germany





Key Sponsorship Programmes

for experienced researchers with their own, clearly defined academic profile

- Research Fellowships
(doctorates completed less than 12 years ago)
6 to 18 months; 3,150 EUR per month
- Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award
(doctorates completed less than 18 years ago)
up to 45,000 EUR; research stay in Germany; nomination





Key Sponsorship Programmes

for internationally recognised cutting-edge researchers

- Humboldt Research Award; 60,000 EUR; research stay in Germany; nomination
- Alexander von Humboldt Professorship; 3.5 - 5 million EUR for a period of 5 years, for the long-term recruitment of established cutting-edge researchers from abroad; nominations by German universities (or joint applications by universities and non-university research institutions, e.g., MPI)



Alumni sponsorship and international networking

- more than 26,000 Humboldtians in over 130 countries:
“Once a Humboldtian – always a Humboldtian“
- alumni sponsorship and international networking through e.g.
 - further research stays
 - Research Group Linkage Programme
 - Humboldt Colloquia and Kollegs
 - Humboldt Alumni Associations
 - Humboldt Alumni Award
 - Feodor Lynen programme for German postdoctoral researchers





Typical experiences of the AvH programme

- Choice of research host with right fit for Fellow's interests
- Chance to work with an internationally leading research host
- Independent research on a topic of Fellow's choice
- Chance to publish work from a project driven by the Fellow, providing a good career springboard
- Forge contacts with other early career researchers
- Opportunity to gain a good level or even fluency in German
- Membership of the prestigious von Humboldt 'family'
- Eligibility to host Feodor Lynen postdoc researchers from Germany





The UK AvH Association

- provides a point of contact for all Humboldtians based in UK
- good way of networking with other academics in UK
- broad mix of academics from sciences and humanities
- close contact with the German Embassy
- annual meeting open to all Humboldtians
- opportunity to meet others and hear a range of talks
- chance to present a talk or a poster on your work
- Financial support for young Humboldtians to attend





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