

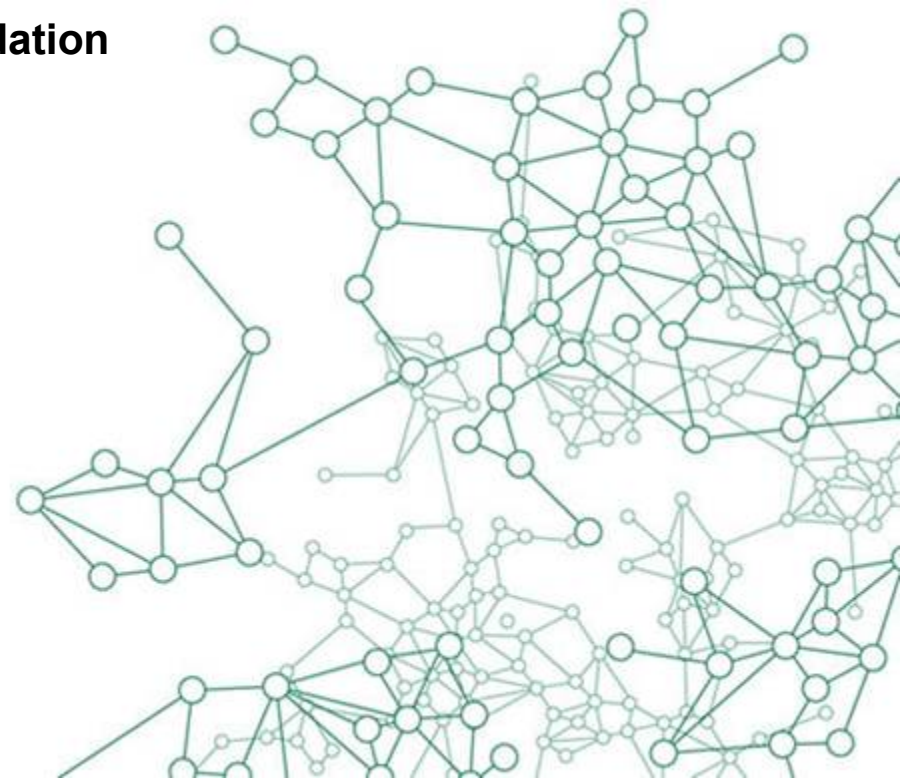


Exzellenz verbindet – be part of a worldwide network

Funding Opportunities by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Mira Albus
Selection Department

Research in Europe
25 November 2021

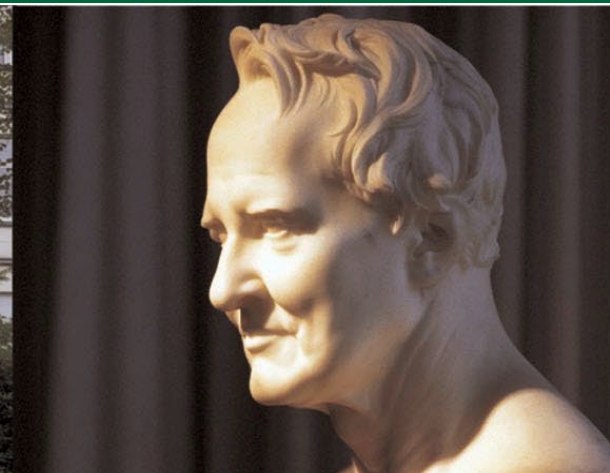




The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide

Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level





Principles of the Foundation

- **no quotas** for countries or disciplines
- sole selection criterion: **academic excellence**
- **sponsorship of people**, not projects
- **independent scientific research**, bottom-up and investigator-driven
- **equal opportunities** for female researchers
- **flexible sponsorship options** for different career stages and during the entire scientific career through Alumni sponsorship measures



Become part of the international Humboldt Family

- Become part of an ever-growing **international network**
- Get in touch with peers, rising stars and international top scientists
- Benefit from our networking and sponsorship opportunities – **for a lifetime!**

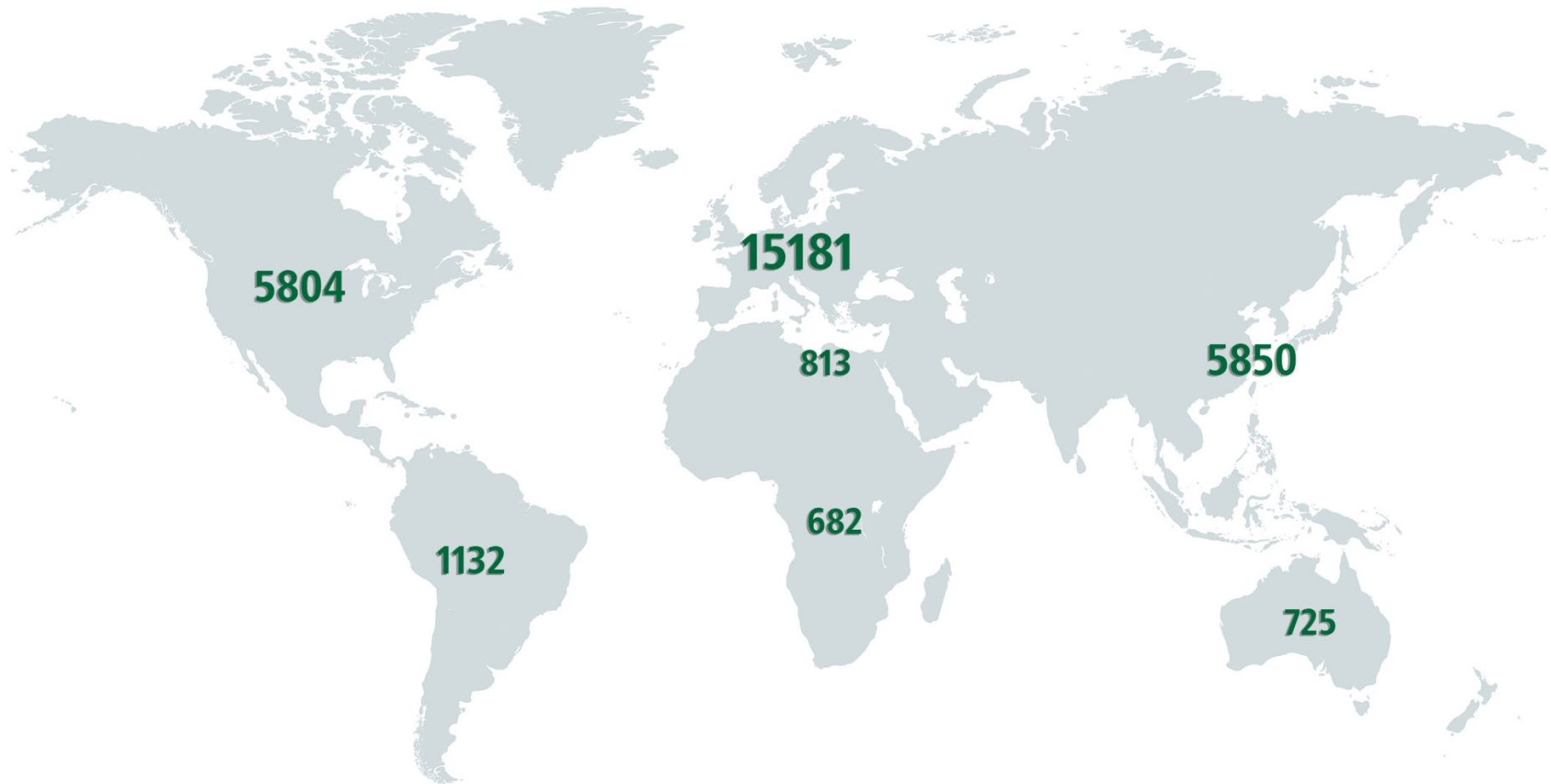
... Once a Humboldtian, always a Humboldtian!





Humboldt is everywhere

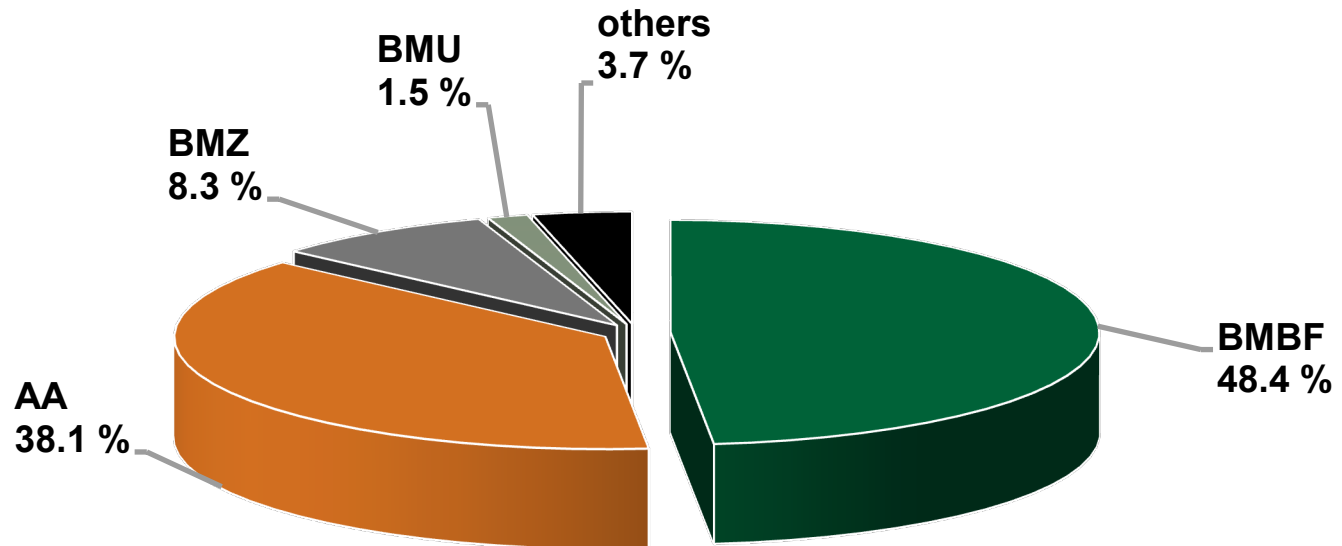
Over **30,000 Humboldtians** from all disciplines and more than 140 countries make up the global Humboldt Network...





The Humboldt Foundation's funding

Budget for 2021*: approx. €148.6 million
Financed by federal funds: approx. 96%



AA: Federal Foreign Office
BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research
BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
BMU: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation
and Nuclear Safety

* according to first draft of 2021 Budget of 12.11.2020



Key sponsorship programmes at a glance

	Academics from abroad	Academics from Germany
Postdoctoral researchers (up to 4 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt Research Fellowship• Georg Forster Research Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship
Experienced researchers (up to 12 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt Research Fellowship• Georg Forster Research Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship
(up to 15 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award	
(up to 18 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award	
Internationally renowned academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt Research Award• Georg Forster Research Award• Alexander von Humboldt Professorship and Alexander von Humboldt Professorship for Artificial Intelligence	



The Feodor Lynen Fellowship Programme

- **Who is funded?**
 - researchers from Germany who want to carry out long-term research abroad in collaboration with members of the Humboldt Network
- **What is being funded?**
 - a 6–24 month research stay (postdocs)
 - a 6–18 month research stay, can be divided into up to 3 stays (experienced researchers)
- **Who can host you as a Lynen Fellow?**
 - members of the Humboldt Network who are established at a research institution abroad plus awardees of selected international research prizes

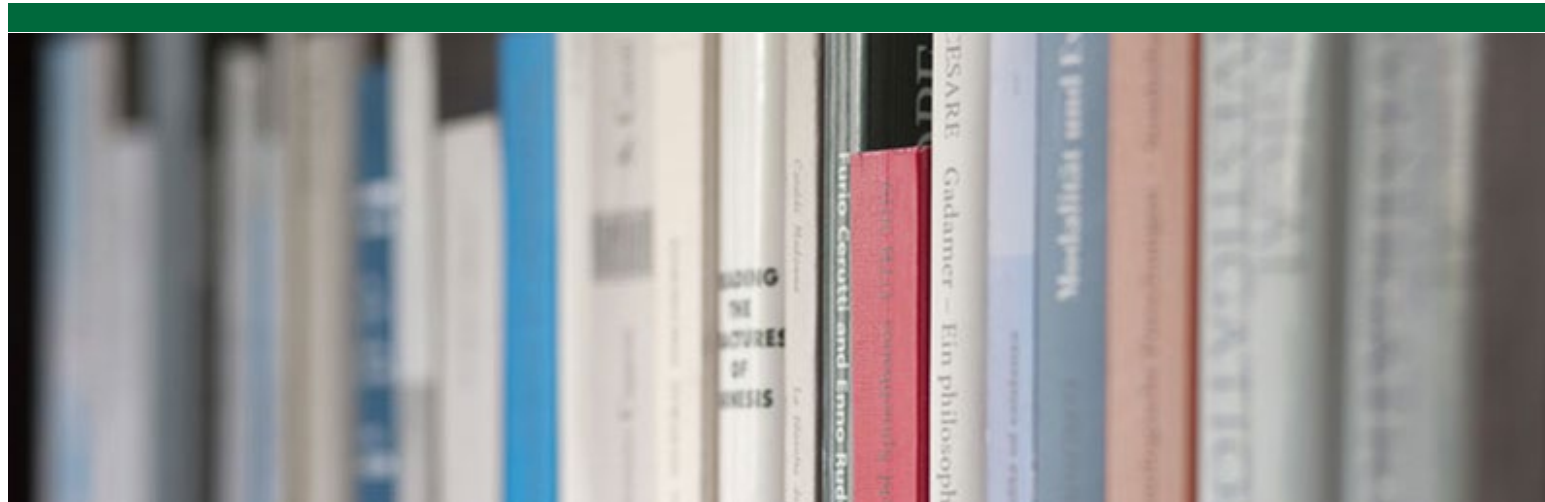




Who can be my academic host abroad?

Members of the Humboldt Network abroad, e.g.

- any researchers who have been sponsored by the Humboldt Foundation
- any hosts who have already supervised researchers who were sponsored by the Humboldt Foundation
- any (former) members of a Humboldt Foundation selection committee
- any participants in the Frontiers of Research Symposia organised by the Humboldt Foundation
- in addition, scientists or scholars who have been awarded one of the selected international research prizes



How to find an academic host?



[Home](#) / [Apply](#) / [Sponsorship programmes](#) / [Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship](#) / [Feodor Lynen: Search for a host](#)

Alexander von Humboldt
Stiftung/Foundation

Feodor Lynen: Search for a host

Search the pool of some 15,000 potential hosts across the world.

15650 search results

Sorted by: selection date

Search term

Q Search term

Select discipline

Current address

Country

Select

Town

Select

Institution

Select 

Search

Reset filters

- Fields Medal
- Holberg Prize
- Johan Skytte Prize
- King Faisal Prize
- Kyoto Prize
- Lasker Award
- L'Oreal-UNESCO-Prize "For Women in Science"
- Nobel Prize
- Princess of Asturias Awards
- Shaw Prize



Search the pool of some 15,000 potential hosts across the world.*

Researchers who are not included in this online search can also become hosts – provided that they work abroad and

- are a member of the Humboldt Network or
- have received one of the international academic awards cited below the filter.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact [info\[at\]lavh.de](mailto:info[at]lavh.de).

*For reasons of data protection, we only publish the names of individuals and institutes but not personal details.

Prof. Dr. Oliver Peter Ernst →

Program: Konrad Adenauer Research Award Programme

Selection date: November 2020

Business address (at time of selection): University of Toronto, Canada

Origin country: Canada.

Area of expertise: Structural Biology

Host: Prof. Dr. U. Benjamin Kaupp (Forschungszentrum caesar, Bonn, Germany)

Prof. Dr. M. Denise Dearing

Program: Humboldt Research Award Programme

Selection date: October 2020

Business address (at time of selection): University of Utah, Salt Lake

City, United States of America

Origin country: United States of America

Area of expertise: Animal Biochemistry and Physiology

Host: Prof. Dr. Jonathan Gershenzon (Max-Planck-Institut für Chemische Ökologie, Jena, Germany)

Prof. Dr. Yong Zhu →

Program: Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award Programme

Selection date: October 2020

Business address (at time of selection): North Carolina State University



Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship benefits

During the initial sponsorship period:

- monthly fellowship rate of 1.750 €
- foreign allowance (the fellowship amount varies according to destination and personal circumstances/family status)
- monthly allowance for direct research costs of 250 €
- travel lump sum
- family allowance, child-rearing support
- invitation to network meetings
- contact person at the Humboldt Foundation





Benefits for families

Benefits for families

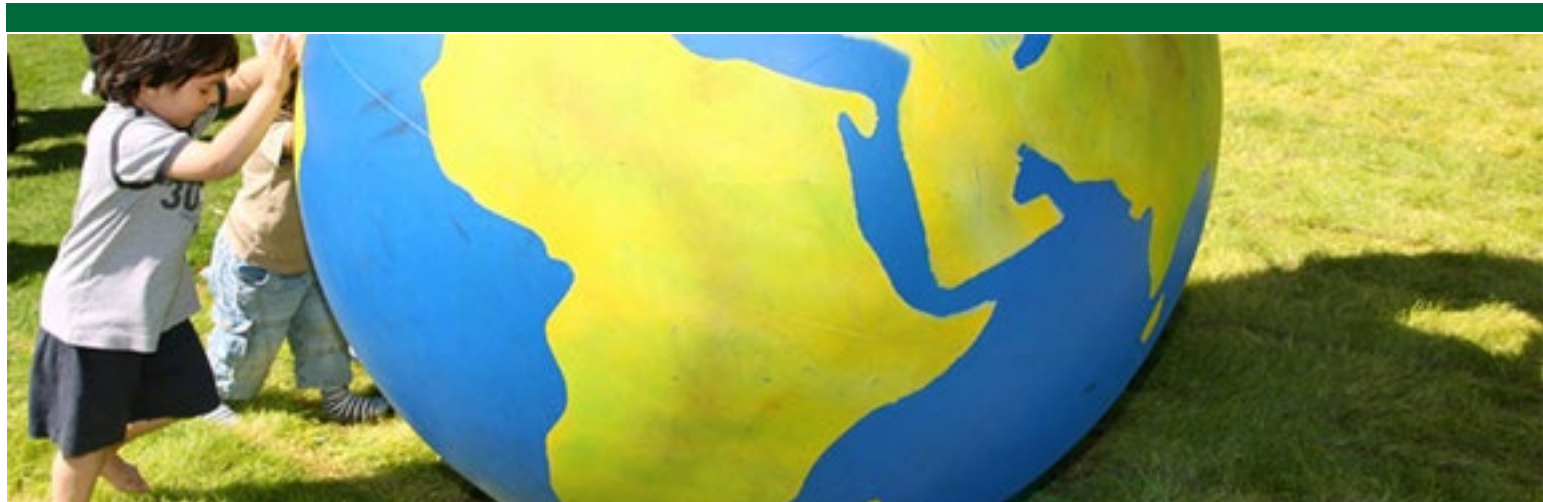
- flat-rate child allowance of 400 € per month for the first child and 100 € per month for every additional child under the age of 18 living in the same household as the fellow

Extension of the research fellowship



- up to 12 months if accompanied abroad by at least one child under the age of 12

Allowance for childcare costs (up to 21.000 €)

- as an alternative to an extension; can be combined



Example Fellowship Rates





Start / Bewerben / Förderprogramme / Feodor Lynen-Forschungsstipendium
/ Stipendienrechner für Feodor Lynen-Stipendien

Alexander von Humboldt
Stiftung/Foundation

Pflichtfelder sind mit * markiert.

Stipendiat(in)

Zielland *  [Hinweis](#)

USA (allgemein) 

Ehepartner(in)

Zutreffenden Status auswählen

☐ Ich bin verheiratet


☒ Mein(e) Ehepartner(in) begleitet mich

☐ Mein(e) Ehepartner(in) hat ein monatliches Einkommen von 450,00 € oder mehr


☐ Mein(e) Ehepartner(in) hat ein eigenes Stipendium von deutscher Seite

Kinder

Anzahl meiner Kinder unter 18 Jahren

1 

Anzahl meiner Kinder unter 18 Jahren, die mich begleiten werden

1 

☒ Ich erhalte Kindergeld für meine Kinder.

[Stipendienbetrag berechnen](#)

Berechneter Stipendienbetrag

Stipendien-Grundbetrag	1750 €
Auslandszuschlag (ggfs. inkl. Kaufkraftausgleich)	1507 €
Sachmittelpauschale	250 €
Weitere Leistungen ggfs. auf Antrag:	
Kinderzulage für Kinder unter 18 Jahre: 400,00 EUR für das 1. Kind, je 100,00 EUR für jedes weitere Kind.	400 €
Keine Ersatzleistung für Kindergeld, weil Sie Kindergeld beziehen.	
Auslandszuschlag für Kinder (ggfs. unter Berücksichtigung der Begleitung im Ausland).	248 €
Summe (Betrag für einen Monat)	4155 €



Research Fellowships Japan/Taiwan

In the framework of the Feodor Lynen Programme, the Humboldt Foundation is responsible for the pre-selection of German post-doctoral researchers for the fellowships of the

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

- research stays lasting 6 to 24 months in Japan and

Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)

- research stays lasting 3 to 12 months in Taiwan



Once a Humboldtian, always a Humboldtian!

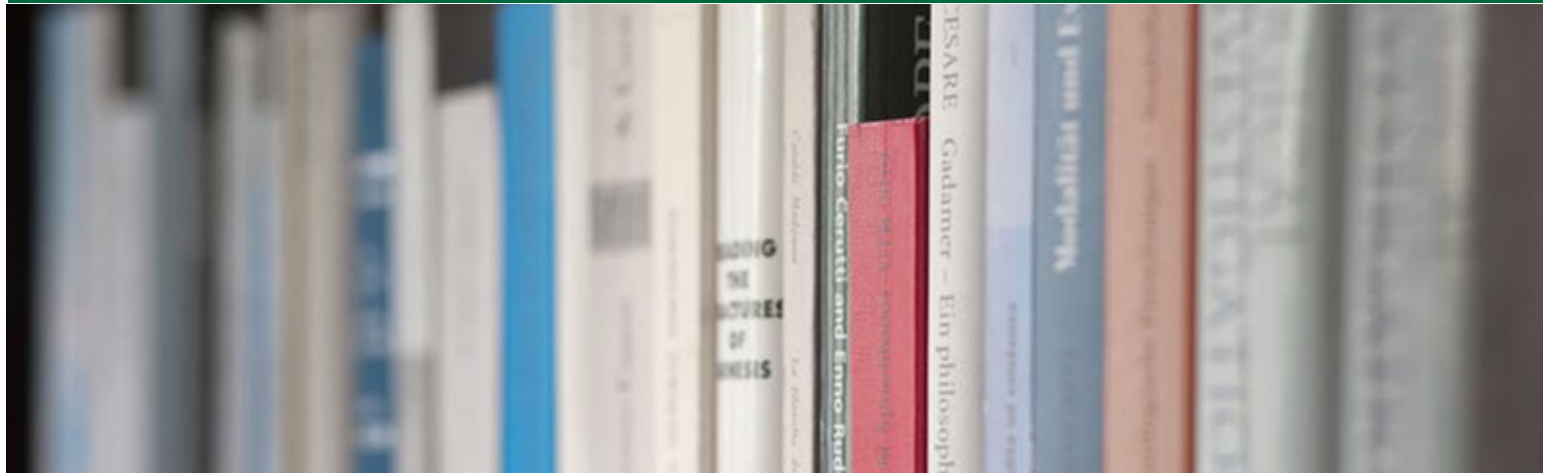
After the initial sponsorship period abroad:

- Feodor Lynen return fellowships (up to 12 months; 3.000 € p.m.)
- alumni sponsorship
 - short research stays abroad
 - invitations of Humboldtians to Germany
 - printing cost subsidies
- network meetings & annual meeting offer possibilities for interdisciplinary contacts
- Humboldt Alumni Association in Germany





Application and Selection procedure



Application requirements

Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships

Postdoctoral researchers (less than 4 years after PhD)

- above average doctorate
- academic publications
- agreement by academic host
- independent research proposal
- good knowledge of the language spoken in the host country or at least a very good knowledge of English

Experienced researchers (less than 12 years after PhD)

- independent academic activity, e.g. as an assistant professor
- comprehensive list of academic publications with own, clearly defined academic profile
- agreement by academic host
- independent research proposal
- good knowledge of the language spoken in the host country or at least a very good knowledge of English

Note for parents: Child-rearing periods in which you interrupted your academic career after the completion of your doctorate may be taken into account with regard to the career stage



Application requirements

➤ **As a researcher working in Germany** without German citizenship...

you can apply, if you...

1. are already integrated in the German science system
2. are working in Germany in a scientific capacity at the time of application and have your primary residence in Germany
3. intend to come back into the German science system after your planned stay abroad
4. been in the host country for less than six months within the last 18 months prior to submitting your application

You are integrated in the German science system if you...

- have been working in Germany in a scientific capacity for at least five years at the time of application **or**
- completed your school education and a university degree, or a university degree and a doctorate, in Germany, and Germany is your principal country of residence and work at the time of application.



Application documents to submit:

- **online application form** via AvH website, including:
 - key publication list
 - key publications
 - complete publication list
 - research outline (to be agreed upon with your host in advance)
 - doctoral certificate
- **host statement** and confirmation of research facilities
- **two reference letters**
 - postdoctoral researchers: reference from your doctoral supervisor plus one additional reference
 - experienced researchers: two references from important collaborative partners, e.g. academics from the candidates own institute and, if possible, from abroad
- **Host statement and reference letters have to be uploaded to your application to successfully submit your application**



Selection Procedure

- Applications may be submitted online to the Humboldt Foundation at any time
- Examination of applications with regard to formal eligibility and completeness
- Evaluation through independent peer reviewers
- Decision by independent selection committees
- Three selection meetings per year (in February, June and October)
- Procedure takes a total of 5-7 months





Assessment criteria for selection

- academic record and academic performance to date
- quality of key publications
- originality and innovation potential of the suggested research outline
- the applicant's future potential

for experienced researchers additionally:

- clearly visible independent research profile
- success rate of approx. 40 %





Hints & Tips

- prepare your application well in advance and calculate with some extra time
- take your time to find an adequate academic host
- choose the appropriate time to submit your application (PhD (almost) completed? Prior stays in the host country?)
- postdoctoral researchers should ensure that the key findings of their doctoral thesis are already published
- the research outline should not be a direct continuation of the doctoral thesis or of the academic work carried out to date
- choose the keywords to define your research topic and the key publications carefully





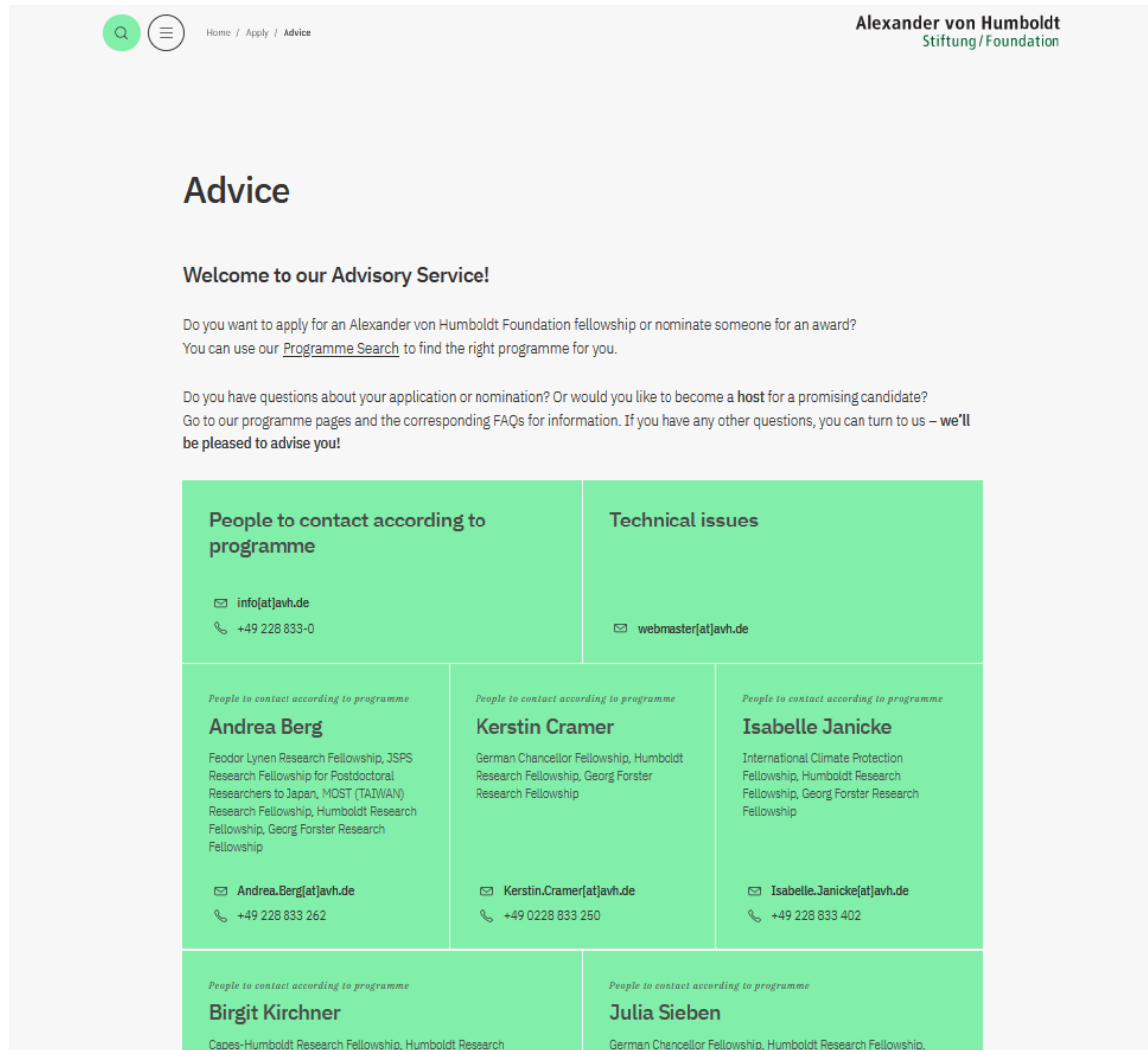
Hints & Tips

experienced researchers should:

- have sufficiently published in first/corresponding authorship
- clearly demonstrate academic breadth in their research topic(s)
- have shown a clear continued academic development in their career
- be academically independent



- You can find the right contact person for each programme on our website:



The screenshot shows the 'Advice' page of the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung/Foundation website. The page has a light blue header with a search icon, a menu icon, and the text 'Home / Apply / Advice'. The main content area is white and features a large 'Advice' heading. Below this, there is a 'Welcome to our Advisory Service!' section with two paragraphs of text. The bottom of the page is a grid of contact information for various programmes, organized into two columns. Each contact card includes a name, a list of programmes, an email address, and a phone number.

Alexander von Humboldt
Stiftung/Foundation

Advice

Welcome to our Advisory Service!

Do you want to apply for an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fellowship or nominate someone for an award?
You can use our [Programme Search](#) to find the right programme for you.

Do you have questions about your application or nomination? Or would you like to become a **host** for a promising candidate?
Go to our programme pages and the corresponding FAQs for information. If you have any other questions, you can turn to us – **we'll be pleased to advise you!**

People to contact according to programme		Technical issues
<p>Andrea Berg</p> <p>Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship, JSPS Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers to Japan, MOST (TAIWAN) Research Fellowship, Humboldt Research Fellowship, Georg Forster Research Fellowship</p> <p>✉ Andrea.Berg[at]avh.de</p> <p>☎ +49 228 833 262</p>	<p>Kerstin Cramer</p> <p>German Chancellor Fellowship, Humboldt Research Fellowship, Georg Forster Research Fellowship</p> <p>✉ Kerstin.Cramer[at]avh.de</p> <p>☎ +49 0228 833 250</p>	<p>✉ webmaster[at]avh.de</p>
<p>Isabelle Janicke</p> <p>International Climate Protection Fellowship, Humboldt Research Fellowship, Georg Forster Research Fellowship</p> <p>✉ Isabelle.Janicke[at]avh.de</p> <p>☎ +49 228 833 402</p>		
<p>Birgit Kirchner</p> <p>Capes-Humboldt Research Fellowship, Humboldt Research Fellowship</p>	<p>Julia Sieben</p> <p>German Chancellor Fellowship, Humboldt Research Fellowship,</p>	



Contact and Information



www.humboldt-foundation.de



Email our advisory team at info@avh.de



+49 228 833-0



[@AvHStiftung](https://twitter.com/AvHStiftung)



www.youtube.com/AvHStiftung

