



Exzellenz verbindet – be part of a worldwide network

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The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide

Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level





Historical and intellectual roots

- Alexander von Humboldt (1769 - 1859): discoverer, universal scholar, cosmopolitan and patron of excellent scientific talent
- 1953: establishment of today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation based in Bonn Bad-Godesberg
- international network of academic cooperation and trust inspired by Humboldt's example





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





Principles of the Foundation

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





Equal opportunities for female academics

Statistics for all programmes combined (2021):

- one third of all applicants/nominees are female
- one third of all sponsorships are awarded to female academics

Equal opportunity measures:

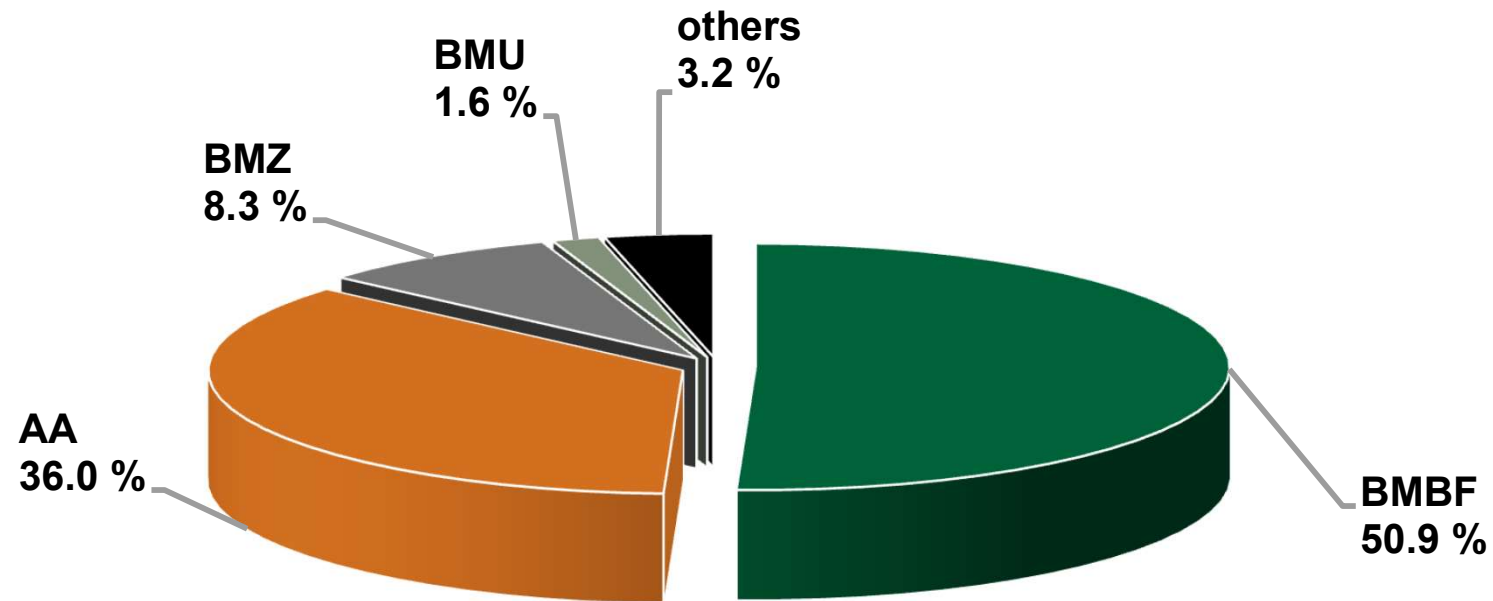
- fellowship extension or interruption
- allowances to support childcare
- targeted counselling and provision of information





The Humboldt Foundation's funding

Budget for 2022*: approx. €148.9 million
Financed by federal funds: approx. 97%



AA: Federal Foreign Office

BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research

BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

BMUV: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection

* according to second draft of 2022 Budget of 5.11..2021 (plus second government draft federal budget)



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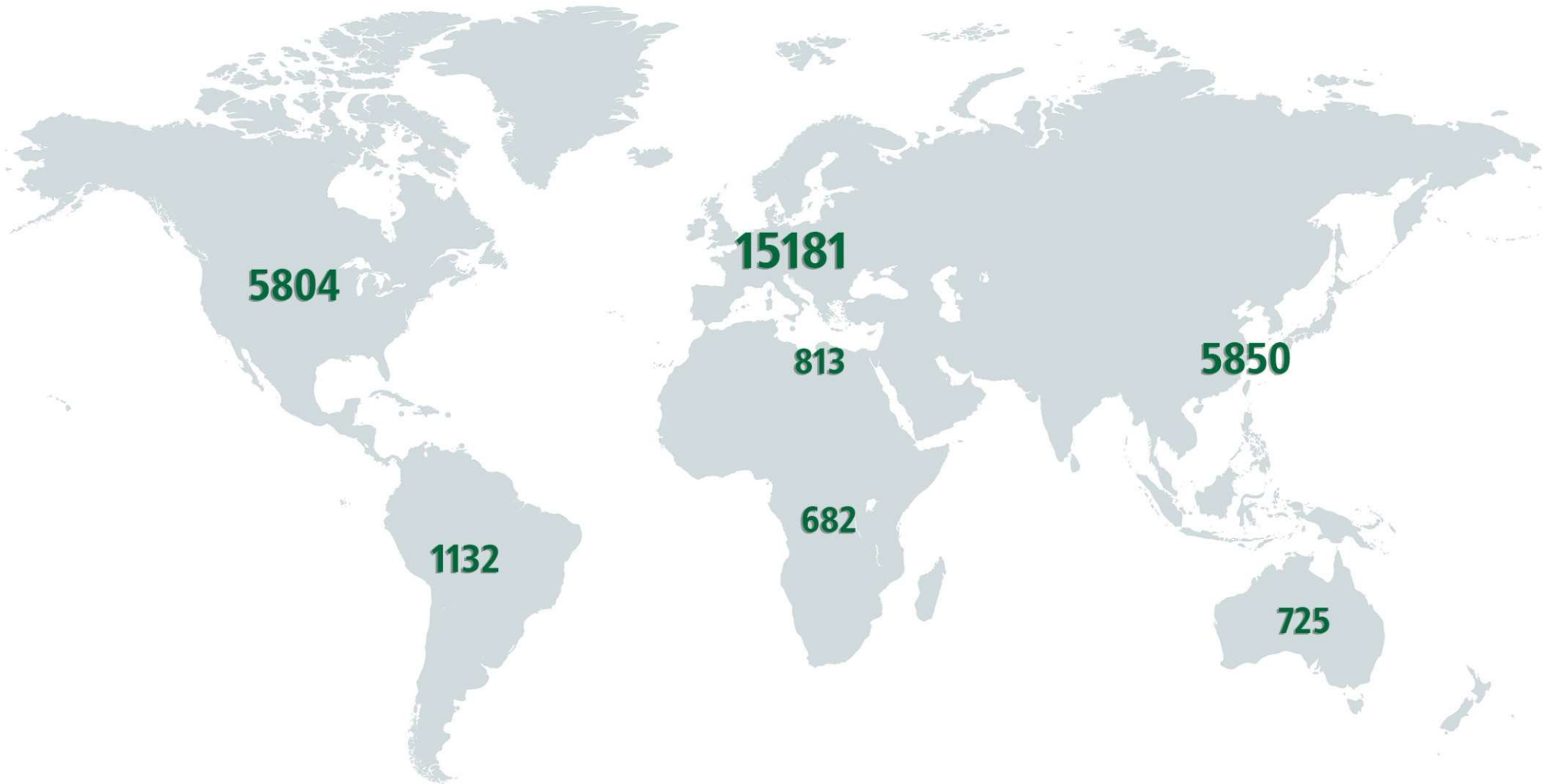
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The Humboldt Network – more than 30,000 Humboldtians worldwide



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Humboldt Rankings (2015-2019)

Where are the Top 20 host universities from the 2020 Humboldt Ranking

Distribution of the leading 20 host universities in Germany by weighted ranking (sponsored individuals per 100 professors)

X Weighted ranking **XX** Number of sponsored individuals per 100 professors

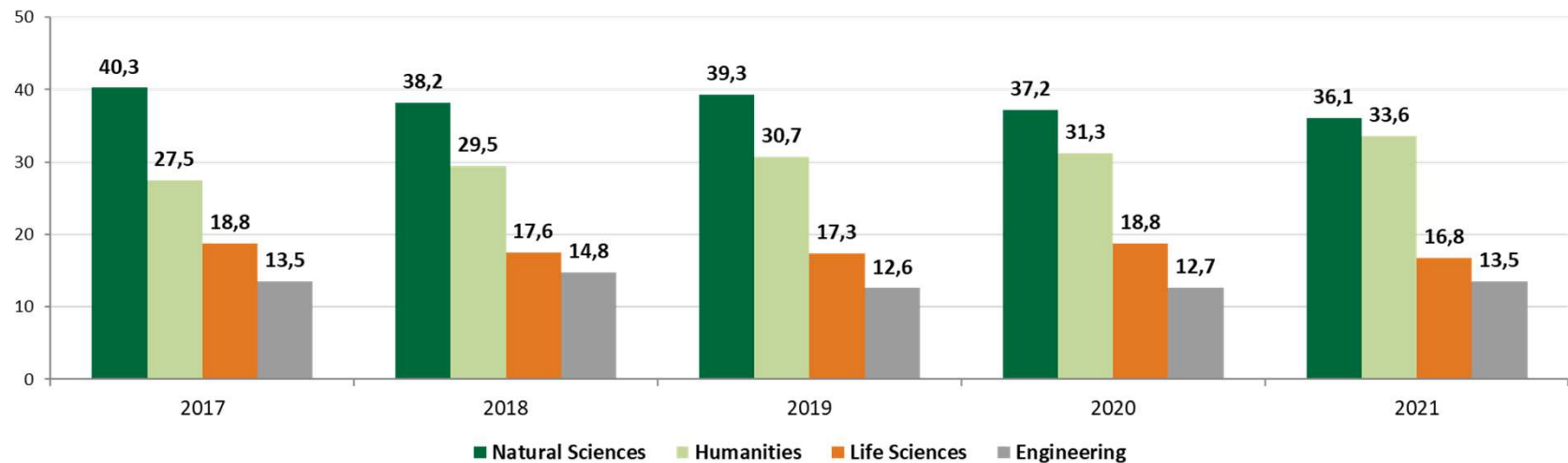
- 1** Freie Universität Berlin **121**
- 2** Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin **88**
- 3** Universität München **71**
- 4** Technische Universität Berlin **63**
- 5** Technische Universität München **61**
- 6** University of Göttingen **59**
- 7** Jacobs University Bremen **52**
- 8** University of Bonn **49**
- 9** University of Potsdam **48**
- 10** University of Konstanz **47**



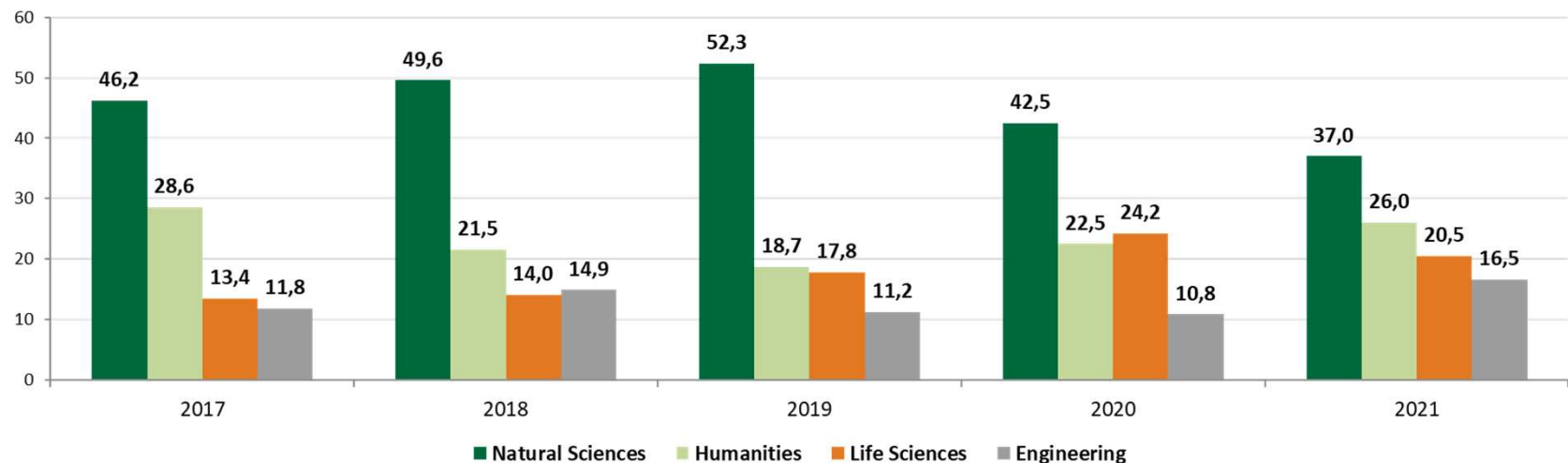
- 11** Heidelberg University **46**
- 12** University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover **45**
- 13** Universität Bochum **44**
- 14** Universität Würzburg **43**
- 15** Universität Regensburg **42**
- 16** University of Münster **42**
- 17** Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) **42**
- 18** University of Cologne **42**
- 19** University of Bayreuth **41**
- 20** Bielefeld University **38**

Fellowships and awards granted according to discipline

Fellowships 2017-2021 (in percent)

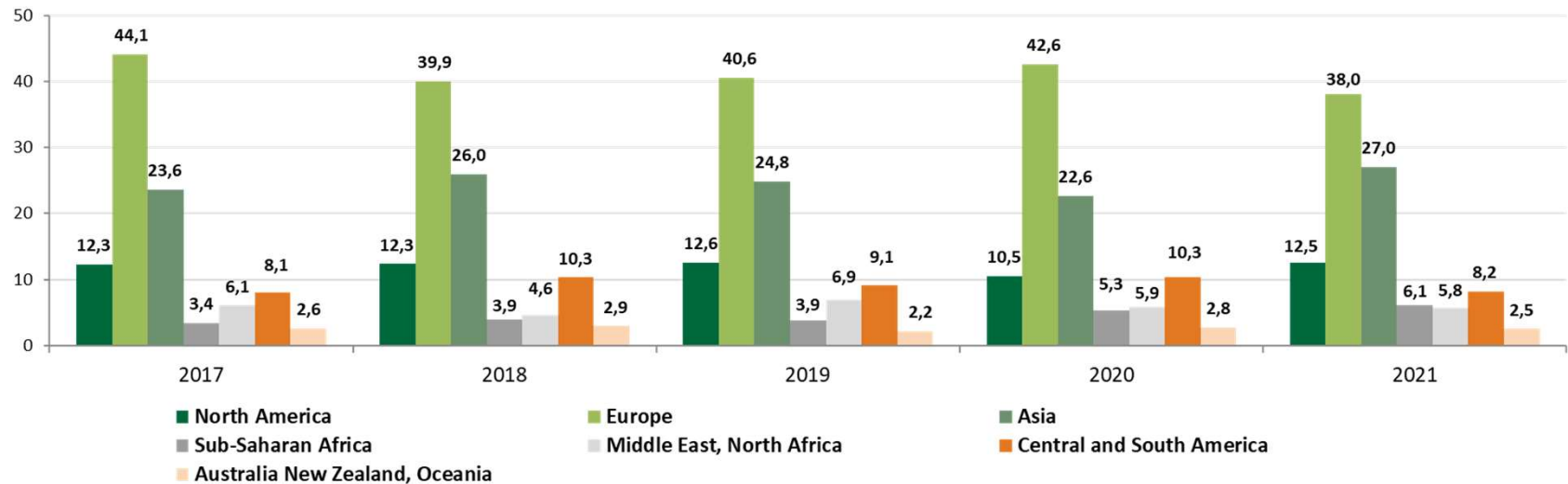


Awards 2017-2021 (in percent)

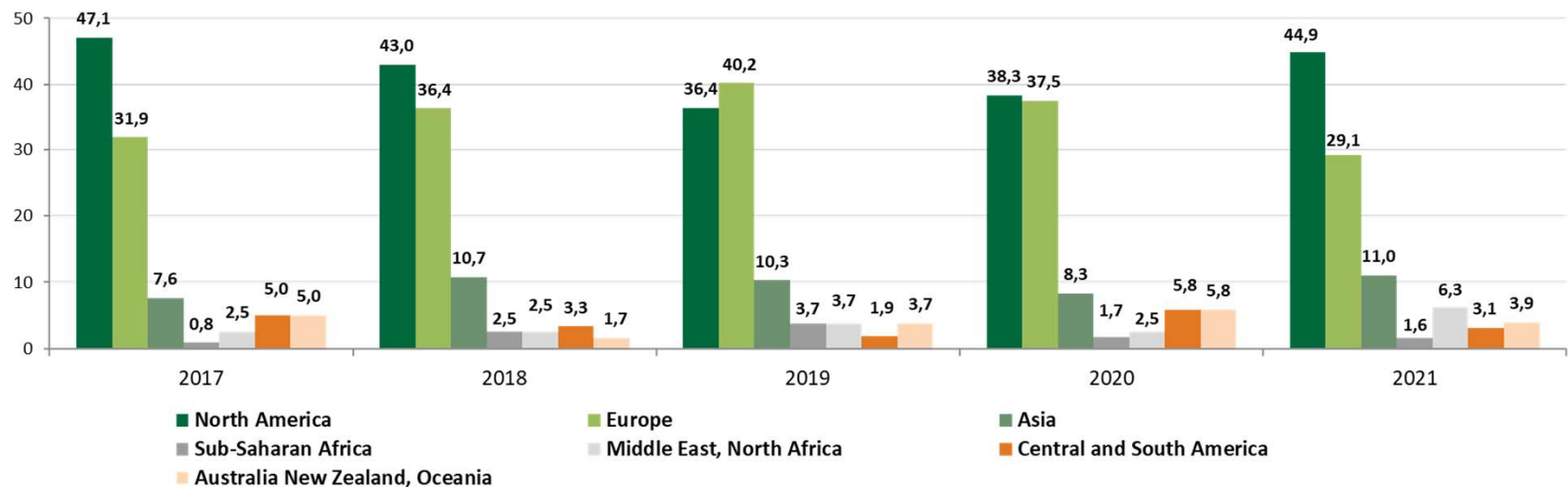


Fellowships and awards granted according to regions of origin

Fellowships 2017-2021 (in percent)



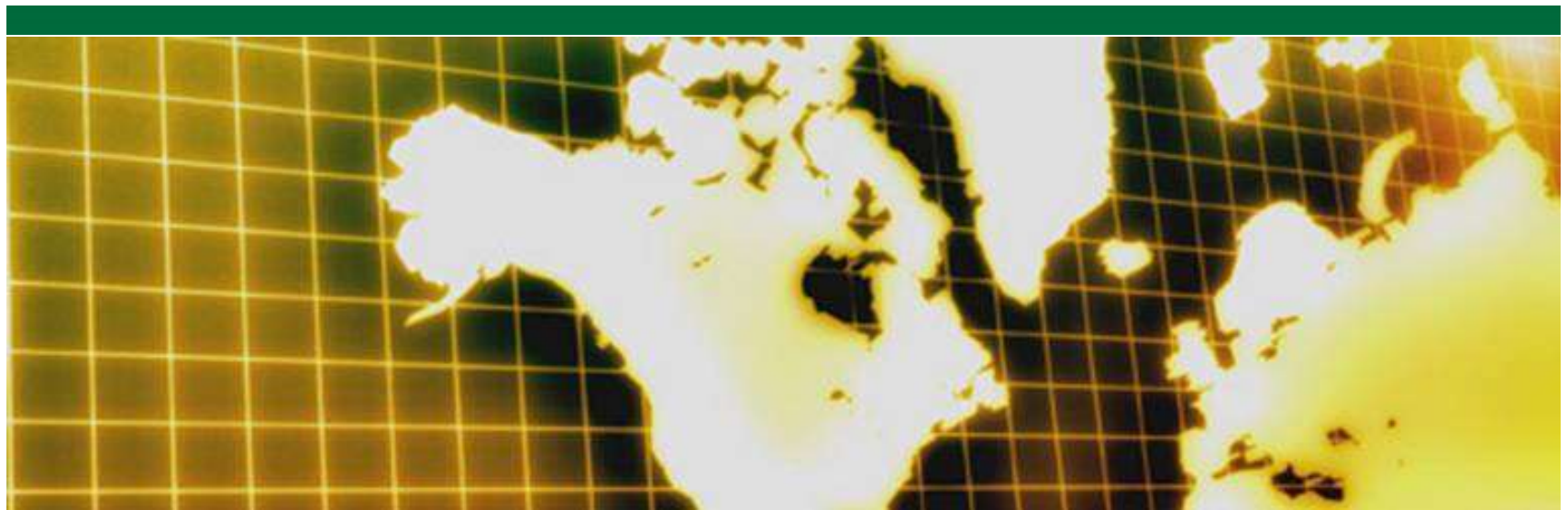
Awards 2017-2021 (in percent)



Searching the Humboldt Network on the Foundation's website

- Public network
 - search and find Humboldtians electronically
 - search the Bibliographia Humboldtiana
- Protected area (for Humboldtians)
 - access the details and contact addresses of all Humboldtians
 - administer entries in the Bibliographia Humboldtiana and your personal profile

www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/researching-the-network.html





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Sponsorship Opportunities offered by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Individual and personal





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 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• Alexander von Humboldt Professorship for Artificial Intelligence	

Research fellowships for research stays in Germany

For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

- Research stay 6-24 months (postdoctoral researchers) or 6 to 18 months (experienced researchers; may be divided up into 3 stays)

Humboldt Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines

Georg Forster Research Fellowship

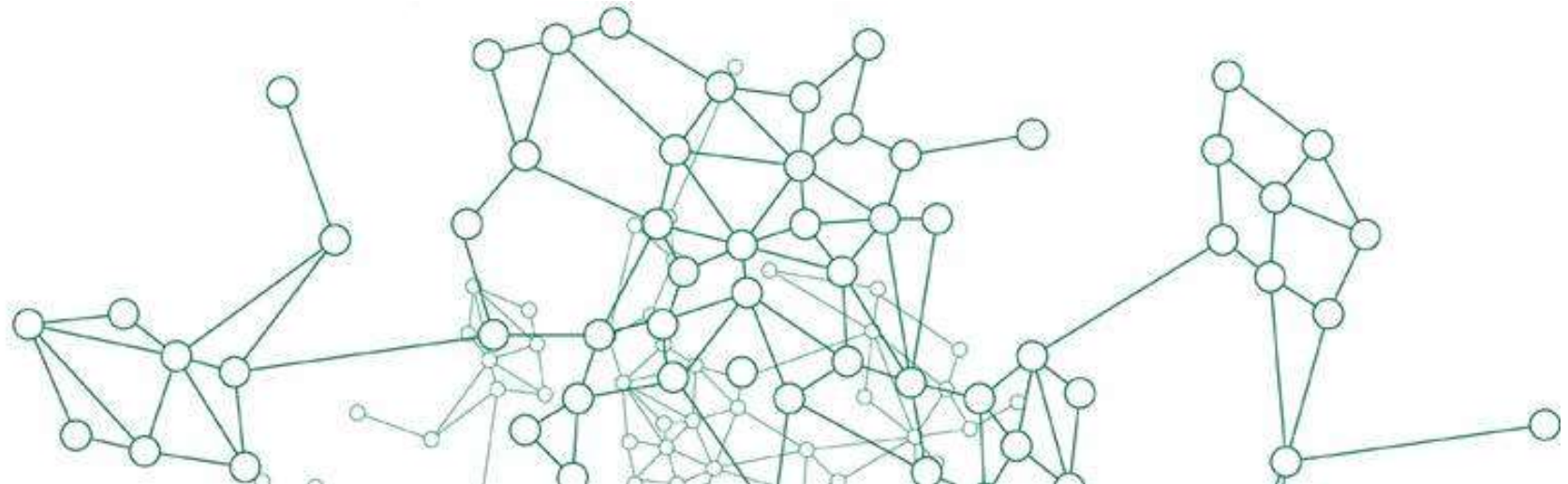
- researchers from emerging and developing countries, all disciplines
- research projects with relevance to development





Benefits provided to research fellows

- Fellowship amount, travel lump sum, benefits for families
- language courses*
- allowance for research costs for the host institute*
- intensive and individual mentoring by personal contacts at the Foundation
- study tour*, network meeting, annual meeting
- return fellowships for specific regions
- alumni sponsorship





Application requirements for fellowships

Postdoctoral researchers	Experienced researchers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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



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



Research fellowships for research stays abroad

For postdoctoral and experienced researchers from Germany

Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas
- members of the Humboldt Network abroad as hosts
- host contribution (negotiated individually)
- fellowship amount varies according to target country and personal circumstances





Research awards

Humboldt Research Award (by nomination)

- for internationally eminent academics from abroad
- €60,000, research stay in Germany for 6-12 months

Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award (by nomination)

- for experienced, internationally-respected academics from abroad up to 18 years after completion of doctorate
- up to €45,000, research stay in Germany for 6-12 months





Research awards

Georg Forster Research Award (by nomination)

- for internationally renowned academics from developing and threshold countries
- €60,000 (plus additional funding of up to €25,000 to support collaboration)
- research project in Germany for 6-12 months (may be divided)
- promote outstanding scientific multipliers whose research will contribute to improving living conditions in their own countries





Research awards

Alexander von Humboldt Professorship and Alexander von Humboldt Professorship for Artificial Intelligence

- award to recruit world-leading researchers from abroad
- nominations by German universities
- €3.5 or €5 million for 5 years, up to 10 awards p.a.
- requirement: strategic plan by the university to integrate the award winner into long-term research and development
- until 2024: 30 awards in total in the area of Artificial Intelligence





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Further Sponsorship Programmes

Explore all programmes here: <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes>





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Humboldt Alumni

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Alumni sponsorship and international networking

- more than 30,000 Humboldtians in over 140 countries
- 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





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