# Humboldt Research Fellowships

## 6–24-month Research Stay I Germany

In providing Humboldt Research Fellowships for postdocs and experienced researchers, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation enables highly-qualified scientists and scholars from abroad to spend extended periods of research in Germany. Scientists and scholars from all disciplines and countries may apply. Postdocs researchers can apply **up to four years after completing their doctorates** for a sponsorship period of 6–24 months. Experienced researchers can apply **up to twelve years after completing their doctorates** for a sponsorship period of 6–18 months. Short-term visits for study and training purposes or for attending conferences are not eligible for sponsorship.

The duration of the fellowship may be divided up into a maximum of three visits, with each visit lasting at least three months. The research fellowship must be used within 36 months of commencement and within 48 months if it is extended (for further information on sponsorship, see "Fellowship specifications" section).

The research outline is carried out in cooperation with academic hosts at research institutions in Germany. Candidates choose their own topic of research and their host in Germany. Details of the research outline including information on the intended duration of the fellowship and division of visits, if applicable, must be agreed with the intended host before applying.

**Fellowship specifications:**

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation awards a monthly fellowship rate of **3,000 EUR for postdocs** and **3,600 EUR for experienced researchers** plus a **mobility allowance** and a **subsidy towards the cost of medical and liability insurance.** A **lump sum for travel expenses** and an **initial subsidy** are also paid.

Before the start of the fellowship, the Humboldt Foundation provides an **intensive language course in Germany** lasting two or four months (including for accompanying partners).

In addition, a family allowance for accompanying partners and/or children under 18 will be granted if they are staying in Germany for at least three months. The following benefits may also be applied for:

- a subsidy towards the cost of medical and liability insurance for an accompanying partner and/or children under the age of 18;
- a flat-rate allowance for single parents with accompanying children;
- extension of the fellowship for research fellows accompanied by children or for a maternity period.

There are further support options for research fellows with **disabilities or chronic illnesses**.