



# Exzellenz verbindet – be part of a worldwide network

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# Research Country Germany





## Research Establishments

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- approximately 80 universities: research in all disciplines
- 80 Max Planck Institutes: basic research, especially in science but also in the humanities and social sciences
- 57 Fraunhofer Institutes: contract research of a technical-scientific nature





## Research Establishments

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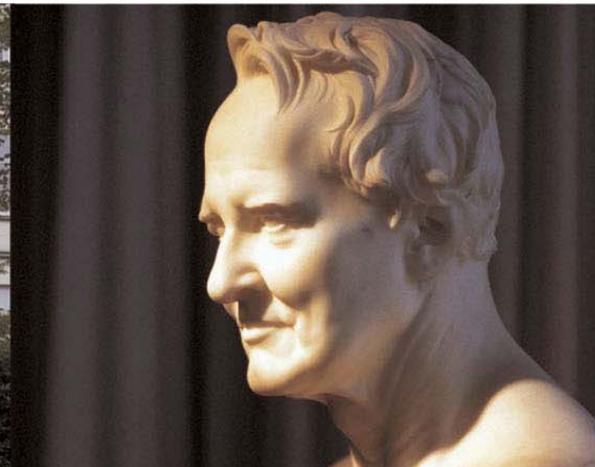
- 15 Helmholtz Institutes: the state's long-term research goals in science and engineering as well as in bio-medical research
- 84 institutes in the Leibniz Association: research tasks ranging from knowledge-oriented basic research to applied research





# The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide  
Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level

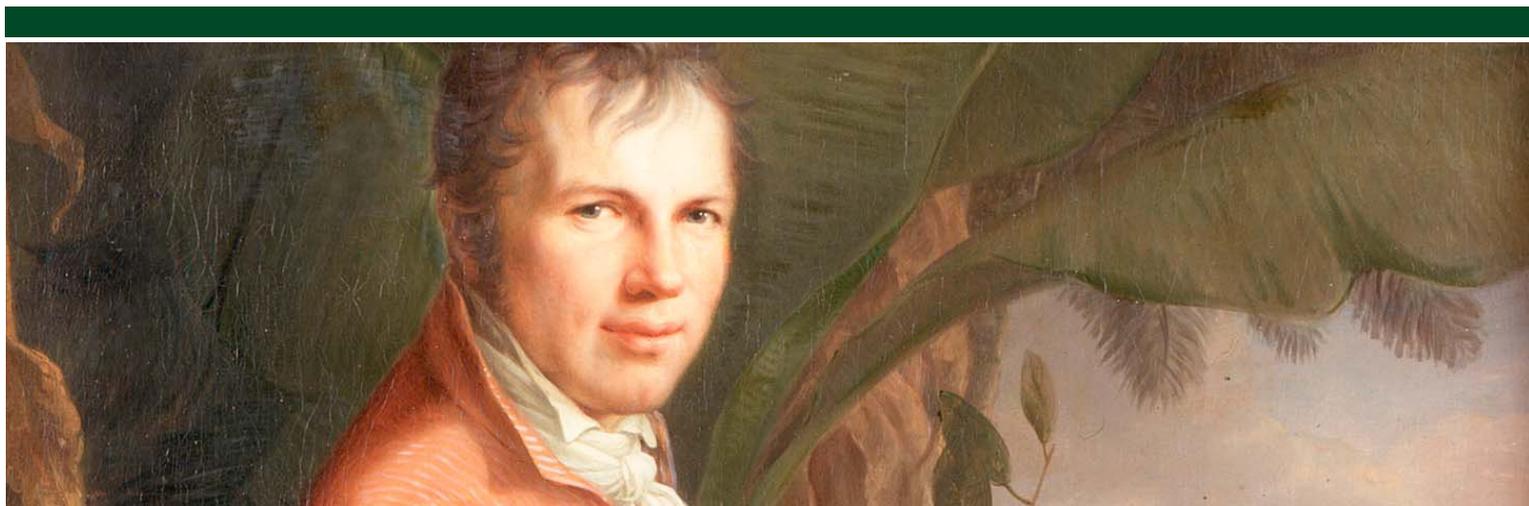




## Historical and Intellectual Roots

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- Alexander von Humboldt (1769 – 1859): discoverer, universal genius, cosmopolitan and patron of excellent scientific talent
- 1953: establishment of today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- international network of academic cooperation and trust





## Academic Excellence

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- sole selection criterion: academic excellence
- sponsorship for people, not projects
- flexible sponsorship programmes for cutting-edge researchers at all stages of their careers
- no quotas for countries or disciplines
- free choice of academic host/collaboration partner in Germany
- worldwide excellence network of Humboldtians





## Sponsorship – individual and personal

- sponsorship for foreign and German top-flight academics to collaborate with specialist colleagues
- the prestige associated with Humboldt Foundation fellowships and awards
- individual and personal mentoring for those sponsored and their families
- Humboldtians and their families as ambassadors for Germany
- “Once an Humboldtian, always an Humboldtian”





## Five out of twenty-three thousand

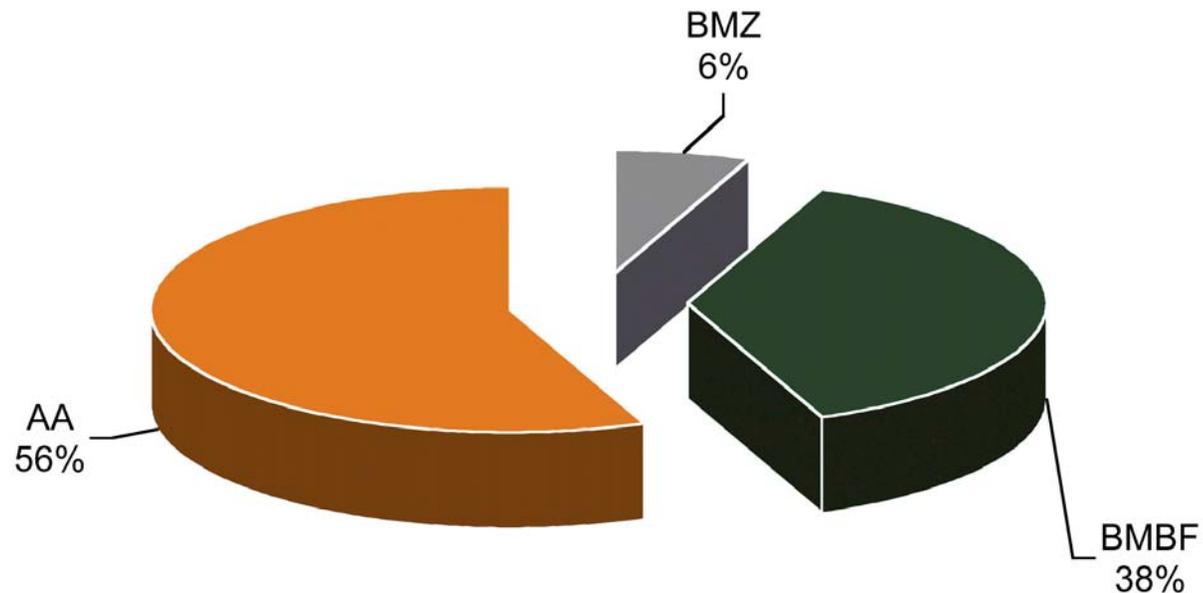
- Robert Grubbs – 2005 Nobel Prize for Chemistry
- László Sólyom – President of Hungary
- Tricia Striano – Sofja Kovalevskaja Award Winner
- Hamadi Boga – Georg Forster Research Fellow
- Erin Taylor – German Chancellor Scholar





# Humboldt Foundation Financing

The annual budget is approx. 60 mill. EUR, more than 97% of which is publicly financed by the Federation. Financing is distributed as follows:



- AA: Federal Foreign Office
- BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research



# Sponsorship Programmes at a Glance





# Humboldt Foundation Programmes

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

**for postdoctoral researchers**

**(scientists who completed their doctorate less than 4 years ago)**

- Research Fellowships: 6 to 24 months; 2,250 EUR per month

**for junior research group leaders**

**(scientists who completed their doctorate less than 6 years ago)**

- Sofja Kovalevskaja Award; 1.65 million EUR





# Humboldt Foundation Programmes

## for experienced researchers

**(scientists who completed their doctorate less than 12 years ago) with an own, clearly defined academic profile**

- Research Fellowships: 6 to 18 months; 2,450 EUR per month
- Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award; 45,000 €, nomination

## for internationally recognised cutting-edge researchers

- Humboldt Research Award; 60,000 EUR; research stays in Germany over a period of 6 to 12 months (may be divided into segments); nomination





# Research Fellowships

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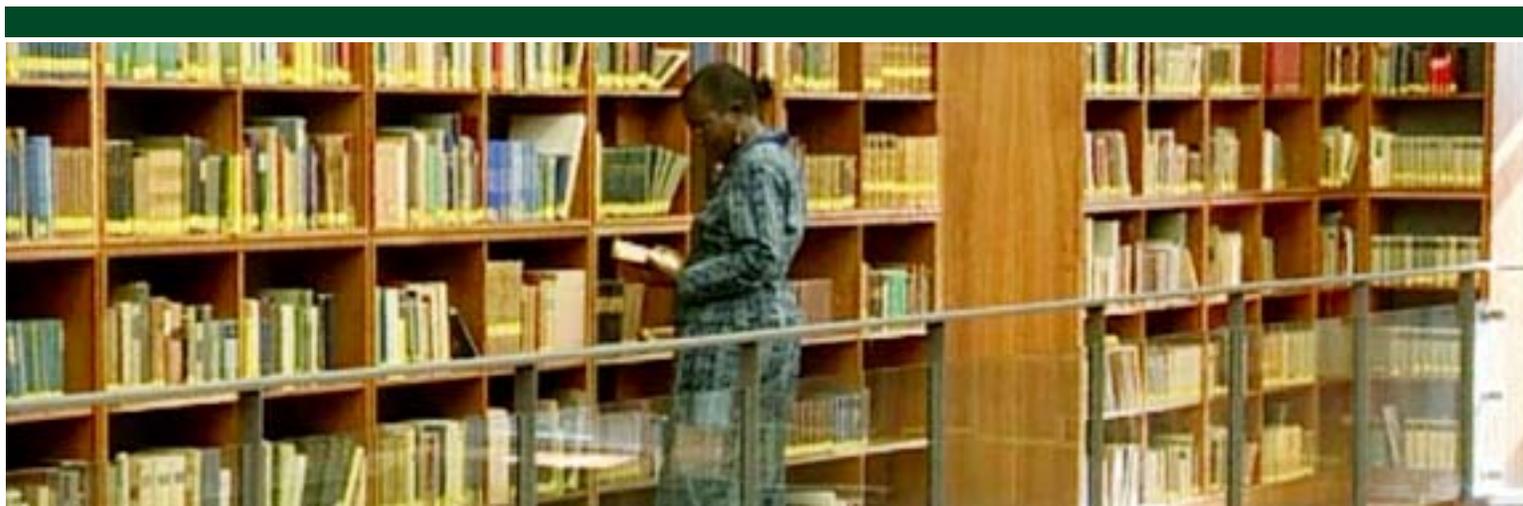
for research stays in Germany

## **Humboldt Research Fellowships for postdoctoral researchers / for experienced researchers**

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas

## **Georg Forster Research Fellowships for postdoctoral researchers / for experienced researchers**

- researchers from developing countries
- research stays with relevance to development policy





## Research Fellowships

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### Humboldt- / Georg Forster Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers

- 6 to 24 months; 2,250 EUR per month
- for scientists who completed their doctorate less than 4 years ago

### Humboldt- / Georg Forster Fellowships for experienced researchers

- 6 to 18 months, may be divided up into three blocks; 2,450 EUR per month
- for scientists who completed their doctorate less than 12 years ago

