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A shortcut to becoming a Humboldtian

With a touch of personal experiences

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AvHS/F: academic cooperation between scientists and scholars from abroad and from Germany



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- **Research fellowships** and **awards** allow to go to Germany to work on a research project together with a host partner
- Scientists or scholars from Germany can carry out a **research project abroad** as guest of one of the 29,000 Humboldt Foundation alumni worldwide - the **Humboldtians**
- As an intermediary organisation for German foreign cultural and educational policy, AvHS/F promotes **international cultural dialogue and academic exchange**



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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

Become a Humboldtian !



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Whether you are, either

- ✓ a **young postdoctoral researcher** at the beginning of your academic career, or
- ✓ an **experienced**, established **academic**, or already
- ✓ a **world authority** in your discipline

AvHS/F **research fellowships** and **research awards** offer sponsorship tailored to you and to your career situation

—> Only one thing counts: **your own excellent performance**

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
Junior research group leaders (up to 6 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sofja Kovalevskaja Award 	
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 • Anneliese Maier Research Award • Alexander von Humboldt Professorship 	



Key Sponsorship Programmes



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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 per month

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

- Sofja Kovalevskaja Award; up to €1.65 million, to establish their own junior research group in Germany



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Key Sponsorship Programmes

**for experienced researchers with an own,
clearly defined academic profile**

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

Key Sponsorship Programmes



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for internationally recognised cutting-edge researchers

- Humboldt Research Award/Georg Forster Research Award; €60,000; research stay in Germany; nomination
- Alexander von Humboldt Professorship; 3.5 - 5 million euros 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)

Alumni sponsorship and international networking



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- more than 28,000 Humboldtians in over 140 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

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Alexander von Humboldt Year 2019

Working in collaboration with 12 cultural and scientific institutions in Berlin-Brandenburg, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is launching a joint information platform revolving around activities to commemorate the 250th birthday of Alexander von Humboldt

<https://avhumboldt250.de/en/events/>



Humboldt-Kolloquium 2019

Veranstaltung/Ort: Madrid, Spanien

Termin: 11.04.2019 - 13.04.2019

Humboldt-Kolloquium:

“Research without Borders – Alexander von Humboldt’s Legacy Today”

<https://mi.conventus.de/online/avh-madrid-ecr-2019.do>

Una experiencia inolvidable

“Recuerdo mi accidentada llegada al Instituto de Física Teórica de Hamburgo. Tenía cita, a las cinco de la tarde, con el profesor Haag, uno de esos pocos físicos que consiguen entrar en vida en el libro de la Historia. Me había explicado repetidamente, por teléfono, cómo llegar a su despacho, situado en uno de los edificios del gran complejo de Física de Altas Energías DESY, heredero de la gloria científica alemana, tras la posguerra. Por dos veces ingresé a través de una de las puertas de acceso al recinto para terminar saliendo por la otra, milla y algo más allá, sin haber conseguido dar con el edificio teórico.”

Me daba reparo preguntar e intentaba guiarme únicamente por las indicaciones recibidas del propio profesor y las de los porteros que tan estrictamente controlaban la entrada al complejo. Cuando, ya desesperado, me decidí por preguntar en cada cruce pude, por fin, llegar al despacho número 501 de la quinta planta del edificio 2b, sobre cuya puerta estaba escrito, simplemente: Rudolf Haag. En el pasillo acababa de leer los nombres de otros varios físicos eminentes, todos en el mismo escueto formato. Aprendí que la grandeza intelectual no suele acompañarse de ostentosas letras ni de altisonantes títulos, que sí les son del todo imprescindibles a los seres mediocres. Pese a llegar con casi una hora de retraso, el afable profesor, de ojos brillantes, inquietos e incisivos, me recibió con una amabilidad exquisita ...”

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<http://www.avhe.es/>

Reúne a todos los antiguos becarios y premiados españoles o residentes en España de la Fundación Alexander von Humboldt que deseen integrarse en la misma. **Lemas:** *diálogo cultural, multidisciplinaridad.*

Constituida en Toledo, el día 9 de noviembre de 1991, es una asociación sin ánimo de lucro y de carácter científico-técnico-cultural, al amparo del art. 22 de la Constitución española de 1978. Cuota: €36/año

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Gracias
Thank You
Vielen Dank



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