



Information for prospective Humboldt Research Fellows in the Henriette Herz Scouting Programme

As a Humboldt Research Fellow in the Henriette Herz Scouting Programme, you will become part of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's network of excellence which now comprises more than 30,000 members, including 56 Nobel Prize winners. On behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Foundation sponsors academic cooperation between excellent foreign and German researchers and thus connects people around the world both with one another and with Germany. What is important in this context is that there are no quotas. All that counts is scientific quality. The Foundation promotes individuals, not projects – because even in an era of increasing teamwork, it is the abilities and dedication of individuals that are crucial for academic success.

The [Henriette Herz Scouting Programme](#) opens up new access to the [Humboldt Research Fellowship](#), enabling selected scouts to directly recruit suitable academic talents from abroad as Humboldt Research Fellows. In this way, the Humboldt Foundation wants to reach new regional and subject-specific target groups and increase the percentage of women researchers it sponsors.

You need to meet the following criteria:

- doctorate completed within the last 12 years
- **above-average publication record** commensurate with career level
- **no post-doctoral research stays** after completing doctorate, nor degrees/doctorates completed in Germany
- no German citizenship
- good **knowledge of German or English**, depending on research proposal
- the research fellowship should commence **within 12 months** of being granted
- **no previous applications nor previous sponsorship** in any of the Foundation's fellowship programmes

These are the documents we need from you:

- **a fully completed form** with details of the planned sponsorship period
- **copy of doctoral certificate** or proof of completed doctorate
- **complete publication list**
- **scout's letter of recommendation** (will be uploaded by scout directly)
- **confirmation that research facilities and mentoring can be made available** for the planned sponsorship period (will also be uploaded directly by the scout)

Please upload these documents together with the form using the link sent by your scout.

Just as in the standard Humboldt Research Fellowship Programme, you can choose between **two programme lines**:

| | Postdoctoral researchers | Experienced researchers |
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| Eligibility | up to four years after completing doctorate | up to 12 years after completing doctorate |
| Sponsorship period | 6 to 24 months | 6 to 18 months, may be divided up into a maximum of three blocks |
| Fellowship amount | € 2,670 per month (plus additional benefits) | € 3,170 per month (plus additional benefits) |
| Allowance for research costs (for host) | € 500 (humanities and social sciences) or € 800 (natural sciences and engineering) per month | |

In addition to the monthly **fellowship amount, which includes a mobility allowance and a contribution to health and liability insurance**, as a Humboldt Research Fellow, you are eligible to apply **for other additional benefits**:

- travel allowances for your trip to and from Germany
- language fellowship for fellows and marital partners; allowances for family members accompanying you for at least three months; special regulations for, amongst others, single parents
- possible allowance for a research stay at a research institute in another European country
- participation in the Humboldt Foundation's networking events
- return fellowships for certain countries
- extensive alumni sponsorship after successfully completing your research stay

For detailed information about the additional benefits please read our [Guidelines](#).

Ex-post evaluation:

Twelve months after your sponsorship comes to an end, the Foundation will expect you to submit the following documents:

Information on your post-fellowship academic record and documentation on the results of your research stay (**e.g., publications that ensued from cooperation, collaborations etc.**). We will also request a **statement by your scout on the results of your research stay**.