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Деятельность Фонда Александра фон Гумбольдта в Беларуси

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**Дни немецкой науки в
Беларуси в 2010 г.**





The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

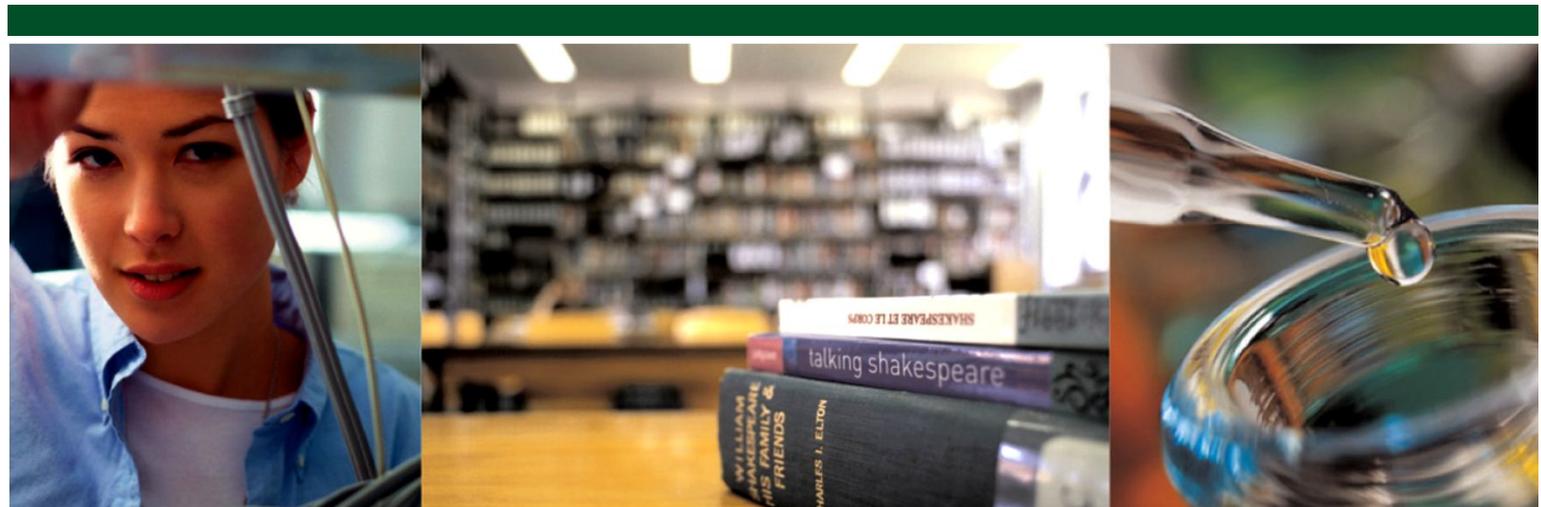
Academic sponsorship and foreign cultural policy





Humboldt Foundation Areas of Work

- exchange of academics as a part of foreign cultural policy
- strengthening cutting-edge research through internationalisation
- impetus for the research location Germany
- promoting development through academic cooperation
- career development of young professionals
- mobility counselling in the European context





The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

- Excellence worldwide
- Autonomy and freedom
- Neutrality and independence
- Durability and sustainability





Academic Excellence

- 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 subjects
- free choice of academic host/collaboration partner in Germany
- worldwide excellence network of Humboldtians





Historical and Intellectual Roots

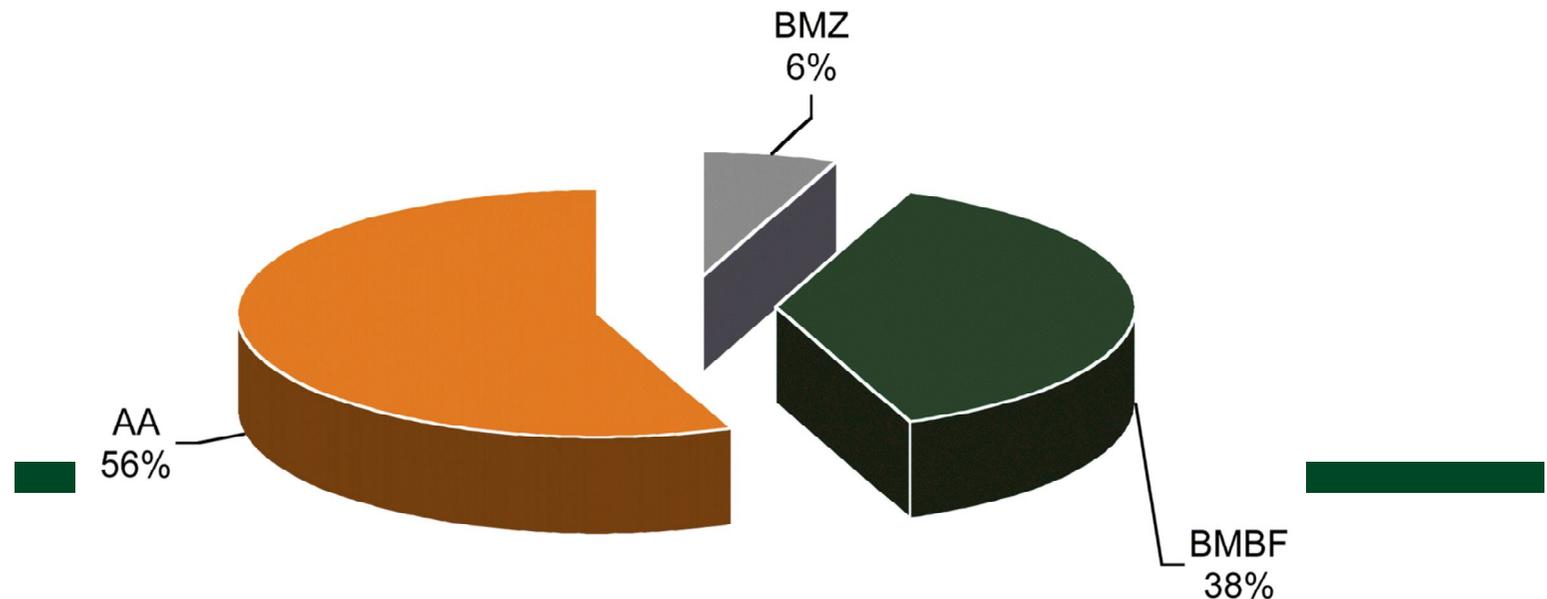
- Alexander von Humboldt (1769 – 1859): discoverer, universal genius, cosmopolitan and patron of excellent scientific talent
- 1953: establishment of today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- international network of academic cooperation and trust





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:



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



Humboldt Foundation Programmes

Research fellowships and research awards for highly qualified scientists and scholars from all countries and disciplines

- research fellowships
- research awards
- other sponsorship programmes
- other fields of activity





Research Fellowships

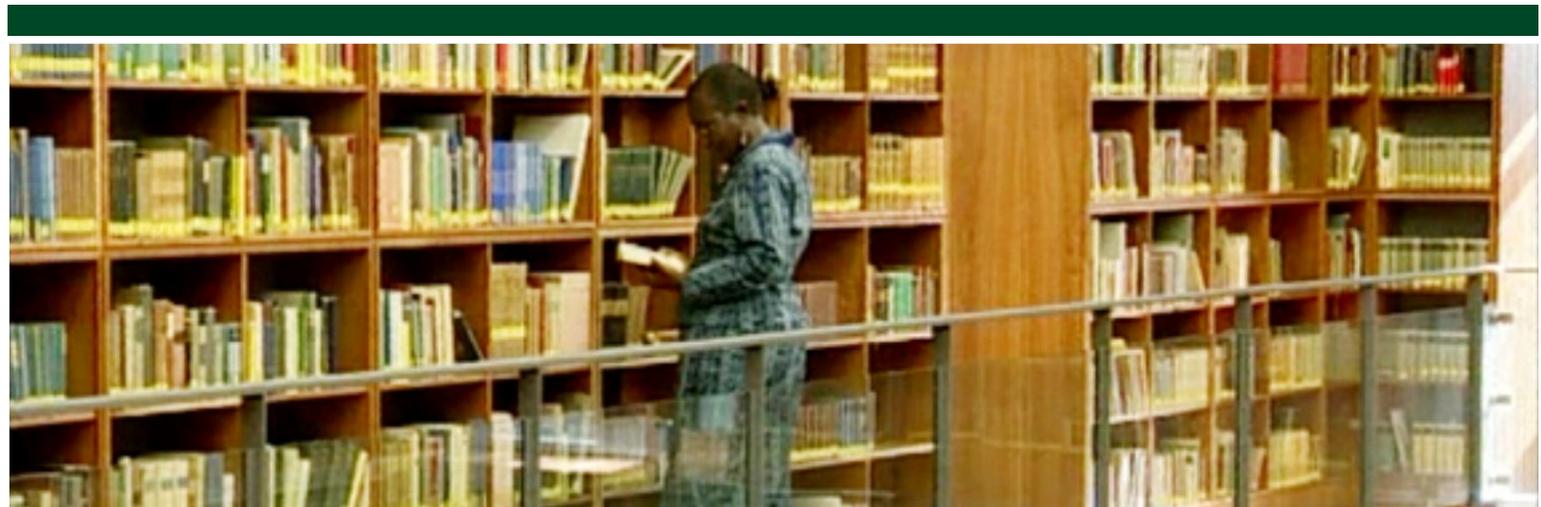
for research stays in Germany

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

- **Humboldt / Georg Forster Research Fellowships
for Postdoctoral Researchers**
 - for scientists who completed their doctorate fewer than 4 years ago
 - 6 to 24 months
- **Humboldt / Georg Forster Fellowships
for Experienced Researchers**
 - for scientists who completed their doctorate fewer than 12 years ago
 - 6 to 18 months, may be divided up into three blocks





Application requirements

Postdoctoral researchers

- doctorate
- academic publications
- agreement by academic host
- autonomous research project
- knowledge of German and/or English

Experienced researchers

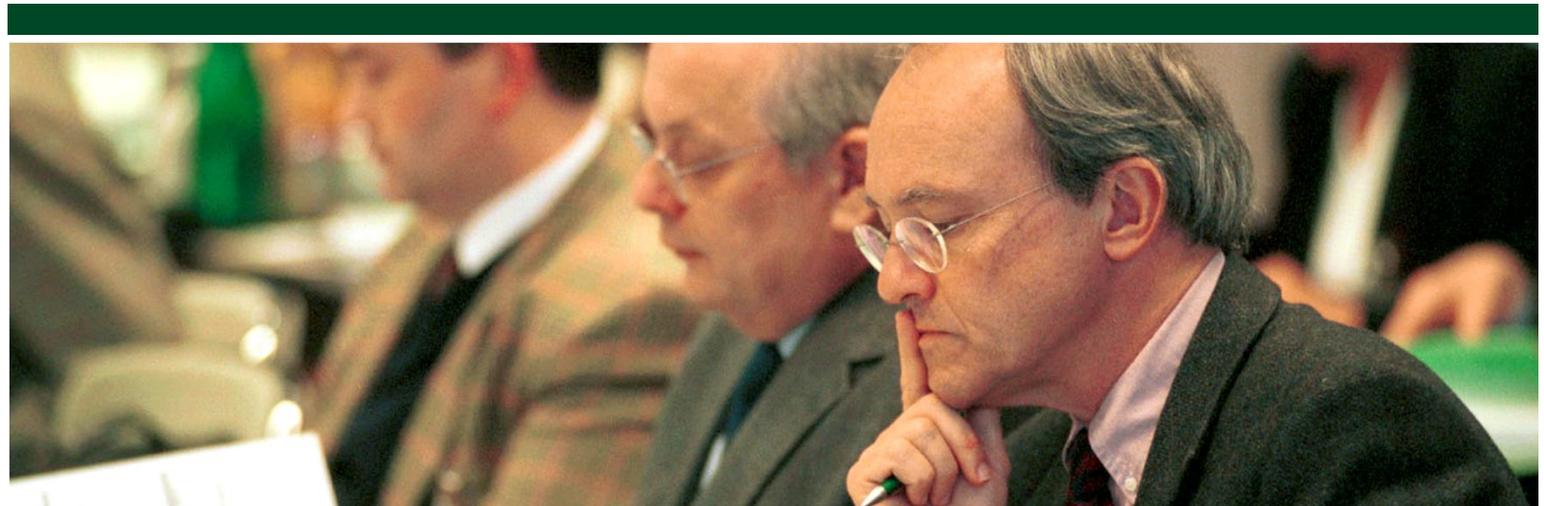
- own, clearly defined academic profile
- comprehensive list of academic publications
- agreement by academic host
- autonomous research project
- knowledge of German and/or English





Application procedure

- applications at any time to the Humboldt Foundation directly
- assessment by independent expert reviewers
- decision by Humboldt Foundation Selection Committees
- duration of procedure: approx. 3 to 6 months





Sponsorship provisions

- travel expenses
- language courses or allowance towards language course
- fellowship amount
- family allowance
- additional funding for project costs and scientific equipment





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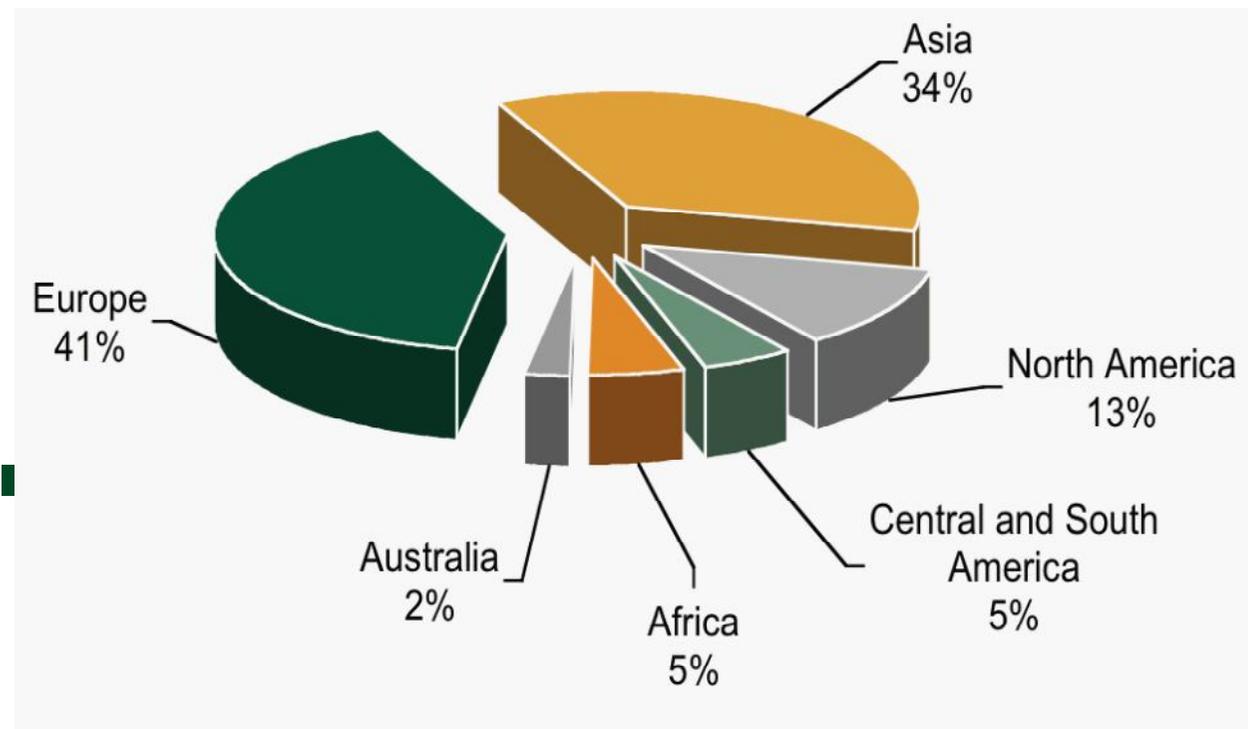
- Intensive and individual mentoring in Germany and abroad by personal contacts at the Humboldt Foundation
- Study tour, Network meeting, Annual meeting
- Alumni sponsorship
- Return Fellowships for specific regions





Origin of Guest Researchers

2003 - 2007: a total of 2,681 new research fellows from abroad





Alexander von Humboldt Professorship

Provisions

- 3.5 to 5 mill. EUR over a period of five years
- personal income: 150,000 to 180,000 EUR p.a.
- up to 10 awards / year

Nominations

- by German universities; non-university research institutions may also submit nominations jointly with a German university
- direct applications are not accepted





Networks of the Knowledge Elite

- The Humboldt Network: 23,000 scientists and scholars from all disciplines in more than 130 countries in the world (40 Nobel Prize winners)
- Unique specialist and personal network
- Life-long sponsorship in the Alumni and Network Programme
- More than 130 Humboldt Alumni Associations worldwide





Network Sponsorship

- **Renewed research stays in Germany (up to three months) :**
 - Continuation of co-operation with colleagues in Germany
 - Proposal for invitation by German scientists and scholars
 - Not earlier than three years after completion of first stay in Germany
- **Long-term research cooperation**
 - Institutional Partnerships, TransCoop Programme
- **Colloquia abroad, Humboldt Kollegs**
- **Humboldt Associations**





**Integrating science and technology
for a sustainable and secure future: energy, environment, informatics and
human health**

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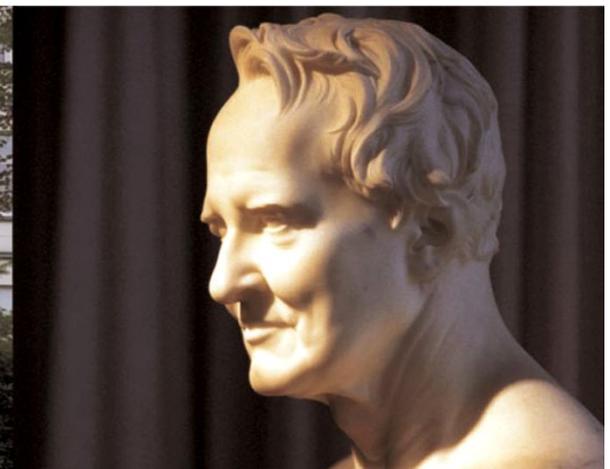
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