The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation - Connecting excellent researchers worldwide

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Origin of guest researchers

2010–2014:
2,805 research fellowships granted to academics from abroad

- Asia: 27%
- Europe: 37%
- North America: 17%
- Central and South America: 7%
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 5%
- Middle East, North Africa: 4%
- Australia, New Zealand, Oceania: 3%
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 5%
Iran: Applications and Fellowships 2010-2015

Middle East/North Africa
2015: 31 approvals
Success rates 2010-2014

- Success rate Iran
- Success rate MENA
- Success rate worldwide
Research Location Germany
Germany – a country full of attractive research institutions

- Universities
- Leibniz Institutes
- Max Planck Institutes
- Helmholtz Centres
- Fraunhofer Institutes

- approximately 100 full universities
- 82 Max Planck Institutes: basic research
- 67 Fraunhofer Institutes: applied research
- 18 Helmholtz Centres: technical-scientific
- 89 Leibniz Institutes: wide range of disciplines
Our portfolio – Sponsorship Opportunities offered by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
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For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

Humboldt Research Fellowship
- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas

Georg Forster Research Fellowship
- researchers from emerging and developing countries, all disciplines, no quotas
- research projects with relevance to development
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Research fellowships for research stays abroad

For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas
- members of the Humboldt Network abroad as hosts
  [www.humboldt-foundation.de/lynen-search-for-host](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/lynen-search-for-host)
- host contribution (negotiated individually)
- 1 Lynen fellow so far in Iran
Benefits provided I

- fellowship
- travel lump sum
- German language courses
- benefits for families
- allowance for research costs for the academic host
- possibility of Europe research stay
Benefits provided II

- intensive and individual mentoring in Germany and abroad by personal contacts at the Foundation
- study tour, network meeting, annual meeting
- return fellowships for specific regions
- alumni sponsorship
“Once a Humboldtian, always a Humboldtian” – Alumni and Networking sponsorship
The Humboldt Network – more than 27,000 Humboldtians worldwide

Result of a representative survey within the Humboldt Network (2014):

- 78% of Humboldtians have scientific contacts with at least one other Humboldtian
- 66% have scientific contacts with two or more other Humboldtians

as of: January 2015
The Foundation’s Ambassador Scientists

- Dissemination of information about Humboldt Foundation’s programmes
- Advisors for the Humboldt Foundation
- Contact partners for Humboldt Alumni

Prof. Dr. Saeed Balalaie
K. N. Toossi University of Technology, Teheran
Alumni sponsorship instruments I

Coming back to Germany
(3 years after your first research stay)

- **Short visits up to 30 days**
  - e.g. for active participation (lecture, posters, etc.) in international congresses in Germany, for lecture tours or short working visits to research institutes in Germany.
  - Daily allowance, reimbursement of conference fees

- **Renewed research stays for up to 3 months**
  - for continuing or completing work started during first research stay in Germany or initiation of new joint research projects with colleagues in Germany, free choice of academic host
  - Monthly fellowship amount, support for accompanying family
Alumni Sponsorship Instruments II

Support for cooperative projects

- Research group linkage programme
  „Institutional“ partnership between a Humboldttian and a German partner for working on a joint research project
  Goals:
  - building of sustainable scientific partnerships
  - integration of junior researchers

Funding of up to 55,000 €, up to 3 years, to be spent on:
  - academic auxiliary staff
  - equipment (for the partner institute outside Germany)
  - conferences
  - reciprocal research visits
  - publications and consumables
Alumni Sponsorship Instruments III

Support for alumni in their home countries

- Invitation of professors from Germany for short research stays at the home institution of Humboldtian
- Book donations
- Equipment subsidies (up to 20,000 EUR)
- Humboldt Kollegs (up to 40,000 EUR)
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