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„Excellence in Research and Promotion of Young Researchers“

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„Striving for Excellence in Research“

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The New International Landscape of Academic Excellence

- Increasing number of competitors for talent, discoveries, and innovation
- Changing mobility patterns since the fall of the Iron Curtain
  - Mobility of students
  - Mobility of researchers
- The new „Expenditure Game“ – Rankings, Results, People
Going international I: German Higher Education in the 21st Century

Reform of the German Higher Education and Research System

- Internationally Visible Profiles
- Internationally Compatible Degree Structures
- International Recruitment of Talent
Going international II:
The Extra-University Research System in the 21st Century

- Max Planck Society
- Helmholtz Association
- Fraunhofer Gesellschaft
- Leibniz Association
- University Collaboration
Going international III: Incentives and Combined Forces

- The Excellence Initiative
- The Agreement on Research and Innovation
- The High Tech Initiative
International Talent in Germany:
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The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation – History

- Named after Alexander von Humboldt (1769 – 1859): a universal scholar, renowned for his scientific explorations of South America and his support of young scholars
- Present Humboldt Foundation established in 1953
- Financed by the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research and by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Has sponsored more than 23,000 scientists and scholars from over 130 countries
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The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation – Mission Statement

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation sponsors cooperations between highly qualified post-doctorate German and non-German scientists and scholars

The Humboldt Foundation in a nutshell:
- sponsorship of "individual excellence"
- no quotas for countries or fields of research
- individual selection of project and academic host
- cooperations between researchers from around the world
- lifelong contact with the Humboldt Foundation through follow-up programme
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The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation - Sponsorship Programs

- Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowships
- Alexander von Humboldt Research Awards
- Sofja Kovalevskaja Award
- Reciprocity: Feodor Lynen Fellowships
Humboldt Research Fellows from Korea in Germany

total: 259 (1953 – 2005)
Tearing Down Mobility Barriers

Information:
- Mobility Center
- Ambassador/Liaison Scientists
- DAAD Office Seoul

Access:
- Visa Policy

Incentives:
- Quality of Research
- Openness of Research Institutions
- Adequate Funding
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