

Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation: Georg Forster Research Fellowship for Postdocs

Overview

Programme Description

The programme is intended for highly qualified scientists and scholars of all disciplines from selected [developing or transition countries](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf) [\[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf), excluding PR China and India.

The fellowship enables early-career post-doctoral researchers who completed their doctorate less than 4 years ago to realise a long-term research project (6 to 24 months) of their own design in cooperation with an academic host they have chosen at a research institution in Germany. The research must deal with issues of major relevance to the future development of the applicant's home country or region of origin.

The fellows receive a monthly allowance of 2,500 EUR over a period of 6 to 24 months as well as additional benefits.

Target Group

young, early-career scientists and scholars from developing or transition countries with outstanding qualifications. Find the list of eligible countries [here \[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf).

Academic Requirements

Doctorate or comparable academic degree (Ph.D., C.Sc. or equivalent), completed less than 4 years prior to the date of application. Candidates who have nearly completed their doctoral degrees are eligible to apply provided that they submit the manuscript of their dissertation or publications containing the results of their dissertation, however, at the earliest, 6 months prior to the completion of their dissertation.

Duration

6 to 24 months

Scholarship Value

The fellowship is worth 2,500 EUR per month.

Additional benefits:

- mobility lump sum
- payments towards health- and liability insurances
- travel allowance
- language grant
- allowance for accompanying family members
- standard allowance for single parents with children accompanying them
- option to additionally extend the research grant, if the fellow is accompanied by children under the age of 12
- subsidy towards research costs to be paid to the hosts
- Europe allowance
- extensive alumni sponsorship

Application Papers

Links to the application forms and further information on the application procedure can be found [here \[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/georg-forster-research-fellowship\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/georg-forster-research-fellowship).

Application Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The Selection Committee responsible for reviewing applications to this programme meets every February, June and October.

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- academic publications reviewed according to international standards and printed in journals and/or by publishing houses
- research dealing with issues of major relevance to the future development of the applicant's home country or region of origin
- confirmation that research facilities are available, mentoring agreement and detailed expert's opinion concerning the research proposal by an academic host at a research institution in Germany
- expert reviews from the doctoral supervisor and another academic qualified to give well-founded comments on the applicant's qualification, preferably a reviewer not working at the applicant's own institute
- necessary language skills: humanities or social sciences and medicine: good knowledge of German, if it is necessary to carry out the project successfully, otherwise a good knowledge of English; natural sciences and engineering: good knowledge of German or English
- citizenship as well as principal place of residence and work in a [programme country \[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Georg-Forster-Forschungsstipendium/forster-fellowship-award_list_of_countries.pdf)

Potential applicants who have completed their school education and a higher-education degree or a higher-education degree and their doctorate in Germany are eligible to apply provided that their habitual place of work and residence has been located in a developing or transition state on the assumption of permanence for at least 5 years.

Please also take note of our [important scholarship information \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/).

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