

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: International Climate Protection Fellowship

Overview

Programme Description

The International Climate Protection Fellowship supports prospective leaders working academically or practically in climate protection or climate-relevant resource conservation in their home countries - a [non-European developing or transition country](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Internationales-Klimaschutzstipendium/icf_list_of_countries.pdf) [https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Internationales-Klimaschutzstipendium/icf_list_of_countries.pdf].

If you are a prospective leader you will do a 1-year research-related project in Germany as part of your fellowship; if you are a postdoc, long-term academic research (12-24 months). It should focus on combating climate change, adaptation strategies, preserving ecosystems and biodiversity, or on the sustainable use of the seas and oceans. Sustainability topics relating to natural resources, resource-efficient consumption or urban development are also welcome.

The fellowship facilitates the mutual exchange of knowledge, methods and techniques with hosts in Germany; this also extends to questions of practical applicability in the countries of origin.

Target Group

prospective leaders working academically or practically in climate protection or climate-relevant resource conservation in their home countries - a [non-European developing or transition country](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Internationales-Klimaschutzstipendium/icf_list_of_countries.pdf) [https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Internationales-Klimaschutzstipendium/icf_list_of_countries.pdf]

Academic Requirements

Prospective leaders

- completed their first academic degree (Bachelor's or comparable degree) during the last 12 years (cut-off date: 1 February of year of application)

Postdoctoral researchers

- completed their first academic degree (Bachelor's or comparable degree) during the last 12 years (cut-off date: 1 February of year of application)
- completed their doctorate during the last 4 years or will complete their doctorate until 31 August of the respective selection year

Number of Scholarships

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation awards up to 15 International Climate Protection Fellowships to prospective leaders and up to 5 to postdoctoral researchers each year.

Duration

prospective leaders: 1 year

postdocs: 12-24 months

Scholarship Value

- a monthly fellowship of 2,170 EUR, 2,470 EUR or 2,670 EUR in the programme line for prospective leaders – depending on training and career level; a monthly fellowship of 2,670 EUR in the programme line for postdoctoral researchers
- Stipend includes a mobility lump sum and a contribution towards health and liability insurance.
- individual support during stay in Germany

- additional financial support for example for accompanying family members, for travel expenses, for full private health insurance or for a German language course
- a 3-week introductory event where fellows can connect with other climate protection fellows, visit businesses and research institutions, and attend cultural events in Germany
- extensive alumni sponsorship, in particular to support long-term connections with the cooperation partners in Germany over the duration of the entire professional career

Host institutes receive a monthly allowance for research costs of 800 EUR for projects in the natural and engineering sciences or 500 EUR for projects in the humanities and social sciences.

Application Papers

You can find information on the application process and the link to the online application portal [here \[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/international-climate-protection-fellowship\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/international-climate-protection-fellowship).

Application Deadline

The programme announcement will usually be published in August; the closing date for applications is 1 February.

Application requirements

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- Eligible fellows explore questions in the natural or engineering sciences or address legal, economic, health-related or societal aspects of climate change.
- They are a citizen of a [non-European developing or transition country \[https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Internationales-Klimaschutzstipendium/icf_list_of_countries.pdf\]](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/fileadmin/Bewerben/Programme/Internationales-Klimaschutzstipendium/icf_list_of_countries.pdf) and have been predominantly living and working there.
- They have initial experience in a leadership role and corresponding leadership skills.
- They have very good knowledge of English and/or German.

Prospective leaders

- first university degree (Bachelor's or equivalent), completed less than 12 years previously, counting back from the end of the application period (1 February)
- extensive work experience (at least 48 months at the time of application)

Postdocs

- first university degree (Bachelor's or equivalent), completed less than 12 years previously, counting back from the end of the application period (1 February)
- completion of doctorate or comparable academic degree (Ph.D., C.Sc. or equivalent) either less than 4 years prior to the date of application or by 31 August of the selection year
- scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals according to international standards

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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