

Deadline	<b>Throughout the year 2025 (Selection Committee meets every March, July and November)</b>
Call name	<b>Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral and Experienced Researchers</b>
www	<a href="https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/humboldt-research-fellowship">https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/humboldt-research-fellowship</a>
Focused on	<p><b>Postdocs</b> researchers can apply up to four years after completing their doctorates for a sponsorship period of <b>6–24 months</b>.</p> <p><b>Experienced researchers</b> can apply up to twelve years after completing their doctorates for a sponsorship period of <b>6–18 months</b>.</p> <p>This period can be divided into up to three short visits, with each visit lasting at least three months. The research fellowship must be used within 36 months of commencement, or within 48 months if it is extended</p>
Applicant	<p>Non-German junior researchers / postdocs (up to 4 years since completing a PhD)</p> <p>Non-German experienced researcher – Assistant Professor, Junior Research Group Leader (up to 12 years since completing a PhD)</p>
Host institution	<p>University or non-university research institution in Germany</p> <p>Academic host is any researcher working at a university or research institution in Germany who offers to make research facilities available for the research stay</p>
Call opens	-
Final deadline	<b>Throughout the year 2025</b> at least 4–7 months ahead of the prospective selection meeting (held annually Mar/Jul/Nov)
Evaluation results	<p>A) March 2025</p> <p>B) July 2025</p> <p>C) November 2025</p>
Signature of agreement	NA
Earliest date of implementation	The start date of the research stay is specified in the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's letter and usually matches the application or earliest possible date. It must be agreed upon with the academic host before submitting the acceptance.
Latest date of implementation	This date is specified in the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's award letter and usually aligns with the application or the earliest possible date.
Sustainability	None
Reporting	None
Project duration (min-max)	<p><b>For Postdoc:</b> 6–24 months (up to 2 years) &amp; 2–4 months language course that takes place immediately prior to the start of the research fellowship</p> <p><b>For Exp. researchers:</b> 6–18 months &amp; 2–4 months language course</p>
Allocation for the call	NA, up to 400–500 awards shall be granted across all the disciplines
Project budget (min-max)	Min. 2 700 + 800 + 100 EUR per month (salary + host institution + mobility allowance)
Success rate	20-25 %
Eligible costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ fellowship <b>2 700 EUR</b> per month for postdocs</li> <li>○ fellowship <b>3200 EUR</b> per month for Exp. Res.</li> </ul> <p>Plus, a mobility allowance and a subsidy towards the cost of medical and liability insurance. A lump sum for travel expenses and an initial subsidy are also paid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ family allowances up to <b>276 EUR</b> per month for marital partners and up to <b>219 EUR</b> for each child (if fellow not eligible to apply for the German child benefit); for single-parents flat-rate allowance for accompanying children: <b>400 EUR</b> per month for the first child and <b>100 EUR</b> per month for every additional child;</li> <li>○ host institution allowance <b>800 EUR</b> per month;</li> <li>○ mobility lump sum <b>100 EUR</b> for expenses in connection with necessary conference and research trips, archive and library stays, etc. in Germany and abroad;</li> <li>○ subsidy towards the cost of medical and liability insurance (70 EUR if travel health insurance used, 50% of insurance premium up to maximum premium rates if comprehensive health insurance used);</li> <li>○ lump sum for travel expenses;</li> <li>○ language fellowship for an intensive language course lasting 2–4 months immediately prior to research period;</li> <li>○ additional extension of the fellowship up to 12 months for research fellows accompanied by children under the age of 12;</li> <li>○ Europe allowance for a research stay at a research institute in another European country (though not the research fellow's own country); for a designated period in the course of the fellowship if necessary to ensure the success of the research (this stay should not extend beyond 25% of the time of the fellowship);</li> <li>○ extensive alumni sponsorship once a successful research stay has come to an end;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>after successful completion of the Humboldt Fellowship, fellows can apply for a return fellowship to sponsor reintegration into an institute abroad in developing/threshold countries or countries in Central and Eastern Europe.</li> </ul>
Mode of funding	Ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	Humboldt Foundation, Bonn, Germany, <a href="http://www.humboldt-foundation.de">www.humboldt-foundation.de</a>
Call identifier	HF Research Fellowship
Call info	Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers allows foreign junior researchers / postdocs to carry out long-term research (6–24 months) in Germany. Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers allows foreign Assistant Professors or Junior Research Group Leaders (up to 12 years since completion of PhD) to carry out long-term research (6–18 months) in Germany.
Conditions / Restrictions	<p>PhD completed less than 4 years for postdocs prior to date of application submission. It is possible to apply shortly before dissertation submission, at most 6 months before submission. PhD completed less than 12 years for Experienced Researchers.</p> <p>Good knowledge of English or German.</p> <p>It is not possible to apply to several fellowship programmes or the Sofja Kovalevskaja Award Programme concurrently.</p> <p>Applicant must have lived outside Germany for a minimum of 6 months within the 18-month period prior to the submission deadline.</p> <p>German nationals (or those who have obtained their school and university or university and PhD qualifications in Germany) are eligible to apply if they have been located abroad on the assumption of permanence for at least five years.</p> <p>Applicants who have already been sponsored by the Humboldt Foundation are not eligible to apply for the Humboldt Research Fellowship Programme but should turn to the Foundation's Alumni Programme for support for further research stays.</p> <p>It is responsibility of the applicant to check that two referees and the host institution have received the request, completed the form and sent it directly to the foundation (via the online link provided to them).</p> <p>In the case of unanimously rejected applications, a new application will be accepted only after 18 months.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>1) Online application form: <a href="https://service.humboldt-foundation.de/pls/web/pub_register.main?p_package=hfst&amp;p_lang=en">https://service.humboldt-foundation.de/pls/web/pub_register.main?p_package=hfst&amp;p_lang=en</a> (applicant)</p> <p>2) CV (max 2 pages; applicant)</p> <p>3) Complete list of publications (applicant)</p> <p>4) List of selected <b>1–3</b> key publications that are published or accepted (Postdocs)</p> <p>List of selected <b>3–5</b> key publications that are published (Exp. Res)</p> <p>5) Key publications (applicant)</p> <p>6) PhD certificate or confirmation that your doctorate will be completed within 6 months (applicant)</p> <p>7) Research outline: clear description of (i) the current state of research supported by 5 relevant publications from the research area; (ii) the research questions to be examined, their originality and significance for the advancement of the research field; (iii) the academic methods to be used to achieve the goals, documented by references (max 5 pages; applicant &amp; host institution)</p> <p>8) Postdocs: Two supporting expert reviews from academics (one must be from the PhD supervisor) (referees)</p> <p>Exp. Res.: Two expert reviews from important collaborative partners from abroad (referees)</p> <p>9) Confirmation that research facilities are available and mentoring agreement and a detailed expert's statement by an academic host at a research institution in Germany (host institution)</p>
Evaluation criteria	<p>1) Academic career and academic record to date (mobility, determination, thematic scope, academic productivity);</p> <p>2) Quality of key publications named in the application (originality, innovativeness, evaluation of your own contributions to publications involving several authors);</p> <p>3) Originality and innovative potential of your proposed research (significance for the further development of the subject area, convincing selection of scientific methods, potential for scientific development, clear focus and feasibility within the requested sponsorship period, viability at the chosen host institution);</p> <p>4) Applicant's future potential (academic potential, personal development, career prospects, eg. professorial appointment).</p> <p>5) Applicant's independent research profile (for experienced researchers).</p>
Research areas	All research areas
Call workshop	None
IOCB contact	<p>Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help.</p> <p><a href="mailto:projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz">projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</a>, Šárka Křížová +420 220 183 527</p>
Download documents	<p>HF 2025 Postdocs and Experienced Researchers_summary</p> <p>HF 2025 Postdocs and Exp Researchers_Programme_information (Jun2024)</p> <p>HF 2025 Research fellowships guidelines</p>

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