



Humboldt Research Award

Information for nominators

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Nomination for a Humboldt Research Award

Would you like to nominate an international researcher from abroad for a research award? If you are a recognised academic at a research institution in Germany, you can submit a nomination for the Humboldt Research Award. Humboldt Foundation award winners working abroad can also initiate a nomination. It must, however, be submitted by a colleague working in Germany.

The Humboldt Research Award honours leading researchers for their academic achievements to date and is valued at €60,000. Up to 100 awards are granted by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation every year.

The award winners are also invited to conduct research projects of their own choice at a research institution in Germany with local specialist colleagues. This includes a total stay of six months to a whole year, which can be split into multiple stays of various durations. Please refer to our website or the Humboldt Research Award programme information to find out exactly what is required for a nomination.

- [Humboldt Research Award](#)
- [Humboldt Research Award programme information \(PDF, 63 KB\)](#)

How to submit a nomination

Your personal statement is essential for the nomination process and serves as an important basis for selection. Please state your motivation for the nomination as coherently as possible, outlining in detail the scientific significance of the nominee's fundamental discoveries, new theories or findings. You should also specify any future outstanding research expected from the nominee that could shape the research area in question. In addition, please clarify your expectations for any potential collaboration with the nominee. You are not required, however, to provide a detailed presentation of any potential joint project.

When compiling your nomination, please refer to the information in the online nomination form. This form can be saved at any point to be completed later. Please

address all the points listed in the form in detail, and, if possible, in the order suggested. We will confirm receipt of your nomination as soon as the documents reach us. Your information will, of course, be treated as strictly confidential.

What we need from you

As soon as we have received your nomination with all the required documents, we will begin the external review process. You must upload the following documents in the online nomination form (please also take note of the hints regarding the content of these documents):

- your personal statement (laudation, scientific appraisal; two to five pages)
- information on an invitation to Germany (two pages max)
- list of three to five of the nominee's key publications (two pages max, including comments)
- nominee's list of publications of the last ten years

Further information

Self-nominations are not possible, nor may you nominate close relatives or your marital/registered partner.

To ensure that the award winner's research and lecture tours run smoothly, we kindly ask you to prepare for the stay and arrange the necessary infrastructure (e.g. library access, material resources, workspace) in good time and to provide personal support for your guest (e.g. help with finding accommodation or childcare).

In submitting this nomination and integrating the nominee into your working group, you undertake to

- abide by the Principles of Scientific Ethics
 - comply with the Rules of Good Scientific Practice
 - observe the regulations relating to the prevention of arms-relevant technology transfer
 - stay alert to the danger of illegal or undesired knowledge transfer.
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- [Rules of Good Scientific Practice \(PDF, 163 KB\)](#)
 - [Guidelines on handling security-relevant research in international research collaborations](#)