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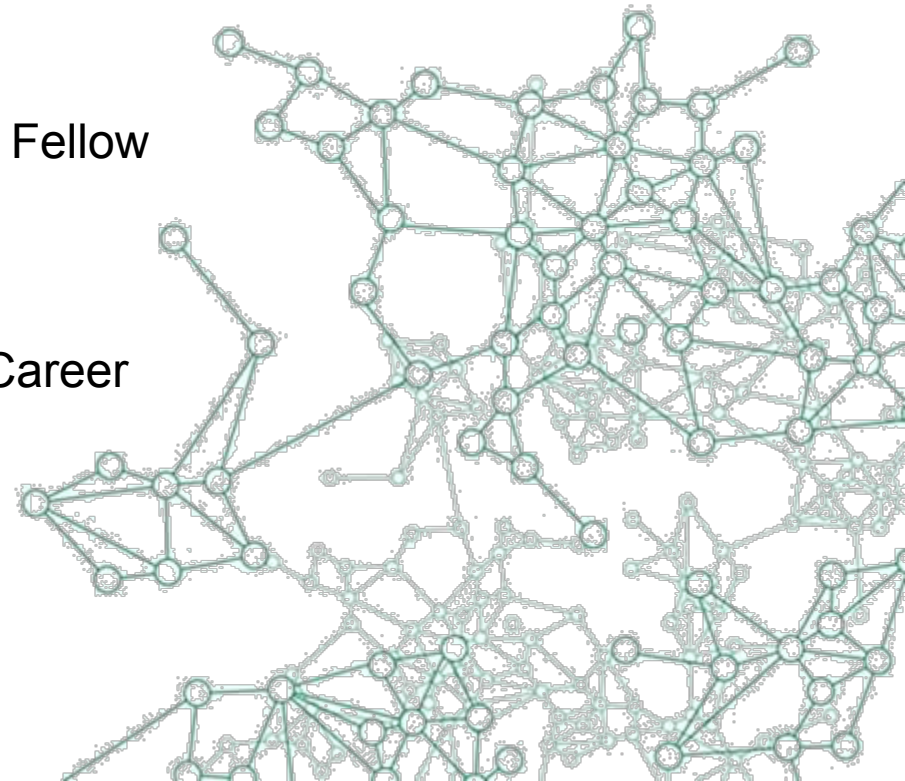
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Steppe Sisters & Humboldtians Early Career
Coference

Tashkent, Uzbekistan





Historical and intellectual roots

- Alexander von Humboldt (1769 - 1859): discoverer, universal scholar, cosmopolitan and patron of excellent scientific talent
- 1953: establishment of today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation based in Bonn Bad-Godesberg
- international network of academic cooperation and trust inspired by Humboldt's example





Principles of the Foundation

- sole selection criterion: academic excellence
- no quotas for countries or disciplines
- sponsorship of people, not projects
- free choice of academic host/collaborative partner in Germany
- independent scientific research, not stipulated by the Foundation





Sponsorship – individual and personal

- sponsorship for foreign and German top-flight academics to collaborate with specialist colleagues
- more than 700 prestigious research fellowships and awards annually
- flexible sponsorship options for different career stages
- individual and personal mentoring for those sponsored and their families





Key sponsorship programmes at a glance

	Academics from abroad	Academics from Germany
Postdoctoral researchers (up to 4 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt Research Fellowship• Georg Forster Research Fellowship (HERMES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship
Junior research group leaders (up to 6 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sofja Kovalevskaja Award	
Experienced researchers (up to 12 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt Research Fellowship• Georg Forster Research Fellowship (HERMES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship
 (up to 18 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award	
Internationally renowned academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt Research Award• Georg Forster Research Award• Anneliese Maier Research Award• Max Planck Research Award• Alexander von Humboldt Professorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Max Planck Research Award

Alumni sponsorship and international networking

- more than 26,000 Humboldtians in over 140 countries:
“Once a Humboldtian – always a Humboldtian”
- alumni sponsorship and international networking through e.g.
 - further research stays
 - Research Group Linkage Programme
 - Humboldt Colloquia and Kollegs
 - Humboldt Alumni Associations
 - Humboldt Alumni Award



Research fellowships for research stays in Germany

For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

Humboldt Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas

Georg Forster Research Fellowship (HERMES)

- researchers from emerging and developing countries, all disciplines, no quotas
- research projects with relevance to development



Research fellowships for research stays in Germany

Humboldt Research Fellowship / Georg Forster Research Fellowship (HERMES)

	Postdoctoral researchers	Experienced researchers
Duration of sponsorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 to 24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 to 18 months, may be divided up into 3 stays
Application period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 4 years ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 12 years ago
Fellowship amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2,650 EUR per month (plus additional benefits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3,150 EUR per month (plus additional benefits)



Application requirements

Postdoctoral researchers

- above average doctorate
- academic publications
- agreement by academic host
- independent research project
- knowledge of German and/or English

Experienced researchers

- independent academic activity, e.g. as an assistant professor
- comprehensive list of academic publications with own, clearly defined academic profile
- agreement by academic host
- independent research project
- knowledge of German and/or English



Application procedure

- applications at any time to the Foundation directly
- assessment by independent expert reviewers
- decision by independent selection committees
- duration of procedure: approximately 4 to 7 months





Application requirements

1. **Doctorate** or comparable academic degree (Ph.D., C.Sc. or equivalent), completed less than four 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.
2. **Academic publications** reviewed according to international standards and printed in journals and/or by publishing houses.
3. **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.
4. **Expert reviews** from the doctoral supervisor and two other academics qualified to give well-founded comments on the applicant's qualification, preferably including reviewers not working at the applicant's own institute.
5. **Necessary language skills:** humanities or social sciences and medicine: good knowledge of German if it is necessary to carry out the research successfully; otherwise a good knowledge of English; natural sciences and engineering: good knowledge of German or English.

Potential applicants who have been in Germany for more than six months at the time of application are not eligible to apply.



Benefits provided

- fellowship
- travel lump sum
- language courses*
- benefits for families
- allowance for research costs for the host institute*

(*not applicable to Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships)

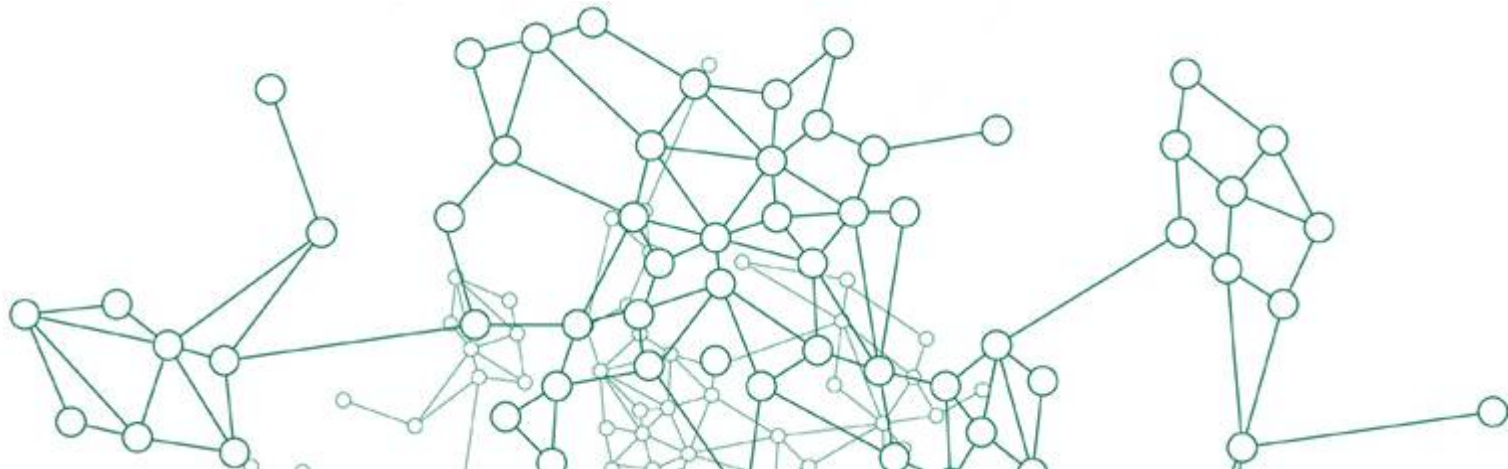




Benefits provided

- intensive and individual mentoring in Germany and abroad by personal contacts at the Foundation
- study tour*, network meeting, annual meeting
- return fellowships for specific regions
- alumni sponsorship

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Look for a host in Germany

through the Humboldt Foundation's Network Online

- Network Online can be used to locate Humboldtians' host institutes
- searches can be filtered by subject area, location or keyword

www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/netzwerk-recherche.html

on the EURAXESS Germany website

www.euraxess.de/portal/search_engines_for_hosts.html

with the help of the Research Explorer from DAAD and DFG

- contains more than 19,000 institutes at German universities and non-university research institutions
- allows searches based on geographical, field-related and structural criteria

www.research-explorer.de

**ask colleagues at your institute who have contacts in Germany
(possibly Humboldtians)**



Research awards

Sofja Kovalevskaja Award

- for top level junior academics from abroad
- up to 1.65 million EUR for a period of 5 years
- to establish their own junior research group in Germany
- joint application by the applicant and the host institution





Contact

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