Mobility Programmes
for Postdoctoral Researchers
Overview

• German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
  PRIME: Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience
• Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH)
  • Incoming: Humboldt Research Fellowship
  • Outgoing: Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship
• Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
  Postdoctoral Fellowship
• other options
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next call deadline: **31 August 2023**
Humboldt Research Fellowship

• **Aim:** enable highly-qualified researchers from abroad to do research in Germany, strengthening networks (“Humboldt Family”) and the German research system.

• **Who can apply?**
  - scientists and scholars of any discipline
  - researchers living and working abroad

• **Funding:** personal fellowship (stipend); additional funding for family, travel and health insurance; German host applies for support for research costs.

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up to 4 years after completion of their PhD, funding for 6-24 months

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from 4 up to 12 years after completion of their PhD, funding for 6-18 months for up to three visits in three years
Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

• **Aim:** enable researchers from Germany to conduct research with members of the Humboldt Network

• **Who can apply?**
  - scientists and scholars of any discipline
  - from Germany, with above-average qualifications
  - hosted by member of the Humboldt Network

• **Funding:** personal stipend, amount varies by target country and life situation; hosts in developed countries are expected to co-fund; return fellowship possible

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with a clear academic profile up to 12 years after completion of their PhD, funding for 6-18 months for up to three visits in three years
AvH-Foundation specifics

• **mobility rule:**
  researchers must not have spent more than 6 months in total in the selected host country within the 18-month period prior to submitting an application

• **flexibility:**
  exceptions to many rules to allow for best possible support to targeted researchers

• **no submission deadlines!**
  Selection committee meetings 3 x per year (Feb/Mar, Jun/Jul, Oct/Nov)
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship

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**European Fellowship | EF**
for moving within Europe or to come to Europe for 1-2 years
(any nationality)

**Global Fellowship | GF**
for mobility outside of Europe for 1-2 years with mandatory return phase to Europe of 1 year
(only nationals or long-term residents of EU or associated countries)
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship (cont.)

• **mobility rule:** applicants may not have lived or worked more than 12 months in the country of their host institution within the last 36 months before the call deadline

• both types of fellowship may include **short-term secondments anywhere in the world**
Other options (mobility not required)

- DFG: Walter Benjamin Programme
- EU: ERC Starting Grant
- EU: ERC Consolidator Grant
- Search for funding options of various foundations: [www.deutsches-stiftungszentrum.de/foerderung](http://www.deutsches-stiftungszentrum.de/foerderung) (only in German)
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**Info session**
RMU Postdoc Career Weeks
22 June 2023, 9-11 a.m.
Links relating to the Discussion

• **EU expert evaluator**: Check how to benefit and register: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert

• **Call for DAAD expert evaluators**: https://www.daad.de/de/der-daad/wer-wir-sind/organisation/interessensbekundung-gutachtertaetigkeit/

• **MSCA Matchmaking**:
  - **KoWi**: Host offers in Germany: https://www.kowi.de/kowi/services/weitere-kowi-services/msca-matchmaker/fellowship-host-offers.aspx
  - **EURAXESS**: https://www.euraxess.de/jobs/hosting/search
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Questions?

Thank you!

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