

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

DAAD PRIME



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German Academic Exchange Service



Federal Ministry
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and Research

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 - any discipline, nationality, and country of residence
 - above-average qualifications
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next call deadline
31 August 2023

Humboldt Research Fellowship



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HUMBOLDT
STIFTUNG

- **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

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

**Fellowship for
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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



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- 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
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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



- Aim: foster **excellence**, help researchers gain **experience in other countries, disciplines and sectors**
- Who can apply?
 - any discipline, nationality, and country of residence
 - doctorate must be completed before call deadline
 - up to 8 years after award of PhD
- Funding: Allowances for 12-36 months for **living, mobility**, (family, long-term leave, special-needs), **research & training, management & indirect costs**

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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**

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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-gutachtertätigkeit/>
- **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>

Support at RMU

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Questions?

Thank you!



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