The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation grants:

Research Fellowships and Research Awards to highly qualified scientists and scholars from all countries and disciplines
The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

- Named after Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859): a universal scholar, renowned for his scientific explorations of South America and his support of young scholars

- Present Humboldt Foundation established in 1953

- Financed by the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research and by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

- Has sponsored more than 23,000 scientists and scholars from over 130 countries

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The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Grants

- About 500 Research Fellowships per year
- About 100 Research Awards per year
- About 120 Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships for German Postdocs per year

**Figures for 2005:**
- Annual Budget: 51 Million Euro
- circa 1,460 Fellows in Germany
- circa 300 Awardees in Germany
- circa 230 Feodor Lynen Fellows Abroad

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“Mission Statement”

The Humboldt Foundation in a nutshell:

- Sponsorship of “individual excellence”
- No quotas for countries or fields of research
- Long lasting contacts between scientists and scholars in Germany and in other countries
- Lifelong contact with the Humboldt Foundation through alumni programme
Research Fellowships and Research Awards granted by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Programmes for scientists and scholars from abroad

Programmes for scientists and scholars from Germany

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Sponsorship Programmes of the Humboldt Foundation in a Nutshell

- Humboldt Research Fellowships
- Georg Forster Research Fellowships
- Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships
- Humboldt Research Awards

Programmes geared to specific countries:

For U.S.: TransCoop Program
German Chancellor Scholarship Program
Transatlantic Science and Humanities Prog.

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Who can apply for a research fellowship?

- **highly qualified scientists and scholars holding doctorates** without regard to their nationality, sex, discipline, ideology or religion and who do not exceed the age limit

- **academic qualification** is the only criterion for selection

- **no quotas in respect of either country or academic discipline**
Humboldt Research Fellowships

Application requirements:

- Doctorate or equivalent academic qualification
- Academic host in Germany
- Research plan
- International publications
- Age limit: 40 years
Humboldt Research Fellowships

Sponsorship:

Research Fellowship
- Language training (fellow and spouse)
- Monthly stipend*
- Mobility allowance
- Family allowance
- Conference allowance
- Stays at other European research institutions

Alumni sponsorship
- Renewed research in Germany
- Conference visits to Germany
- Donations of equipment/books
- Institute partnerships
- Research visits by German postdocs
- Invitations of German colleagues
- Alumni meetings/clubs

* The monthly stipends allow a standard of living comparable to that of scientists and scholars in similar professional positions in Germany.

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Humboldt Research Awards

Internationally recognized scientists and scholars

Tribute to the academic accomplishments of a lifetime

No age limit

Nomination by German scientists and scholars
Humboldt Research Fellowships
by continent
2000 to 2005

total number: 3940

- Europe: 41%
- Asia: 36%
- North America: 9%
- Central and South America: 5%
- Africa: 6%
- Australia: 3%
Humboldt Research Fellowships and Awards by discipline for U.S. 2000 - 2005

2000 - 2005
total number: 1556

- Humanities: 37.8%
- Natural Sciences: 55.7%
- Engineering Sciences: 6.4%
Fellowships and Awards for U.S. scientists and scholars from 1954 to 2005

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Successful U.S. Applications for AvH Fellowships and Awards 1954 to 2005

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Programs for U.S.

TSHP (Transatlantic Science and Humanities Program):

- TSHP Advisory Board
- 2-Year Post-Doctoral Fellowships
- Summer Research Fellowships
- Frontiers of Research Symposia
- European-American Young Scholars’ Institutes
- TransCoop Program

German Chancellor Scholarships

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Transatlantic Science and Humanities Program (TSHP)

Frontiers of Research Symposia

GAFOS – German-American Frontiers of Science in co-operation with the National Academy of Sciences

GAFOE - German-American Frontiers of Engineering in co-operation with the National Academy of Engineering

GAFOH - German-American Frontiers of Humanities in co-operation with the American Philosophical Society

GAFOSB - German-American Frontiers of Social and Behavioral Sciences (in preparation)
Transatlantic Science and Humanities Program (TSHP)

European-American Young Scholars’ Summer Institute in co-operation with the Center for Advanced Studies in Berlin (Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin) and the Mellon Foundation

2 week summer institute in two consecutive years for 10 U.S. and 10 European young post-doctoral students on a specific topic:

2005-2006: „Hierarchy, Marginality, and Ethnicity in Muslim Societies“

   2005 at Yale University – 2006 in Berlin, Germany
TransCoop Program
Transatlantic Research Cooperation

Application Requirements:
- German and American/Canadian scholars from the humanities and social sciences
- Minimum requirement for principal investigators: Ph.D. and current scientific activities
- Recent international publications
- Independently developed research plan endorsed by all principal investigators of the team

Sponsorship:
- 45,000 € (~$ 54,000) over a period of up to three years under the condition that the amount granted by TransCoop is matched by funds from U.S. and/or Canadian sources
- Funds can be used to finance mutual research visits, material, printing costs and research assistance

Application deadlines:
- October 31 and April 30
German Chancellor Scholarships

Application Requirements:
- prospective leaders from the U.S.A. and the Russian Federation from the humanities, social sciences, law, economic sciences, arts, music or musicology or related professions, holding at least a Bachelor´s/a Bakalavr degree
- age limit: up to 35 years
- contact with (academic) host in Germany
- independently developed Germany-related (research) project to be carried out at a German (research) institution
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