

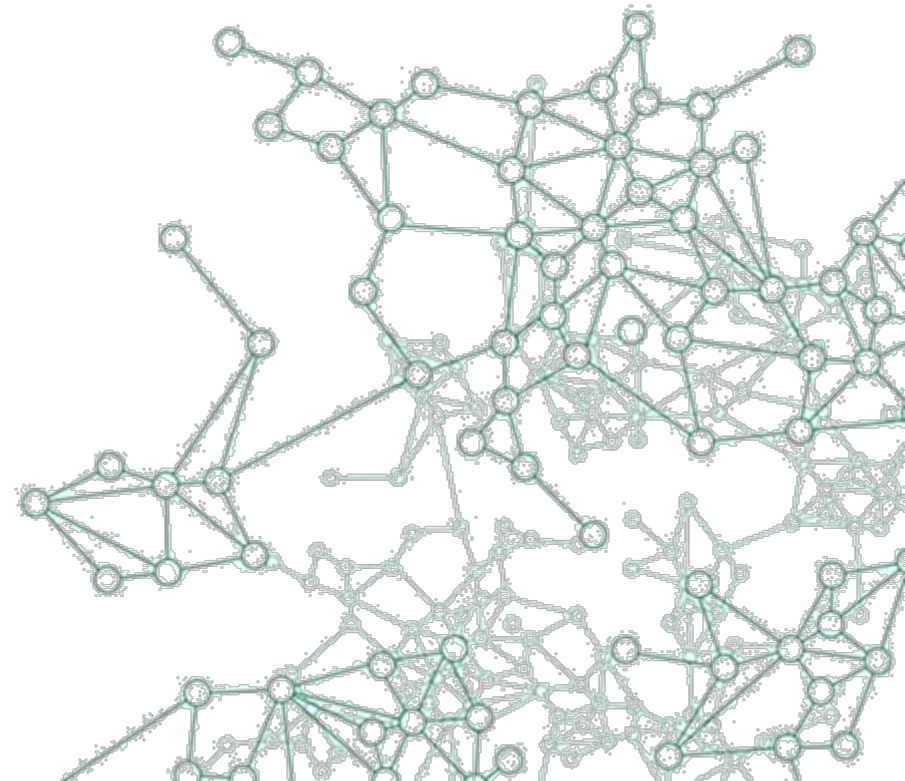


Exzellenz verbindet – be part of a worldwide network

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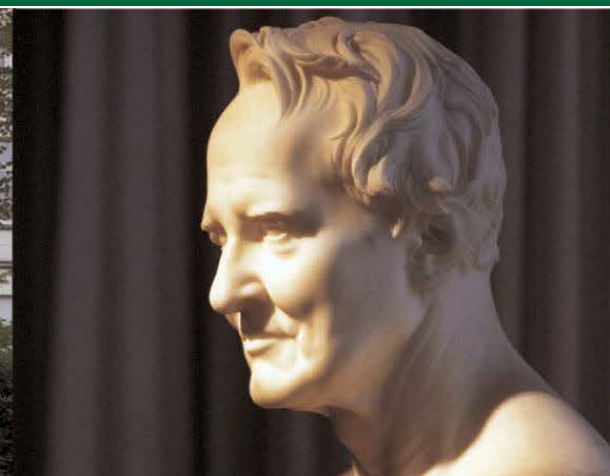




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The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Networks of Excellence: Programmes and Initiatives for Israel





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





The Humboldt Foundation's areas of work

- sponsorship of international academics as a part of foreign cultural and educational policy
- strengthening cutting-edge research through internationalisation
- impetus for the research location Germany by promoting individuals
- advancing development through academic cooperation





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



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
 - equipment subsidies, book donations
 - Research Group Linkage Programme
 - Humboldt Colloquia and Kollegs
 - Humboldt Alumni Associations
 - Humboldt Alumni Award

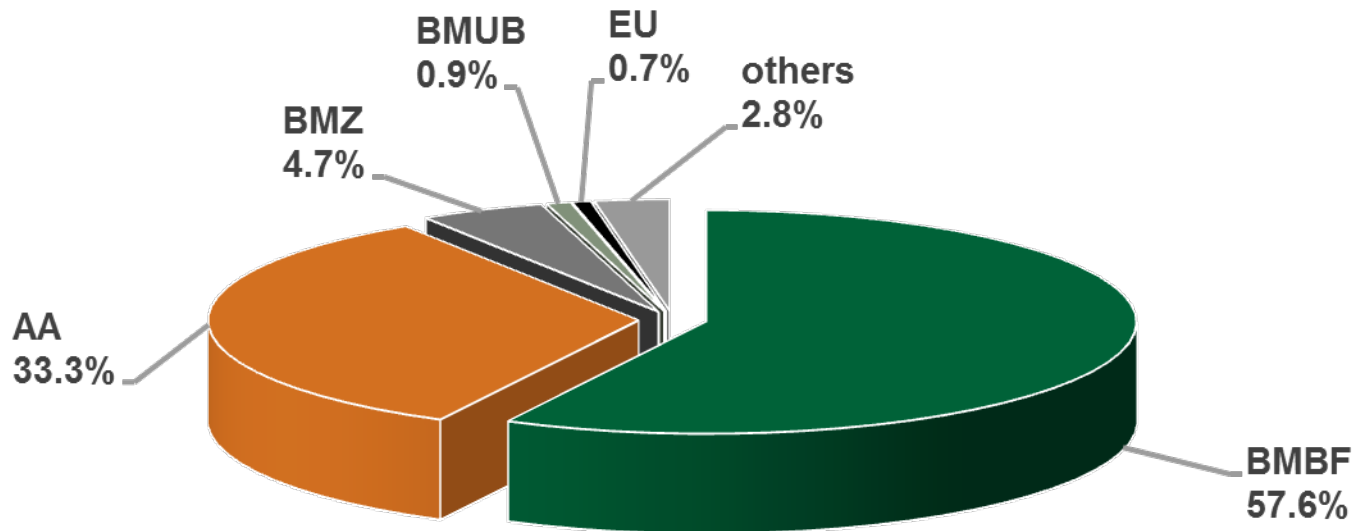




The Humboldt Foundation's funding

Budget for 2014: approx. 110.5 million EUR

Financed by federal funds and the European Union: approx. 97%



AA: Federal Foreign Office

BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research

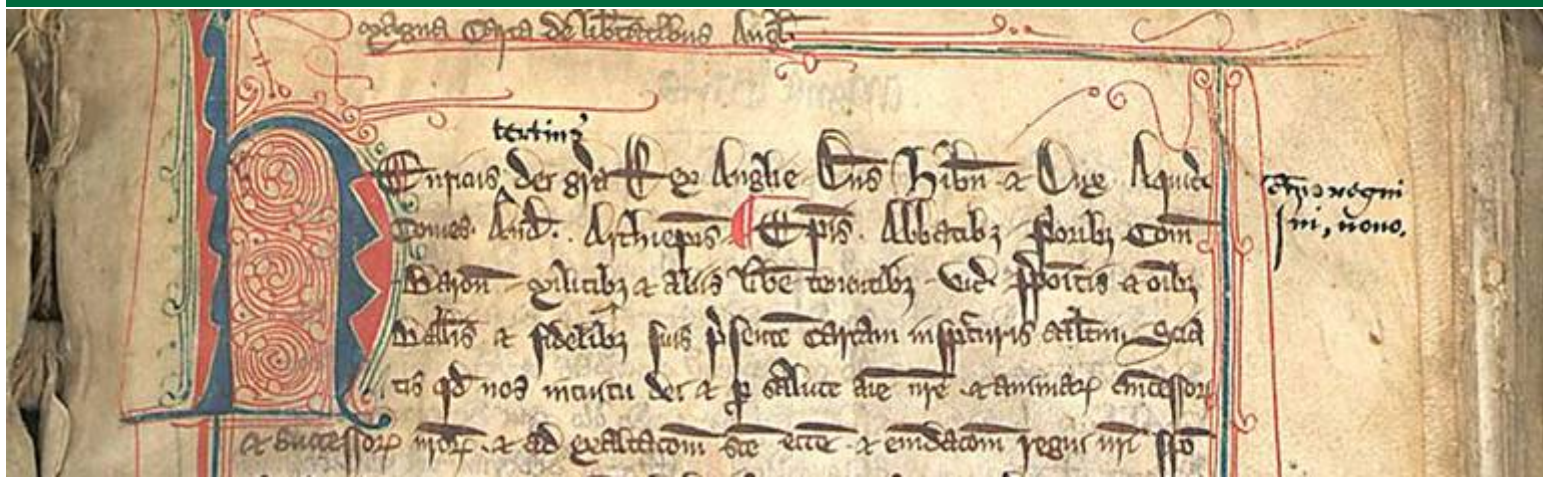
BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

BMUB: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety



Research Fellowships

for exceptionally qualified academics from abroad and from
Germany



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)

Research fellowships for research stays abroad

For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all subjects, no quotas
- Humboldtians as hosts
- host contribution (negotiated individually)





Research Fellowships: Application Requirements and Benefits





Application requirements

Postdoctoral researchers

- above average doctorate
- academic publications
- agreement by academic host
- independent research proposal
- 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 proposal
- 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





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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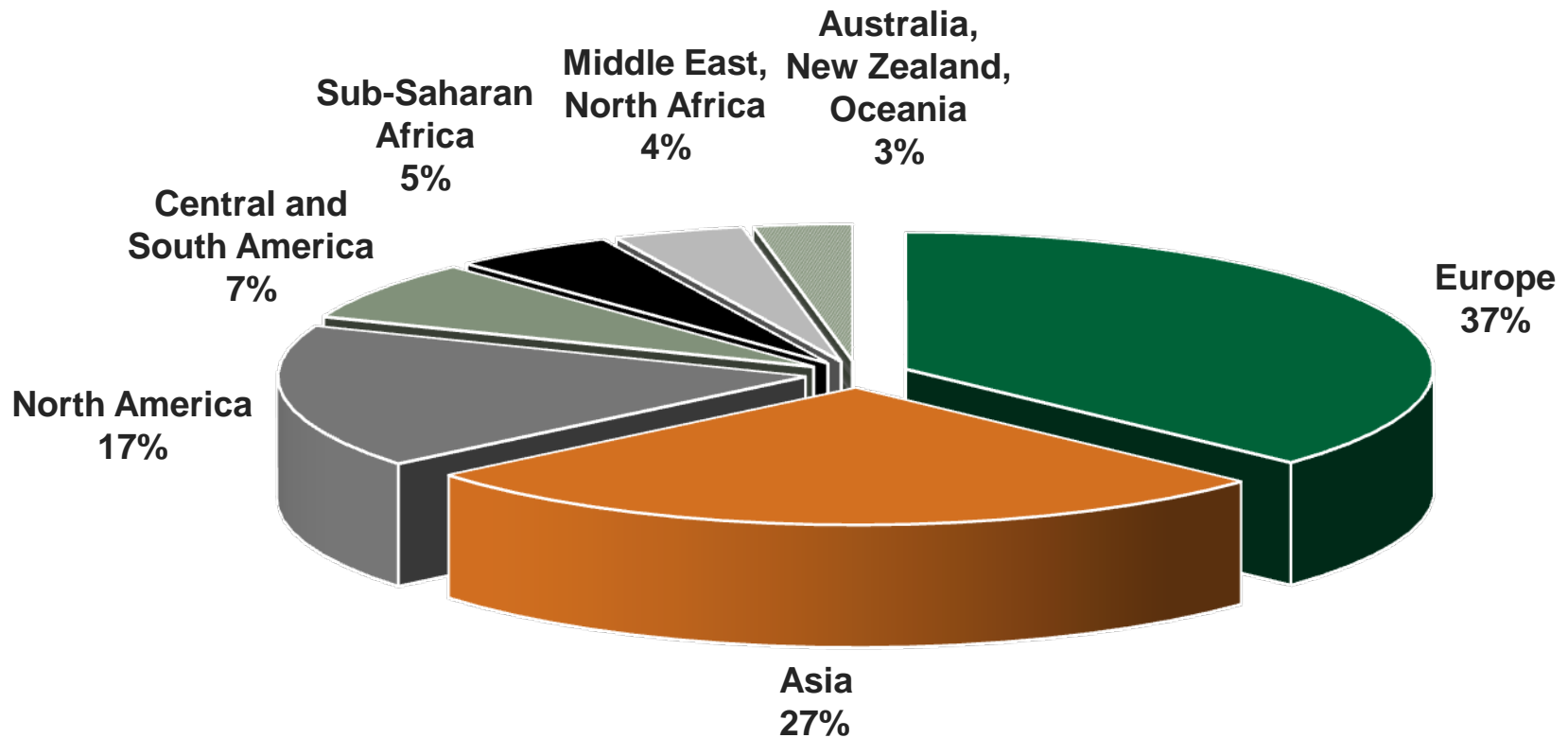




Origin of guest researchers

2010–2014:

2,805 research fellowships granted to academics from abroad

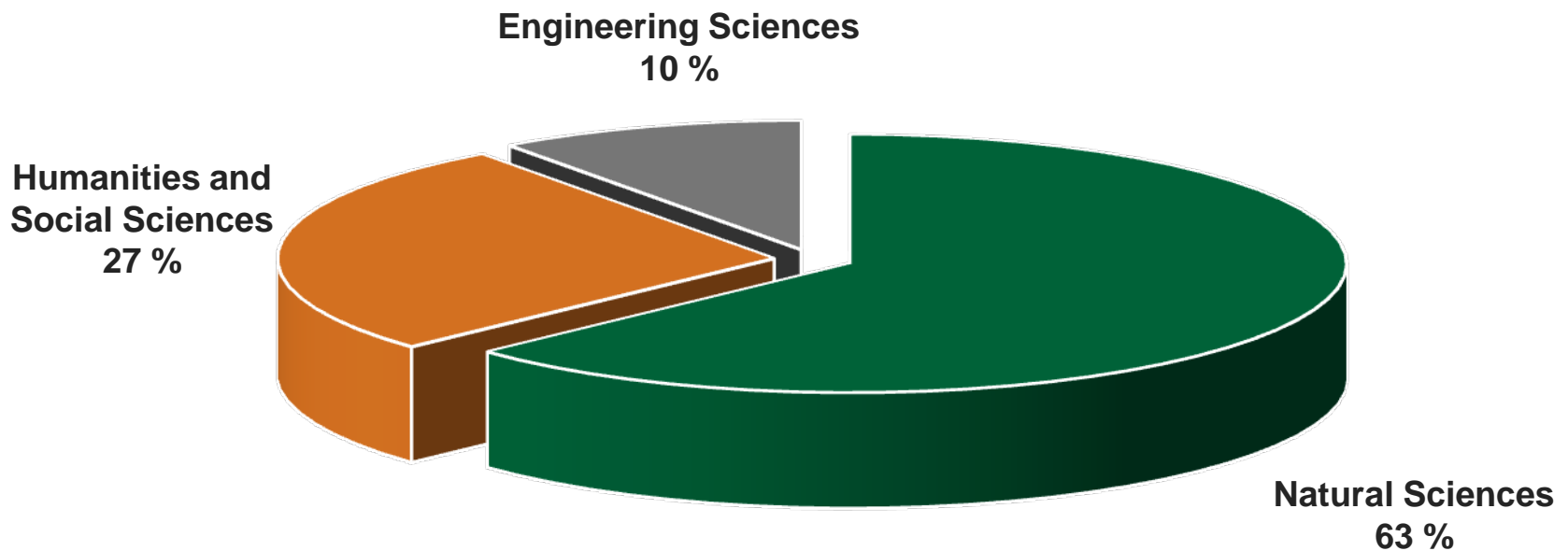




Disciplines of guest researchers

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Award Programmes





Research awards

Humboldt Research Award (by nomination)

- for internationally eminent academics from abroad
- 60,000 EUR, research stay in Germany

Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award (by nomination)

- for experienced, internationally-respected academics from abroad up to 18 years after completion of doctorate
- up to 45,000 EUR, research stay in Germany





Research awards

Anneliese Maier Research Award

collaboration award to promote the internationalisation of the humanities and social sciences in Germany

- for outstanding researchers from abroad from the fields of the humanities and social sciences
- 250,000 EUR for a period of up to 5 years
- to finance research collaboration with specialist colleagues in Germany
- nomination





AvH in the Middle East and North Africa





AvH in the Middle East and North Africa

- ~ 990 Humboldtians (~ 120 Research Awardees, ~ 120 Georg Forster-Research Fellows)
- ~ 20 Humboldt-Kollegs (e.g. Jerusalem 2015)
- 6 Humboldt-Kolloquia (e.g. Jordan 2009; Israel 2016)
- Humboldt Ambassador Scientists in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Iran
- Humboldt Alumni Associations in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Maghreb
- Research Group Linkages in Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Tunisia





AvH in the Middle East and North Africa

- Countries with relatively many Humboldtians:
Egypt (393), Israel (286)
- Countries with moderate numbers of Humboldtians: *Iran (127)*
- Countries with few Humboldtians:
*Algeria (22), Jordan (36), Lebanon (24), Morocco (29),
Palestinian Territories (15), Syria (19), Tunisia (17)*



Top Institutions in Israel which host most Humboldtians

Name of Institution	Place	Number of Humboldtians
Hebrew University	Jerusalem	60
Tel Aviv University	Tel Aviv	46
Weizmann Institute	Rehovot	32
Technion	Haifa	26
Haifa University	Haifa	14



AvH Activities in Israel in 2015 / 2016

- 3rd of June, 2015: Interdisciplinary presentation by the Humboldt award winner and nobel prize winner Prof. Aaron Ciechanover (Haifa University) at the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Foundation in Munich
 - 13-15th July, 2015: Humboldt German-Israeli Roundtable on “Sustainability and Peace-Building“ in Berlin
 - 12-14th October, 2015: Humboldt Kolleg on “Comparative Studies in the 21st Century: Prospects and Pitfalls“ in Jerusalem
 - 11-14th October, 2015: 7th German-Israeli Frontiers of Humanities Symposium in Israel: “Boundaries and Bridges: The Dynamics of Urban Diversity“ at Kibbutz Tzuba, Israel
 - 21-23rd September, 2016: Humboldt Colloquium at Tel Aviv University
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