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## The US partner of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

- American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is a transatlantic bridge builder and home of the over 6,000-strong US Humboldt alumni network.
- We promote networking, exchange, and collaboration among researchers and professionals in many disciplines and fields and leverage their expertise to address today's most critical issues.



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- We execute our mission through shared programs in recruitment and alumni stewardship, and through programs paired with those of the AvH, and other services, publications, and fundraising.





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## About AvH

- The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is a German organization that promotes international academic cooperation by providing research funding, scholarships, and fellowships to researchers and scholars worldwide.
- The foundation supports highly qualified scientists and academics, enabling them to conduct groundbreaking research in Germany while building long-term collaborations.
- Through its diverse programs, the foundation fosters knowledge exchange and cross-cultural dialogue, contributing to global innovation and scientific progress.

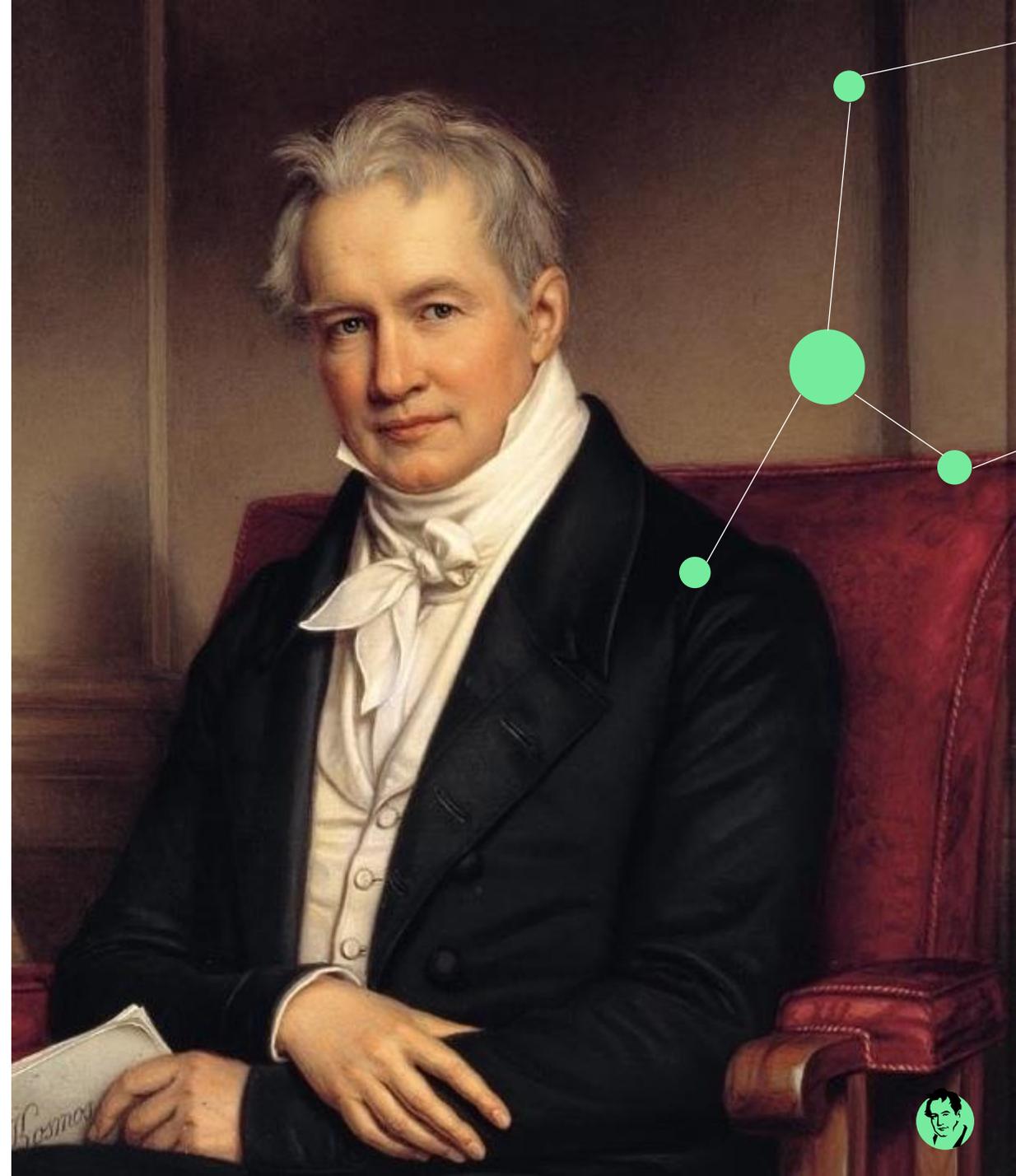
# OUR ROOTS

**Alexander von Humboldt (1769 – 1859):**

explorer, universal genius, cosmopolitan  
and sponsor of excellent scientific talent

**1953:** Establishment of today's Alexander  
von Humboldt Foundation, based in Bonn  
Bad-Godesberg

International network of academic  
cooperation, modelled on Humboldt



# WHAT WE DO

- Academic collaborations between excellent international and German researchers
- Sponsorship throughout lifetime
- A network of 30,000 alumni worldwide
- International understanding, diplomacy, scientific progress and development
- Internationalization of Germany as a research location





# WHAT WE DO

- Research fellowships and research awards for researchers from abroad
- Chosen research project with a host and collaborative partner in Germany
- Alexander von Humboldt Professorship: Germany's most valuable research award



# WHAT WE DO

- Research fellowships for researchers from Germany
- Research project as the guest of a member of the Humboldt network abroad



# WHAT WE DO

- No quotas, neither for individual countries nor for specific academic disciplines
- The only thing that counts is the applicant's academic record.
- We support people, not projects.





## Advancing Equal Opportunities in Academia

- Equal opportunities is an important issue for the Foundation
- Fellowship extension or interruption, allowances to support childcare
- Targeted counselling and provision of information

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Research topic and academic host / unrestricted selection of collaborative partner in Germany
- From postdocs via experienced researchers to world leaders: research fellowships and research awards for every career situation



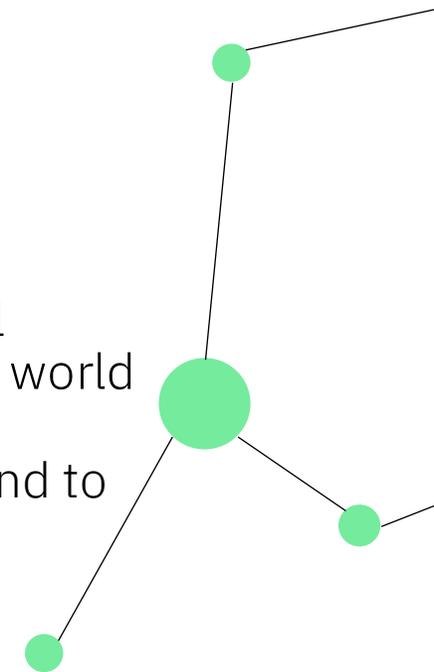
# Global Minds Initiative Germany

## What it is:

- Launched by Germany's Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space, the Global Minds Initiative is a national strategy to attract outstanding researchers from around the world and to deepen international collaboration on the most pressing scientific and societal challenges of our time. The program expands Germany's capacity to host global talent and to strengthen knowledge networks that reach far beyond national borders.

## The AvH Foundation's Role:

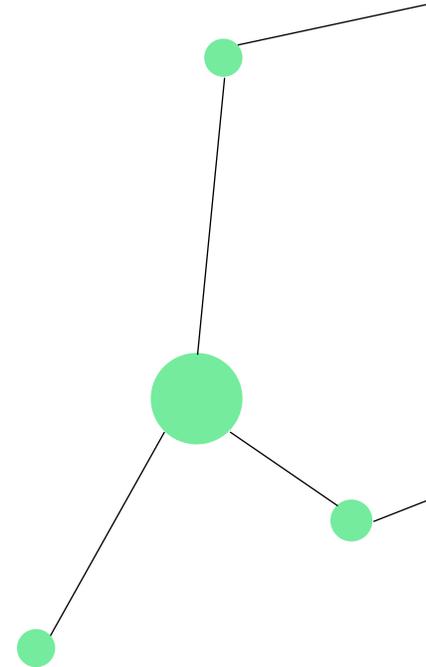
- Serve as a key implementing partner of the Global Minds Initiative
- Expand its fellowship and award portfolio with additional funding to attract top global researchers
- Provide international scholars with access to Germany's leading research institutions and networks
- Strengthen transatlantic ties by creating new opportunities for US–Germany collaboration
- Extend the Humboldt Foundation's global community of 30,000+ researchers, ensuring lasting partnerships that go beyond individual projects



# Global Minds Initiative Germany

## Resource Links

- [https://www.bmftr.bund.de/EN/Research/ScienceSystem/global-minds-initiative-germany/global-minds-initiative-germany\\_node.html](https://www.bmftr.bund.de/EN/Research/ScienceSystem/global-minds-initiative-germany/global-minds-initiative-germany_node.html)
- <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/explore/newsroom/news/global-minds-initiative-germany-humboldt-foundation-sponsorship-opportunities>
- <https://www.dfg.de/global-minds-initiative>
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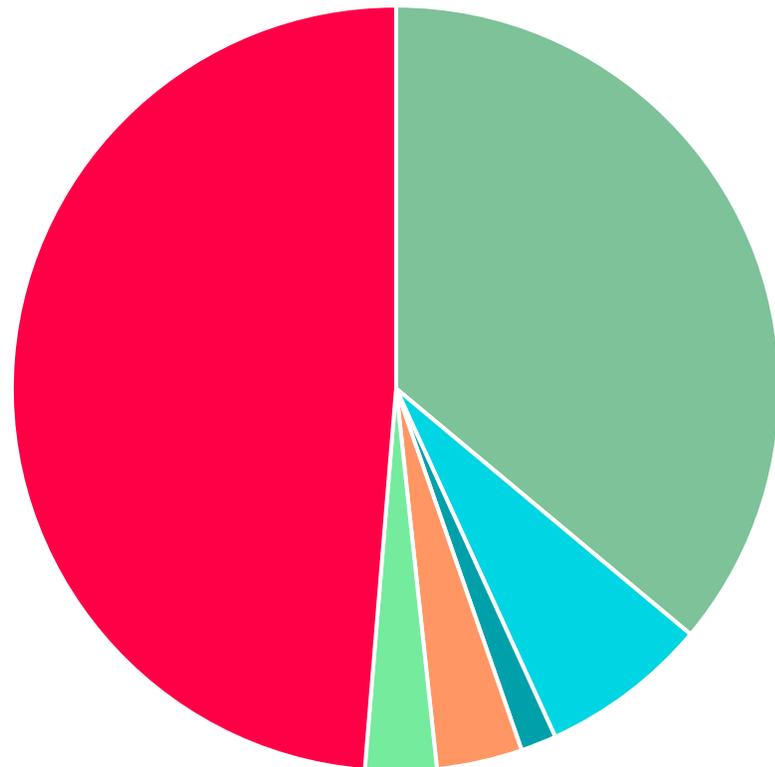
# MAJOR SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

	Researchers from abroad	Researchers from Germany
<b>Postdoctoral researchers</b> (up to 4 years after doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humboldt Research Fellowship</li> <li>• Georg Forster Research Fellowship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship</li> </ul>
<b>Experienced researchers</b> (up to 12 years after doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humboldt Research Fellowship</li> <li>• Georg Forster Research Fellowship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship</li> </ul>
(up to 15 years after doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award</li> </ul>	
(up to 18 years after doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award</li> </ul>	
<b>Internationally recognized researchers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humboldt Research Award</li> <li>• Georg Forster Research Award</li> </ul>	



# HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION FINANCING

Budget 2024\*: approx. 165.9 mill. euros, 97 percent financed through federal funds



AA	32,7 %
BMZ	7,0 %
AA (IKI)	1,5 %
EU	4,4 %
Others	2,9 %
BMFTR	51,5 %

AA: Federal Foreign Office  
BMFTR: Federal Ministry of Research, Technology, and Space?  
BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development  
IKI: Internationale Klimaschutzinitiative (International Climate Initiative)

\* according to the 2024 budget



# OUR NETWORK

“**IDEAS CAN ONLY BEAR FRUIT  
IF THEY TAKE ROOT IN MANY  
MINDS.**”

*Alexander von Humboldt*

- World-spanning Humboldt Network transcending the boundaries of disciplines and countries
- Scientific solutions to the challenges of our times
- A network of trust and understanding



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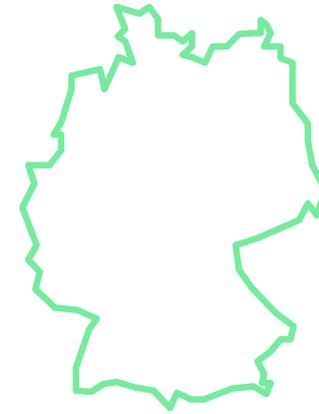
Awards and fellowships every year



Alumni in more than

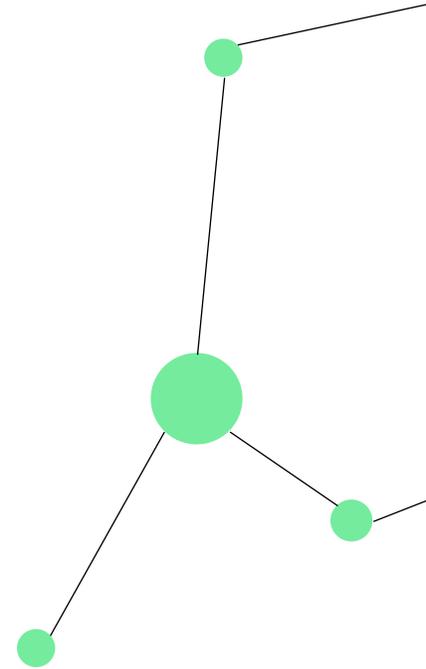
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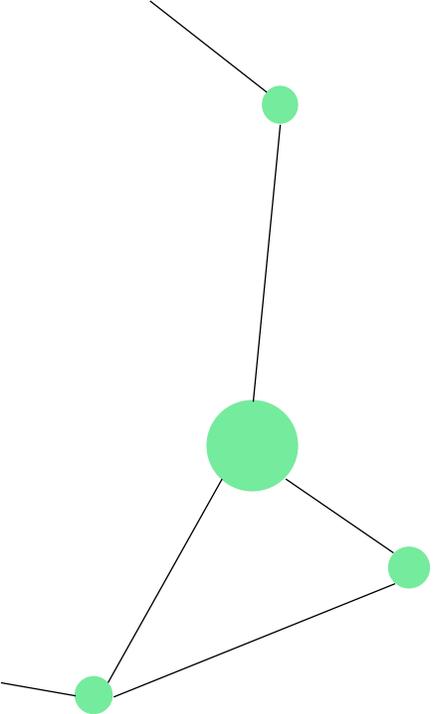
countries



**2300**

Research stays in Germany every year





**30000**

Humboldtians across the world

**61**

Nobel Prize Winners

**40**

Conferences and meetings across the world every year

**109**

Humboldt alumni associations worldwide





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**THANK YOU**

Do you have any questions?

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