



Amendment to the Guidelines and Information for German Chancellor Fellowships of the fellowship year 2021/2022 necessitated by the repercussions of the Corona pandemic

The impacts of the corona pandemic continue to develop dynamically and are difficult to predict. Therefore, the formats of the language course and some events had to be adapted.

The following information covers the changes as of April 2021 and constitutes an additional amendment to the “Guidelines and Information for German Chancellor Fellowships”. In accepting the fellowship, you agree to be bound by the guidelines, including these amendments.

Section A.2.1. Introductory seminar now reads:

During October, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will enable the fellows to make contact within the fellowship cohort as well as to acquire initial insights into German society and culture. This will happen by means of virtual meetings and – if possible – a face-to-face event. The virtual meetings will take place parallel to the start of your project at your host institute. We recommend you to participate in the virtual meetings on a regular basis. More detailed information will be made available in advance.

Sections A.3.2.1. and A.3.2.2. now read:

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation grants language courses to prepare for your stay in Germany. The language courses will be offered in an online format that has been specifically tailored to German Chancellor Fellows at home. They start in early July. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will pay the course fees; costs for board and lodging cannot be covered. It is not compulsory to take a course, but we do urgently recommend you to make full use of the opportunity – German skills will open many doors for you. Depending on your existing level of competence, we recommend you to factor in at least 8-12 hours per week for your online German course. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation requires regular participation in the courses.

If your marital partner would like to participate in a language course at the same time, you can send an informal written application to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. Finances permitting, the Foundation will grant an online language course for them, too. It is a precondition that your marital partner will be accompanying you to Germany and will remain there without interruption for at least three months.

Note on section B.3.:

Please submit the relevant visa application for the location of your host institute in Germany and plan to embark on your German Chancellor Fellowship at your host institute in October 2021. We recommend you to approach your host for support in finding accommodation and assisting you with the initial registration procedures.

Important: Please check carefully whether you will be subject to travel restrictions or special conditions after entering the country (quarantine, testing etc.)! Should you not be able to enter the country at the beginning of October due to travel restrictions, please inform your contact at the Humboldt Foundation.

Time schedule

5 July – 24 September 2021	Online German courses in own country
1 October 2021	Start of German Chancellor Fellowship at host institution in Germany
During October	Virtual introductory formats parallel to start of project and – if possible – a face-to-face event (probably in the third week of October). <i>Detailed information to follow.</i>
5 – 19 March 2022	Study tour
22 – 24 June 2022	Annual meeting
July 2022 (tbd)	Final meeting