



Subsidy for sponsorship recipients with disabilities or chronic illnesses

Sponsorship recipients with a disability or with a disability or chronic illness that limits their mobility can request a subsidy of up to EUR 15,000 per 6 months to cover demonstrable additional costs caused by the disability or chronic illness, provided these additional costs are not covered by their health insurance or other providers. A subsidy can be applied for if these additional costs exceed EUR 100 per month. Another prerequisite for this subsidy is evidence of comprehensive health insurance for the entire sponsorship period in Germany.

Decisions on the subsidy are taken by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation on the basis of the funds at its disposal. The need is determined using a case-by-base assessment. Processing takes 6 to 8 weeks.

The application must be made in writing; the [application form](#) is available on the Foundation's website.

The nature and extent of the disability or chronic illness and the resulting financial expenditure must be explained. Additionally, evidence of the disability and/or chronic illness and evidence that the costs cannot be covered by your health insurance or other providers must be submitted. The costs incurred must be demonstrated by submitting original invoices and copies of proofs of payment. Only then can a refund be made.

Invoices must usually be issued within the calendar year in which the costs are incurred. If individual invoices or payment receipts can only be submitted after the end of the sponsorship period, the subsidy application must still be made before the end of the sponsorship period. Supporting documents must be submitted promptly, and no later than 3 months after the end of the sponsorship period.

If costs are paid by a third party during the sponsorship or at a later date, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation must be notified immediately. Any overpaid benefits must be paid back to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.