

Amendment to the “Guidelines and Information on Alexander von Humboldt Foundation International Climate Protection Fellowships” of the year 2022/2023 necessitated by the repercussions of the Corona pandemic

Due to the repercussions of the Corona pandemic the formats of the language course, certain other events as well as the timetable have had to be adjusted. The following information covers the changes as of September 2021 and constitutes an additional amendment to the “Guidelines and Information on Alexander von Humboldt Foundation International Climate Protection Fellowships”. In accepting the fellowship, you agree to be bound by the guidelines, including these amendments.

Due to the pandemic, the global situation is developing dynamically and unpredictably. Should the external circumstances change in a way that necessitates further adjustments to the International Climate Protection Fellowship Programme, we will inform you immediately.

Section A.2.1. Introductory seminar now reads:

During March, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will enable the fellows to make contact within the fellowship cohort as well as to familiarise themselves with the current social, political, cultural, economic and historical dimensions of climate protection and climate-related resource conservation in Germany, by means of virtual meetings and formats. If the situation allows for it, the final part of the Introductory Seminar will be conducted as an on-site event for the group. International Climate Protection fellows will be able to meet in person. Necessary hygiene measures will apply under these circumstances. The virtual introductory seminar will be organized by the Centre for Environmental Communication (ZUK), a non-profit making organisation owned by the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (German Federal Environmental Foundation). The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is running the International Climate Protection Fellowship programme in cooperation with the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU). The meetings will take place parallel to the start of your project at your host institute. 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 fellowships to prepare for your stay in Germany. The language courses will be offered in an online format that has been specifically tailored to International Climate Protection Fellows at home. They will begin in January 2022. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will pay the course fees; costs for board and

lodging cannot be covered. The online German courses are not compulsory, 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.

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 a language fellowship for an online 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 International Climate Protection Fellowship at your host institute in March 2022. 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 or similar)! Should you not be able to enter the country at the beginning of March due to travel restrictions, please inform your contact at the Humboldt Foundation.

Time schedule

3 January – 25 February 2022 Online German courses in own country

1 March 2022 Start of International Climate Protection Fellowship at host institution in Germany

9 - 10 March 2022 Virtual introductory day of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. *Detailed information to follow.*

11 - 31 March 2022 Virtual introductory seminar parallel to start of project at host institution. *Detailed information to follow.*

June 2022 Annual meeting

September / October 2022 Study tour

January / February 2023 Final meeting