



Parenthood:

extension of the fellowship

Application in writing may be made to extend a fellowship by up to 3 months (for prospective leaders) or 12 months (for postdocs) if at least one child under the age of 12 when the fellowship begins (for stays that are divided up into partial stays: when each stay begins) accompanies the fellow to Germany during the sponsorship period. This also applies if the first child is born during the sponsorship period.

The requested extension period may not exceed the originally approved sponsorship period.

The total sponsorship period approved by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation must not exceed 36 months as a rule; extensions of the fellowship in connection with statutory maternity leave are not taken into account.

The duration of the extension will be determined on the basis of the actual duration of stay of the accompanying child in Germany. As a prerequisite for claiming an extension, the child must be living in the fellow's household in Germany for the entire duration of the extension. The extension ends when the child leaves Germany.

An extension will only be granted if the envisaged research-based proposal cannot be meaningfully completed within the available period of time. An extension cannot be granted for pursuit of a new research-based proposal or of a new theme which has developed from the original research-based proposal.

A corresponding application should be submitted to the Foundation 3 to 4 months before the end of the fellowship.

The host's confirmation of research facilities and mentoring agreement is required for an extension of the fellowship to be granted.

The [online application form](#) is available on the Foundation's website.