

Programme Information

Carl Zeiss Humboldt Research Awards

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation presents one Carl Zeiss Humboldt Research Award funded by the Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung per year to an internationally renowned academic from abroad in recognition of the award winner's entire previous academic record as well as their extraordinary potential.

Eligible for the award are researchers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines who wish to collaborate with specialist colleagues in Baden-Württemberg, Rhineland-Palatinate, or Thuringia. Nominations can be submitted to the [Humboldt Research Award programme](#).

The award honours researchers whose fundamental discoveries, new theories or insights have had a lasting effect on their discipline beyond their immediate research area, who contribute to promoting diversity aspects within their discipline through their personality and their work, and who can be expected to continue producing outstanding research in the future.

In addition, award winners are invited to conduct a research project of their choice in Germany in close cooperation with specialist colleagues. The project duration of approximately six to twelve months may be divided into several shorter stays.

The award amount is 100,000 EUR. In Germany, research awards are generally exempt from income tax under German tax law. In addition, further expenditures (such as travel or language courses) are covered in the context of the invitation to stay in Germany for research purposes. For more details please refer to the [Humboldt Foundation's General Regulations and Information for Research Awards](#).

Nominators must guarantee that the necessary infrastructure for carrying out the requested research projects or lecture tours (e.g., library access, material resources, workspace) is available.

To support the collaboration, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation can provide further funding of up to 50,000 EUR in particular to cover the costs of attending academic conferences, of additional material resources such as specialist literature or scientific equipment, of childcare, or of including junior researchers.

The initiative for conferral of a research award must come from researchers working at institutions in Baden-Württemberg, Rhineland-Palatinate, or Thuringia. Nominations may also be initiated by award winners of the Humboldt Foundation working abroad, provided that the nomination is made jointly with a researcher working in one of the aforementioned federal states. Furthermore, the relevant [regulations on the nomination and selection procedure in the Humboldt Research Award Programme](#) apply. The Carl Zeiss Humboldt Research Award is conferred in conjunction with the conferral of Humboldt Research Awards.