

FEODOR LYNEN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Internationalise your research group and become a host for Feodor Lynen Research Fellows from Germany!



Are you considering becoming one of the 25,000 hosts for the Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship? Here is all you need to know about it.

What is the Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship?

The Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship enables researchers from Germany at various stages of their career to conduct their research abroad in cooperation with a host of their choice from the worldwide Humboldt Network.

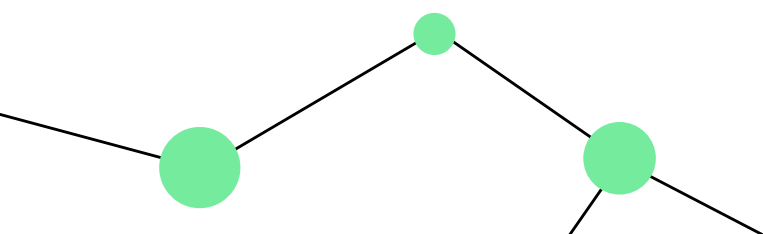
Postdocs may apply for a 6- to 24-month fellowship, experienced researchers for a 6- to 18-month fellowship. The fellowship can be split up into as many as three stays over the course of three years.

Please refer to our [website](#) or the [Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship programme](#) information to find out exactly what is required of the applicant.

Why should I become a host?

Did you benefit from your host's mentoring during your Humboldt Fellowship in Germany? As a host for a Feodor Lynen Research Fellow, you have the opportunity to provide the same guidance and support for an early-career researcher from Germany and help shape their scientific journey.

By becoming a host, you can internationalise your research group and mentor excellent researchers from Germany. Hosting a fellow is also an opportunity to strengthen existing collaborations and establish new long-term research connections with Germany.



Who can become a host?

You can be a host if you are an established researcher working at a university or research institution outside of Germany and are one of the following:

- You are a researcher sponsored by the Humboldt Foundation.
- You have already been a host to a researcher sponsored by the Humboldt Foundation.
- You are currently or were previously a member of the Humboldt Foundation's academic selection committees.
- You have taken part in a Frontiers of Research Symposium organised by the Humboldt Foundation.
- You have been awarded a specified research award.

If you are eligible to be a host and have consented to your personal details being published, potential applicants may find you using the [Lynen host search](#).

You can update your personal details at any time by visiting "[My Humboldt](#)", the protected area of our website.

Who finances the fellowship?

The programme is funded primarily by the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space. The Humboldt Foundation also anticipates host institutions contributing to financing the fellowship to the tune of approximately one third of the total fellowship amount. For hosts from certain countries (see [list of countries](#)), a contribution from the host institution is not required.

If the host institution encounters demonstrable financial difficulties, the Humboldt Foundation is prepared to seek an individual solution.

What does the selection procedure look like?

APPLICATION

Research proposal

Applicant develops outline independently and coordinates it with host

Preparation of application

Applicant provides host with research outline, CV, key publications, and names of expert reviewers

Host's statement

Host writes statement on the applicant's qualifications and proposed research

Submission of supporting documents

Host uploads host's statement together with signed confirmation of research facilities and support to portal

Application submission

Applicant submits complete application

PROCESSING

(4–6 weeks)

Check eligibility

Foundation checks eligibility to apply
→ if not eligible: formal rejection to applicant and host

Check completeness

Foundation checks whether application is complete
→ notifies applicant & host about selection date
→ reminds them about missing items in application



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REVIEW PROCESS

(approx. 4–7 months)

Independent peer reviews

Foundation usually requests two reviews, allowing for potential partiality issues

Forwarding of reviewed applications

to selection committee members

Selection committee meeting

(3 times a year)

→ informs applicant and host about decision (1–3 working days after selection meeting)

SELECTION

(Feb., June, Oct.)

Approval of application

→ delivery of award documents
(approx. 4 weeks after selection meeting)

or

Rejection of application

→ upon request: information on factors that led to rejection to applicant and host
(approx. 5 weeks after selection meeting)

START OF FELLOWSHIP

(Start date: usually as stated in the application; earliest two months after the selection meeting; postponement of up to 12 months possible under certain circumstances)

Are you interested in becoming a host?

Would you like to host a Feodor Lynen Research Fellow? If so, we would encourage you to contact your collaborative partners in Germany and put yourself forward as a potential host for a postdoc or an experienced researcher from Germany.

How can you support diversity and equal opportunities?

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is committed to equal opportunities in research and to ensuring that outstanding academic talent can thrive regardless of gender or personal circumstances. Yet, women remain underrepresented in many disciplines and at more advanced career stages.

As a member of the Humboldt Network, you can help expand the pool of excellent candidates. When sharing information about the programme, identifying potential applicants, or recommending potential hosts and collaborative partners, we encourage you to particularly consider highly qualified female researchers and other underrepresented groups. By doing so, you contribute to a more diverse and inclusive international research community and help ensure that scientific excellence is recognised in all its forms.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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Find more information here:



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