The award honors researchers from Canada whose fundamental discoveries, new theories, or insights have had a significant impact on their own discipline and beyond, whose personality and research contribute to the academic and cultural exchange between the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada, and who are expected to continue producing cutting-edge academic achievements in the future.

Nominations for the award are to be filed as nominations in the Humboldt Research Award Programme. Researchers in any discipline may be nominated. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation particularly encourages the nomination of qualified female candidates.

In addition, award winners are invited to conduct a research project of their own choosing in Germany in close collaboration with a specialist colleague. The duration of the research stay of six to twelve months may be divided into several segments.

The award totals EUR 60,000. In Germany, research awards are generally exempt from income tax under German tax law. Supplementary expenditures associated with an invitation to stay in Germany to conduct research (e.g. travel or language courses) are also covered. For further details, please refer to the General Regulations and Information for Research Awards of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

The nomination of candidates for the award must be initiated by established researchers in Germany. For further information, please refer to the relevant guidelines and provisions for the nomination and selection procedure in the Humboldt Research Award Programme. The Konrad Adenauer Research Award is conferred in conjunction with the conferral of Humboldt Research Awards.

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