



HUMBOLDT DISCOVERIES – CAPES-Humboldt Research Fellowship

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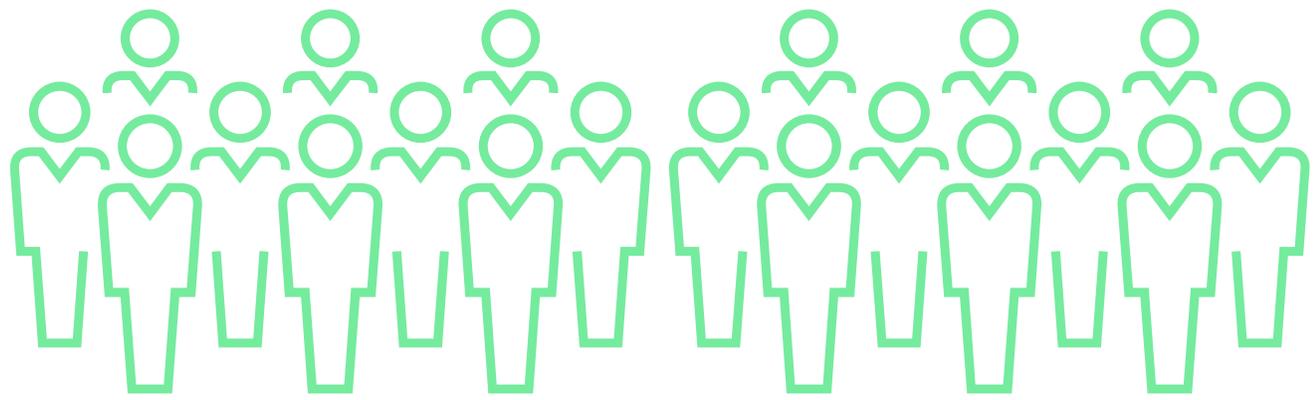
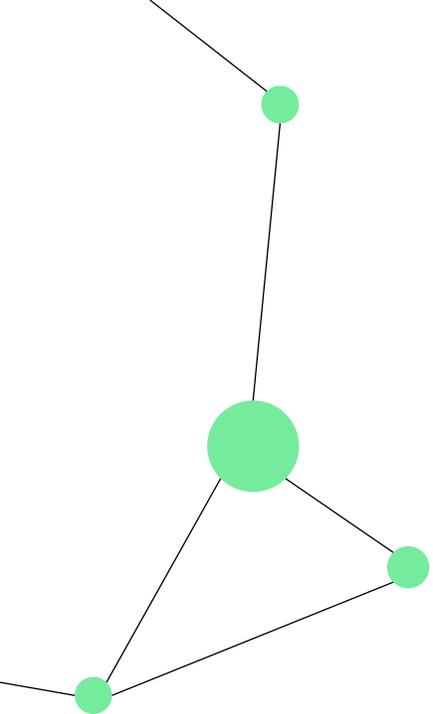
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WHAT WE DO

- Academic collaborations between excellent international and German researchers
- Internationalization of Germany as a research location
- International understanding, diplomacy, scientific progress and development
- Sponsorship throughout lifetime
- A network of 30,000 alumni worldwide





30.000

Humboldtians across the world (> 1,200 in Central and South America)

63

Nobel laureates

40

Conferences and meetings across the world every year

109

Humboldt alumni associations worldwide
(10 in Latin America, incl. Brazil)



OUR NETWORK



850

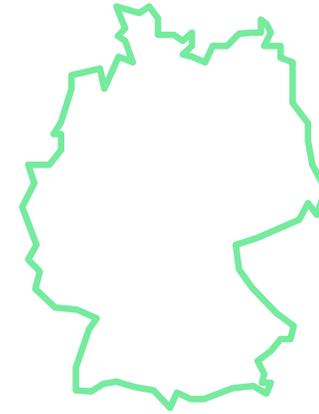
Awards and fellowships every year



Alumni in more than

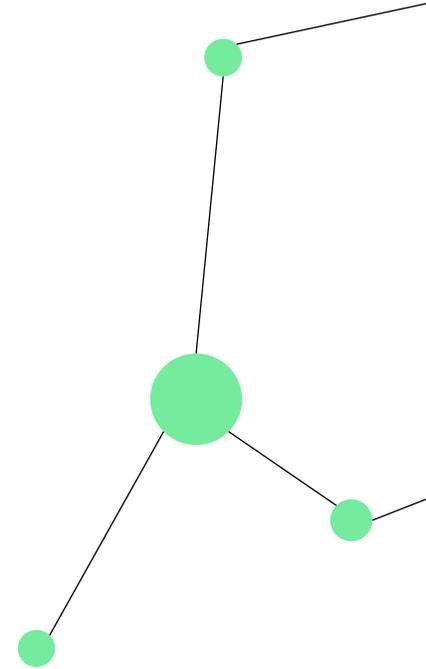
140

countries



2.300

Research stays in Germany every year



PRINCIPLES OF THE FOUNDATION

- **no quotas** for countries or disciplines
- The only thing that counts is the **applicant's academic qualification**
- we **support people**, not projects
- **independent scientific research**, bottom-up and investigator-driven
- **flexible sponsorship options** for different career stages and during the entire scientific career through Alumni sponsorship measures



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEMALE ACADEMICS

- Addressing women in science is a special concern to ensure equal participation in the sponsorship programmes
- Options: fellowship extension or interruption, allowances, targeted counselling
- **Goal:** Increasing number of female academics among sponsored researchers



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCHERS FROM BRAZIL



CAPES-HUMBOLDT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

- Since 2013: Cooperation agreement with Brazilian science funding organization CAPES for the implementation of a joint fellowship programme
- Up to 30 fellowships per year for applicants from all disciplines
- 2 calls and 2 selection meetings each year with deadlines end of May and end of November
- Independent joint selection committee
- Online applications in the correct programme line with identical documents to CAPES and to Humboldt Foundation
- Next deadline: 29 May 2026 (Call 26)



CAPES



Humboldt
Foundation

CAPEH-HUMBOLDT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

	Postdocs	Experienced researchers
Duration of sponsorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 to 24 months, may be divided up into 3 stays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 to 18 months, may be divided up into 3 stays
Application period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• doctorates completed less than 4 years ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• doctorates completed less than 12 years ago
Fellowship amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3,000 € per month (plus additional benefits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3,600 € per month (plus additional benefits)

No age limits!



RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Benefits and Application Requirements





ADDITIONAL BENEFITS PROVIDED

- Mobility allowance (100 EUR monthly)
- Subsidy towards the cost of medical and liability insurance (up to 130 EUR monthly)
- travel lump sum, initial lump sum (CAPES)
- Family allowances, child-rearing support
- Benefits for fellows with a disability or chronic illness
- language course
- allowance for research costs for hosts (500 or 800 EUR monthly)
- individual and personal advice and contact persons for those sponsored and their families



BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES

- **Child allowance** substitutional payment in the amount of 255 EUR per month and per child in lieu of child benefit under German law
- **Flat-rate child allowance** for **single parent fellows** in the amount of 400 EUR for the first child and 100 EUR for each additional child per month
- **Family allowance for partners** of 506 EUR per month
- **Subsidy towards the cost of medical and liability insurance** for partners and children
- **Extension of the research fellowship** for up to 12 months if accompanied abroad by at least one child under the age of 12



“ONCE A HUMBOLDTIAN – ALWAYS A HUMBOLDTIAN”

Sponsorship option facilitating reintegration in Brazil:

- Return Fellowships

Alumni sponsorship

- Short research stays in Germany
- Invitation of German researchers
- Printing cost / equipment subsidies
- Research Group Linkage Programme (Institute Partnership)

Networking opportunities at

- Various Humboldt events
- Humboldt Alumni Association in Brazil



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS	EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• above average doctorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• employment in a leadership role appropriate to career level, e.g. as an assistant professor, research group leader, lecturer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• academic publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• comprehensive list of academic publications with own, clearly defined academic profile
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• agreement by academic host	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• agreement by academic host
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• independent research proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• independent research proposal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• knowledge of German and/or English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• knowledge of German and/or English

- Brazilian citizenship or permanent residence permit in Brazil
- Residence in Brazil at the time of application
- Doctorate completed and recognized in Brazil
- Not more than 90 days in Germany in the last 18 months before application
- No funding by a Brazilian federal agency for a fellowship of the same modality with the last 24 months

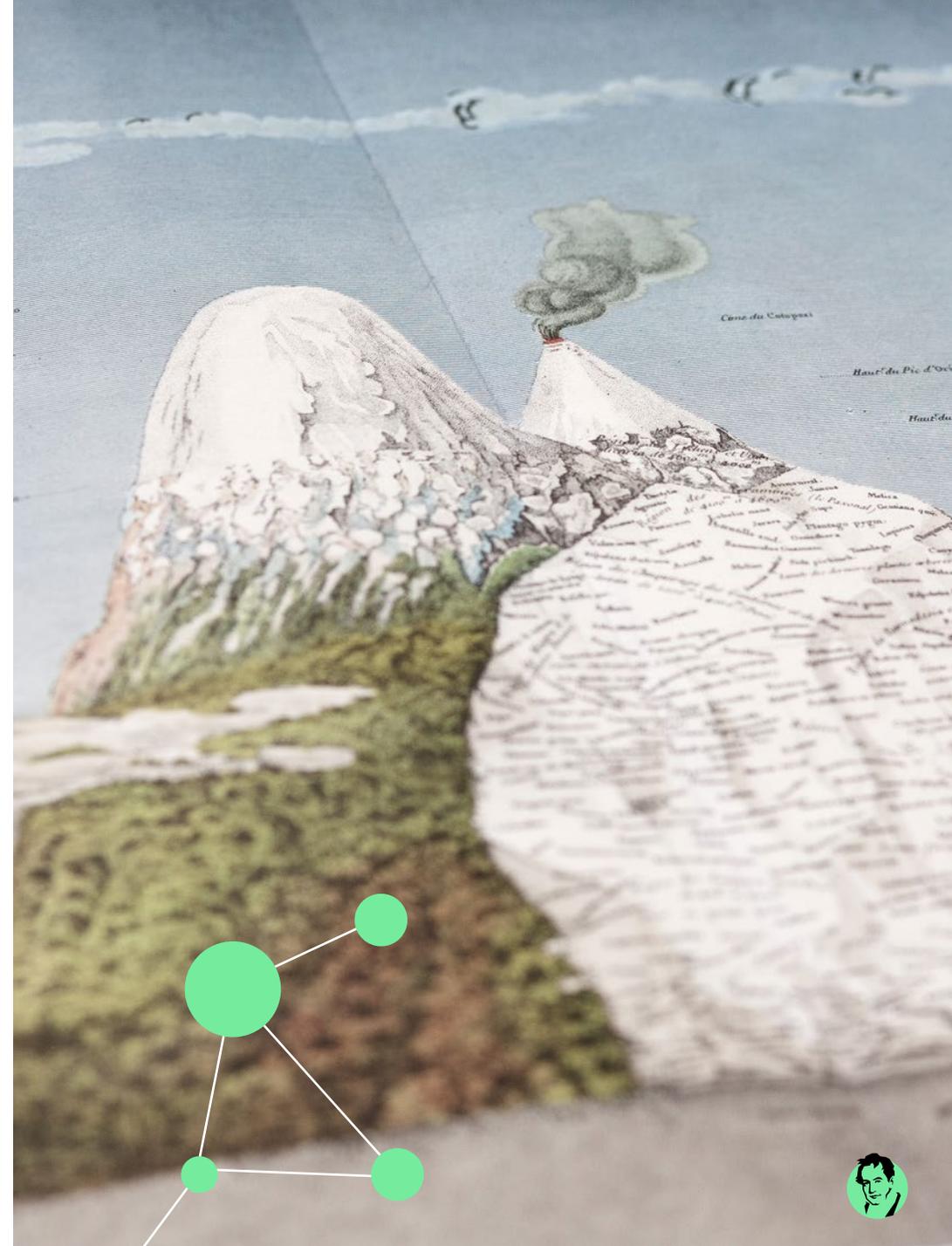
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- online applications to CAPES and the Humboldt Foundation including identical supporting documents
- after submission of the AvH form, applications will be automatically forwarded to the hosts, so that they can upload their statement
- Once the hosts have provided the documents, they finally submit the application and it will only then be received at AvH
- assessment by independent peer reviewers
- decision by a joint independent, interdisciplinary selection committee
- duration of procedure: approximately 6 months from application deadline



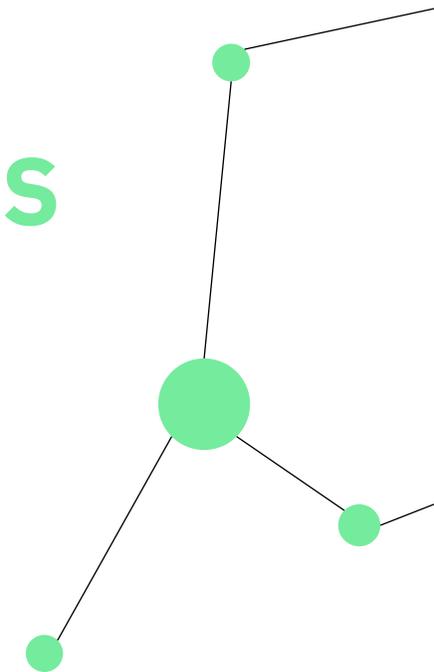
APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

- **online application form** via AvH and CAPES website, including:
 - key publication list
 - key publications (up to 3 publications, experienced researchers: you must have thematic leadership in these publications)
 - complete publication list
 - research outline (to be agreed upon with your host in advance)
 - doctoral certificate
- **host statement** and confirmation of research facilities
 - needs to be uploaded by the German host to the AvH application form





CAREER BREAKS



- Note for parents:

Child-rearing periods in which you interrupted your academic career after the completion of your doctorate may be taken into account with regard to the career stage

Please indicate child-rearing periods in the application form



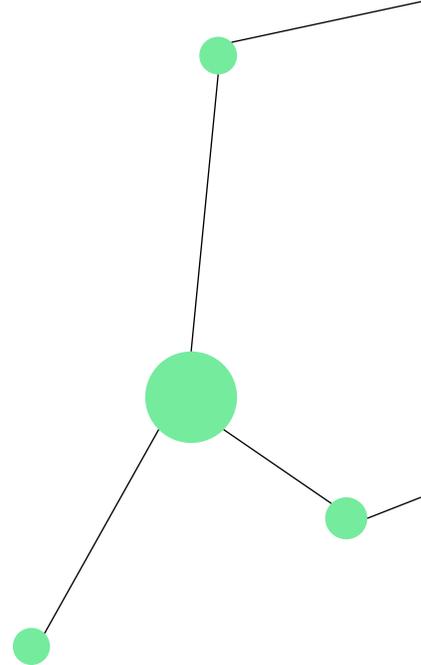


ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- academic record and academic performance to date
- quality of key publications
- originality and innovation potential of the suggested research outline
- the applicant's future potential

for experienced researchers additionally:

- clearly visible independent research profile and leadership position



HINTS AND TIPS

- prepare your application well in advance
- take your time to find an adequate academic host
- choose the appropriate time to submit your application (PhD completed? Prior stays in Germany?)
- include career breaks for e.g. parental leave in the application form
- postdoctoral researchers should ensure that the key findings of their doctoral thesis are already published
- the research outline should not be a direct continuation of the doctoral thesis or of the academic work carried out to date
- experienced researchers: take note of our new regulations regarding an expected leadership position and corresponding key publications

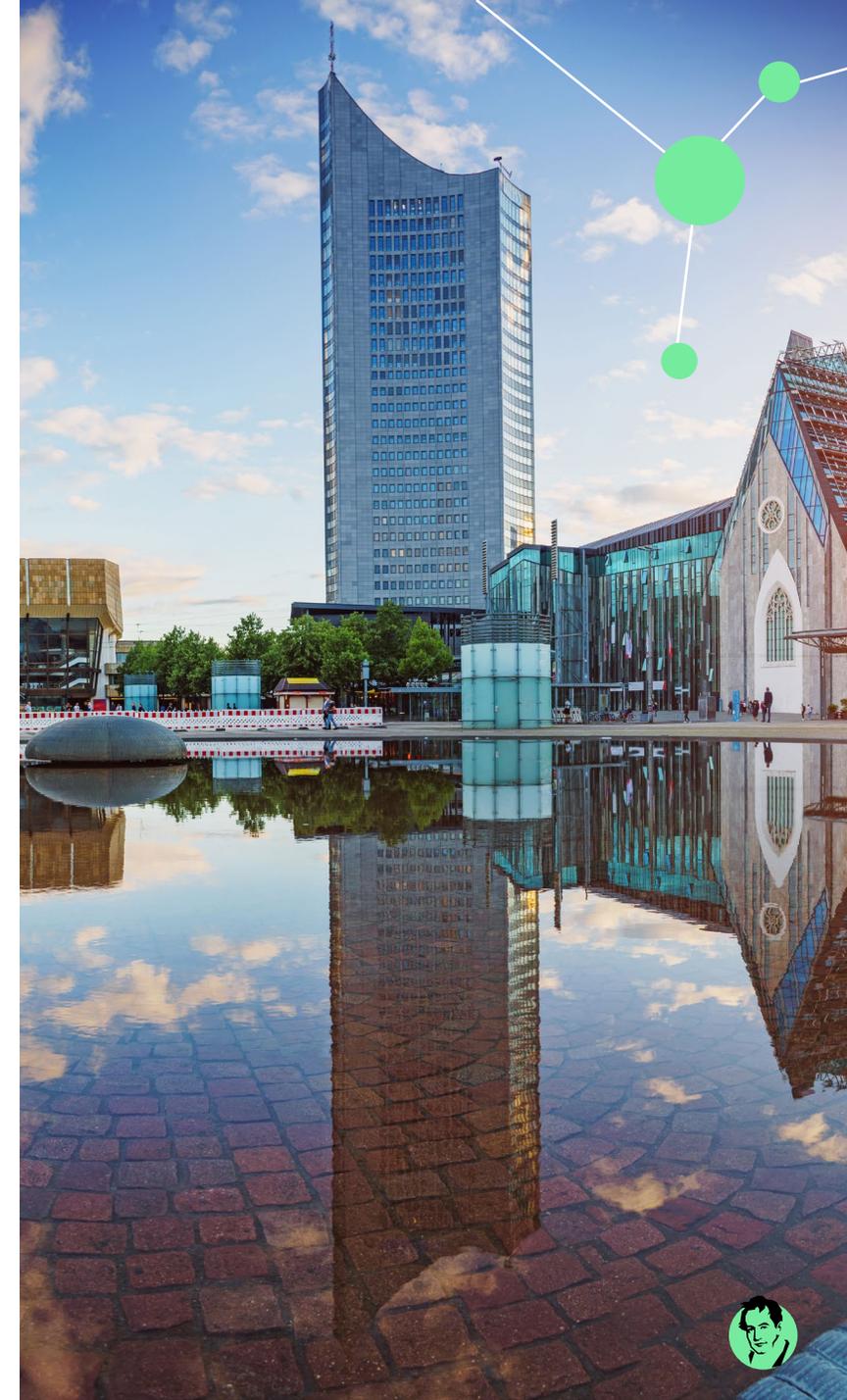


FINDING A HOST IN GERMANY



POSSIBLE HOST INSTITUTIONS IN GERMANY

- approximately 100 universities: research in all disciplines
- 86 Max Planck Institutes: basic research, especially in the natural and biosciences but also in the humanities and social sciences
- 76 Fraunhofer Institutes: applied research
- 18 Helmholtz Centres: technical-scientific and biomedical research
- 97 Leibniz Institutes: research ranging from knowledge-oriented basic research to applied research





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HOW TO FIND POSSIBLE HOST INSTITUTIONS

- Use our search tool **Humboldt Network Online** - <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/connect/explore-the-humboldt-network> - to find out about Humboldtians in your discipline and their hosts in Germany
- Further search options for universities and universities of applied sciences at the **research map Germany** [Map Search - A service provided by German Rectors' Conference](#)
- Search options for universities and non-university research institutions: **GERIT** – <https://www.gerit.org/en/>

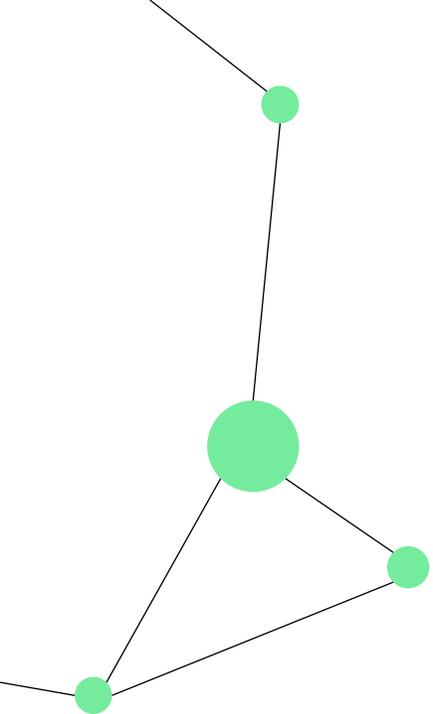




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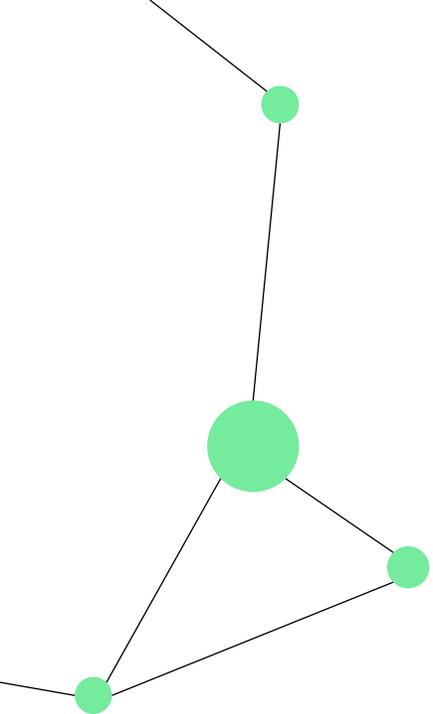
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GERMAN CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (DWIH) SÃO PAULO

Goal:

- joint presentation of German innovation players abroad - close links between industry and science in order to strengthen cooperation with foreign partners

Tasks:

- Information, services, advertising, consulting, joint events
- Exchange and networking (workshops, conferences, etc.)

<https://www.dwih-saopaulo.org/pt/>





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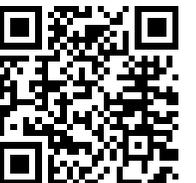
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