



Programme Information

Anneliese Maier Research Award

Collaboration award to promote the internationalisation of the humanities and social sciences in Germany

In each selection round the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation grants up to eight Anneliese Maier Research Awards funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research to outstanding researchers from abroad in all fields of the humanities, social science, cultural science, law and economics to promote research collaboration with specialist colleagues in Germany, contributing towards the further internationalisation of the humanities and social sciences in Germany.

Nominations for the research award can be made for researchers from the fields of the humanities and social sciences whose scientific achievements have been internationally recognised in their research area and from whose research collaboration with specialist colleagues in Germany a sustainable contribution is expected towards the further internationalisation of the humanities and social sciences in Germany.

The award amount is generally EUR 250,000 and is made available over a period of five years to finance research collaboration with specialist colleagues in Germany.

In addition to researchers who already number among the established leaders in their subject, the award is also aimed at researchers who are not yet so advanced in their scientific careers but who are already internationally established researchers from whom a sustainable shaping of the humanities and social sciences in Germany can be expected through the prospects of long-term collaboration. Particular importance is attached to the nomination of qualified female researchers.

Nomination Entitlement

The initiative for an Anneliese Maier Research Award (nomination) must come from an established scholar who is employed with a university or another research institution in Germany. Close relatives (parents, brothers/sisters, children) and spouses/partners are not eligible for nomination. Self-nominations are not possible.

Nomination Prerequisites

The scientific achievements of the nominated candidate to date must be internationally recognised and proven by corresponding successes in research (e.g. positive reception of scientific publications, previous awards).

Researchers can only receive the Anneliese Maier Research Award once. Nominations are excluded for researchers whose scientific achievements have already been recognised with an award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. At the time of nomination, the nominated candidate must have been predominantly living and working abroad for at least five years. Moreover, the nominees must not have held or accepted an offer of permanent employment in Germany prior to the selection date. In cases of doubt, please contact the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in advance.

Use of the Award Amount

The award amount is made available over a period of five years to finance the self-chosen research collaboration of the award winner with specialist colleagues in Germany and the associated research work of the collaborative partners. The award winner is permitted to take all expenditures out of the award amount that serve this purpose. A substantial part of the award amount should be used to involve students, doctoral candidates and junior researchers from Germany and abroad in the funded research collaborations. To cover the living costs of the award winner during a research stay in Germany up to 20% of the award amount (up to EUR 10,000 per month) may be used. Beyond this, the award amount or parts thereof may not be used for the personal income of the award winner.

For detailed information on the structure of the programme and on the accounting obligations of the award winners, please refer to the "[Information booklet: Information and Recommendations for Award Winners](#)".

Selection Procedure

An independent Selection Committee of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will decide on the submitted nominations in November of selection years.

Nominations can only be submitted online. The completed nomination documents, including the necessary additional documents, should be submitted **by 30 April of the selection year at the latest**. Visit the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's [website](#) for further information on the online nomination process and all necessary documents as well as access to the online nomination system. A confirmation of receipt will be issued after the application has been submitted.

Nominators are responsible for ensuring that their documents are complete. Incomplete nominations might be excluded from the selection procedure.

General Regulations

The Anneliese Maier Research Award is awarded in recognition of first-class research achievements and the personality of outstanding academics. In their previous and future research work and during any research stay undertaken in Germany, the award winners are therefore required to adhere to the "[Rules of Good Scientific Practice](#)" that apply at the respective research location and to the relevant applicable laws. For further details, please refer to the "[Information booklet: Information and Recommendations for Award Winners / Regulation on the Use of Funds](#)" (section IX).

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