



Parenthood

Extension of the research fellowship in the context of parenting support

Application in writing may be made to extend a research fellowship by up to 12 months if at least one child under the age of 12 when the fellowship begins (for research stays that are divided up into blocks: when the block begins) accompanies the research fellow to Germany during the sponsorship period. This also applies if the first child is born during the sponsorship period. If the research fellowship was granted for a sponsorship period of less than 12 months, the extension period may generally not exceed the granted sponsorship period (in the case of experienced researchers research blocks will be summed up if applicable). Extensions of the research fellowship that are based on statutory maternity leave will not be taken into account in this connection.

The duration of the extension will be determined on the basis of the actual duration of stay of the accompanying child in Germany. As a prerequisite for claiming an extension, the child must be present in Germany for the entire duration of the extension. The extension ends when the child leaves Germany.

An extension of the research fellowship in the context of parenting support will only be granted if the envisaged research cannot be completed within the available period of time. An extension cannot be granted for work on a new research outline or for work on a new theme which has developed from the original research outline. Decisions on extensions are taken by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation on the basis of the funds at the Foundation's disposal. Applications for extension should be submitted to the Foundation three to four months prior to the end of the research fellowship.

The academic host's confirmation of research facilities and mentoring agreement is required for an extension of the research fellowship to be granted.

The application form is available on the website of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at: <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/benefits-for-families.html>

Parenthood: Interruption of the research fellowship

A research fellow may submit a written application (no specific form required) to interrupt the research fellowship for up to 18 months if a baby is due to be born or if the research fellow (male or female) is responsible for caring for a child under the age of 12 during the sponsorship period. A written statement from the academic host must be submitted confirming that the object of the fellowship is not endangered.