



Programme Information

Feodor Lynen Return Fellowship

1. Programme

In order to enable continuing cooperation between a member of the Humboldt Network and Feodor Lynen Research fellow after his or her return from abroad the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation can award Feodor Lynen Return fellowships. It allows fellows to continue cooperation with their hosts in association with a research institution in Germany. The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation expects the Feodor Lynen Research Fellows to invite the former host to visit the institute with which they are affiliated in Germany within the framework of the Humboldt Network Sponsorship. In addition, they should be willing to act as Campus Advisors and hosts for foreign guest researchers sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at the institute with which they are affiliated in Germany.

2. Amount and duration of the Return Fellowship

Upon application the return fellowship can be granted for a maximum period of 12 months. The sponsorship period ends as soon as the research fellow finds a position or alternative source of funding (i.e. payments from the Bundesagentur für Arbeit) in Germany. Income from any source (salary or income from employment in Germany or abroad, German or foreign fellowships) must be reported to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation immediately.

The amount of the Feodor Lynen Return Fellowship is €3,170 per month and includes a mobility allowance and a subsidy towards the cost of medical and liability insurance.

Additional benefits:

- Family allowances: a marital allowance in the amount of €276 per month and a subsidy towards the cost of medical and liability insurance in the amount of €70 per month for the marital partner and each child, a child allowance in the amount of €400 per month for the first child and €100 per month each for additional child. Marital partners' earnings (salary or income from employment in Germany, German or foreign fellowships) exceeding €450 per month will be offset against the marital allowance.
- Subsidy towards research costs for the institute in Germany with which the fellow is affiliated: During the sponsorship period, the subsidy amounts to monthly €800 (for research projects in natural sciences and engineering) or €500 (for research projects in the humanities and social sciences).

Upon completion of the sponsorship a brief final report should be submitted to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. This report should include a summary of the activities performed during the fellowship.

3. Application requirements

- Successful completion of the research stay abroad is a prerequisite for beginning the return fellowship. Feodor Lynen, JSPS and MOST (Taiwan) Research fellows whose last Alexander von Humboldt Foundation sponsored research stay was more than six months in duration are eligible for application.
- Return to a university or non-university research institute in Germany no later than 12 months after completion of the sponsorship period abroad.
- Applicants should be willing to invite the foreign host to visit the research institute in Germany with which the fellow is affiliated within the framework of the Humboldt-Network sponsorship programme.
- Applicants should be willing to act as Campus Advisor and host to the foreign guest researchers sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at the university or non-university research institute in Germany with which the fellow is affiliated.

4. Application procedure

Application for a return fellowship can be made up to 9 months before and no later than 6 months after completing the initial stay sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation abroad and the return fellowship must be taken up no later than 12 months after completing the initial stay. Only full months can be applied for. Applications should include the following documents:

- completed online application form (<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/lynen-return-fellowship.html>);
- a research outline for an international research project to be conducted in cooperation with the foreign host;
- reference from the foreign host;
- confirmation of an affiliation with a German university or non-university research institute: Offer of a workplace and a reference from the representative of the university or non-university research institute in Germany attesting to the integration of the research project in the ongoing research at the institute including confirmation that alternative funding is not available and;
- a list of publications and/or manuscripts resulting from the research stay abroad.

Upon receipt of the complete application, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will decide upon the application, usually within 6 weeks.

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