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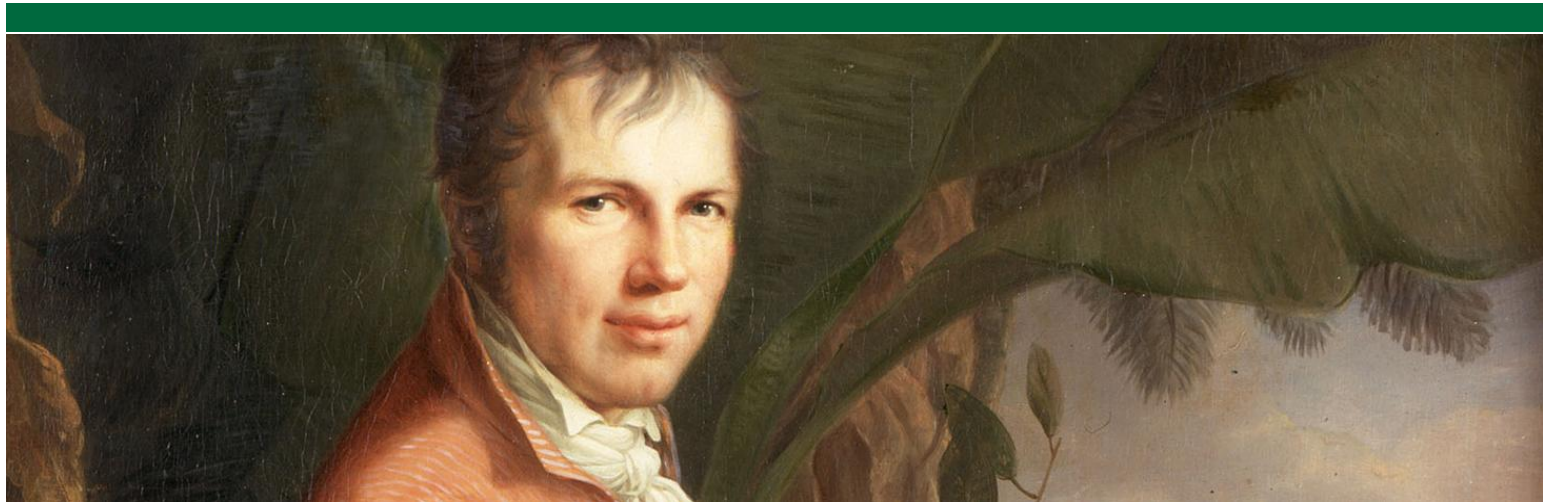


A. Alexander von Humboldt and the Humboldt Foundation



Historical and Intellectual Roots

- Alexander von Humboldt (1769 - 1859): discoverer, universal scholar, cosmopolitan and patron of excellent scientific talents
- 1953: establishment of today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation based in Bonn-Bad Godesberg
- International network of academic cooperation and trust inspired by Humboldt's example





About the Foundation

- Foundation under private law based in Bonn
- Today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation was established in 1953 by the Federal Republic of Germany
- Annual budget: about 110 million EUR, mainly sponsored by the German Federal Government
- Approx. 220 staff members



The Humboldt Foundation's Areas of Work

- Granting fellowships and awards to outstanding international scientist as a part of foreign cultural and educational policy
- Strengthening cutting-edge research through internationalisation
- Building and maintaining a network of more than 26.000 Humboldtians from all disciplines in over 130 countries worldwide – including 50 Nobel Laureates
- Furthermore: Supporting high potentials from selected countries in the areas of politics, public administration, business as well as society and culture

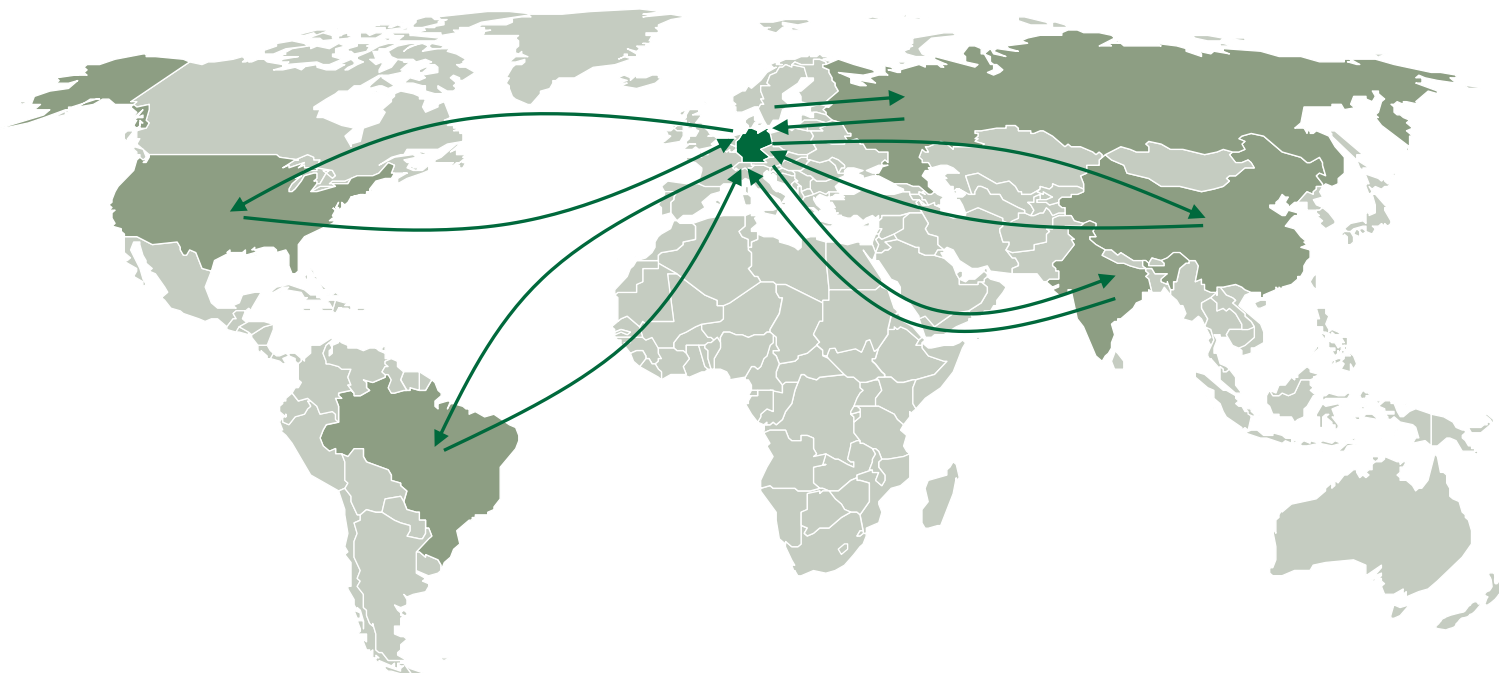




B. History of the German Chancellor Fellowships



Extension Step by Step



1990

Founded on the initiative of Helmut Kohl with focus USA



2002

Extended on the initiative of Gerhard Schröder to the Russian Federation



2006

Extended on the initiative of Angela Merkel to the PR of China

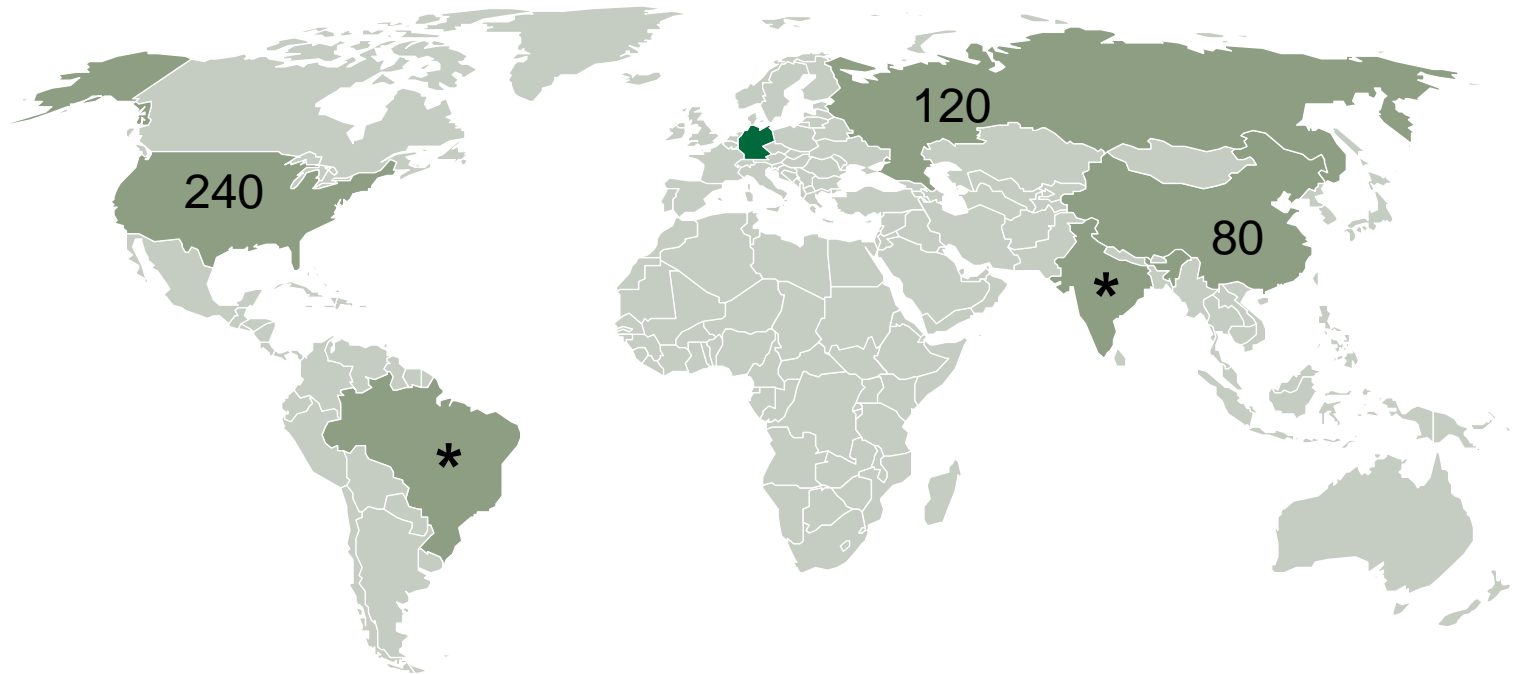


2013

Extended on the initiative of Angela Merkel to India and Brazil



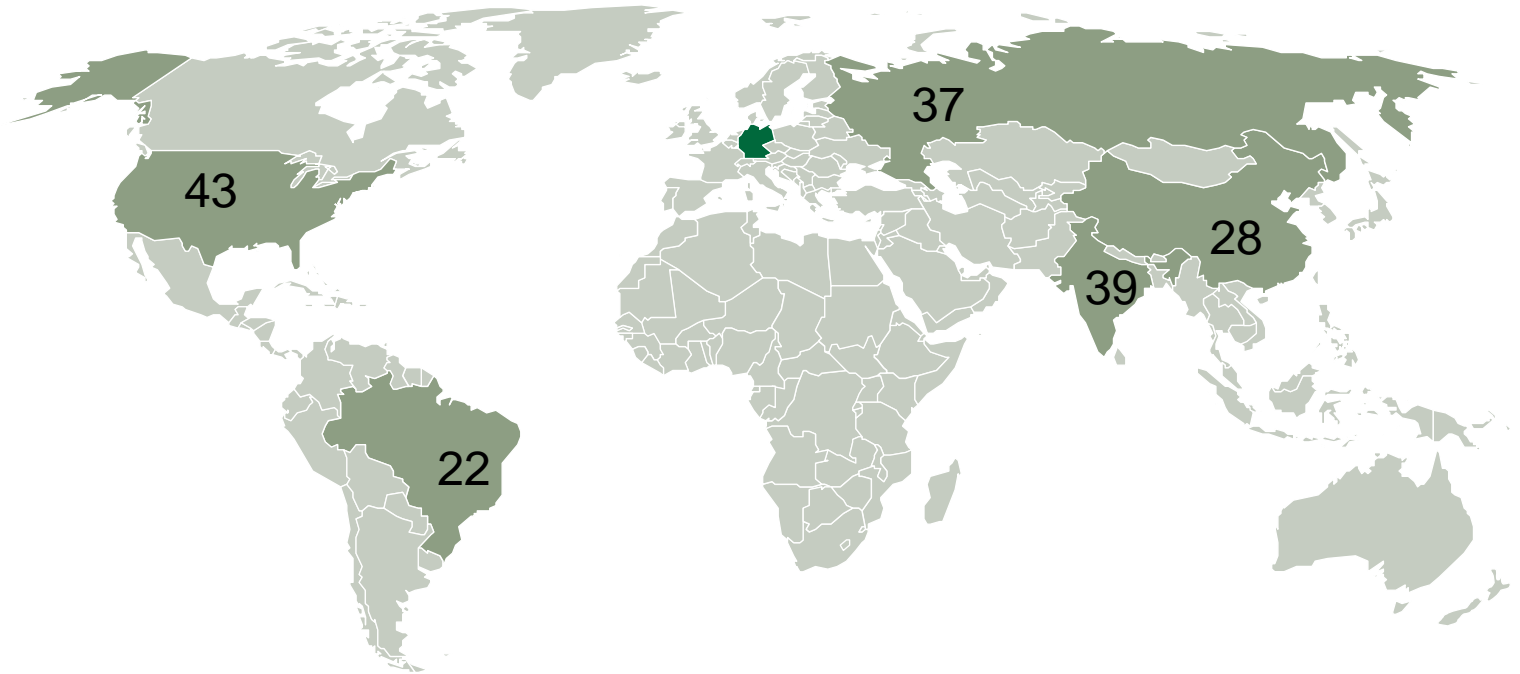
Growing International Network of Alumni



Approx. 440 German Chancellor Alumni in total

* The first German Chancellor Fellows from India and Brazil are being recruited in 2014

Application Numbers of the Past Selection Round



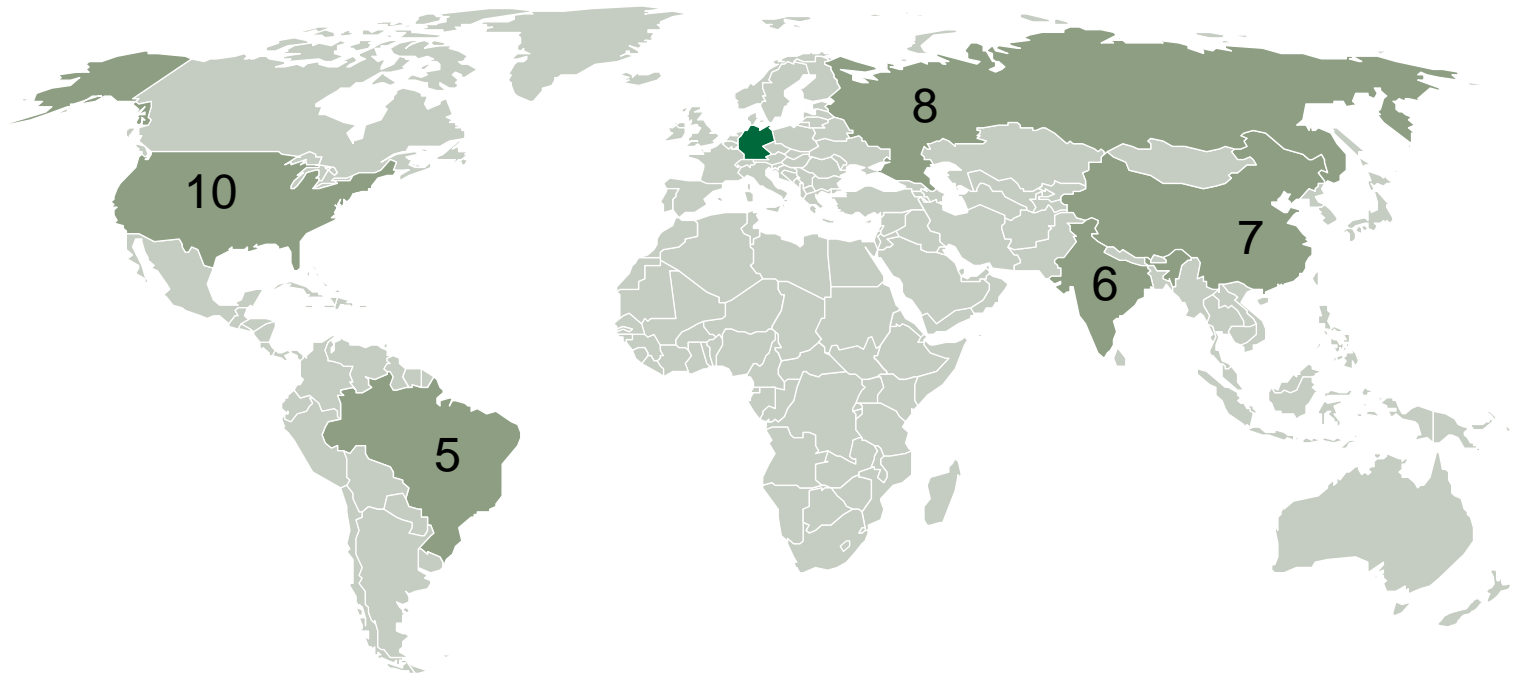
169 applications in total

54 candidates invited to the selection
meeting in Bonn

Selection Meeting in Bonn in May 2014



New German Chancellor Fellows Selected in May 2014



36 new fellows in total

Year by year up to 10 new fellowships granted to future leaders from each participating country

New German Chancellor Fellows Selected in May 2014





C. Programme Orientation



Target Group

Personality

- Accomplished young professionals and promising university graduates
 - Interest in international issues
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Potential

- High potentials with demonstrated leadership potential
 - Prospective decision-makers, multipliers and thought leaders in their fields
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Background

- University graduates from all disciplines
- Young professionals from a broad range of professional fields such as politics, public administration, business as well as society and culture



Requirements for Projects

Preferably in the areas of politics, public administration, business as well as society and culture

Self-developed and feasible to be concluded during the fellowship

Discussed and agreed upon with the host in Germany

Relevant to dialogue of modern societies

Publicly-visible impact

Conducive to advancing fellows' career development

Advising Potential Applicants who should not Apply

- Potential candidates just interested in studying or training in Germany
 - They should apply for programs offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) or other funding organizations
- Postdoctoral scientists and scholars planning a research project
 - They should apply for an Alexander von Humboldt's Research Fellowship
- PhD students should be aware that the German Chancellor Fellowship is not a typical PhD fellowship programme as offered by DAAD or others.
However, they are welcome to apply as long as
 - they have initial leadership experience in addition to their research activities
 - their projects are of relevance to dialogue of modern societies
 - their projects can be completed within the given fellowship period



Fellowship Components

- Orientation day immediately after the selection meeting in Bonn (May)
- Intensive German language course (August/September)
- Introductory seminar in Bonn and Berlin: social, political, business and cultural life in Germany (October)
- Individual project period at hosts in Germany (November-September)
- Study tour of two weeks through Germany (April)
- Participation in the Humboldt Foundation's annual meeting in Berlin with a reception given by the Federal President of Germany (June)
- Final meeting in Berlin with a reception in the Federal Chancellery (July)
- Extensive alumni sponsorship following successful completion of the fellowship





Financial Benefits

- Fellowship amount of 2,150 EUR, 2,450 EUR or 2,750 EUR per month, depending on the respective qualification and professional experience
- Allowance for overhead costs (500 EUR per month) to the host in Germany
- Various allowances (e.g. lump sum for travel costs and benefits for accompanying family members)
- A Europe allowance for a stay of one to two months in another European country (except country of origin)



D. Selection Process and Timing



Application Requirements

Citizenship of one of the target countries

Bachelor's or comparable academic degree, completed less than twelve years prior to the starting date of the fellowship (October 1st of the year following application)

Leadership potential; applicants whose background is basically academic should also have acquired initial leadership experience beyond their research activities

Either English or German language skills

Letter of motivation (approx. 2 pages)

Project plan (approx. 3 pages)

Host's statement, including a confirmation of support

Two letters of recommendation

Applicants who have been in Germany for more than six months at the time of the application deadline (15 September) are not eligible to apply

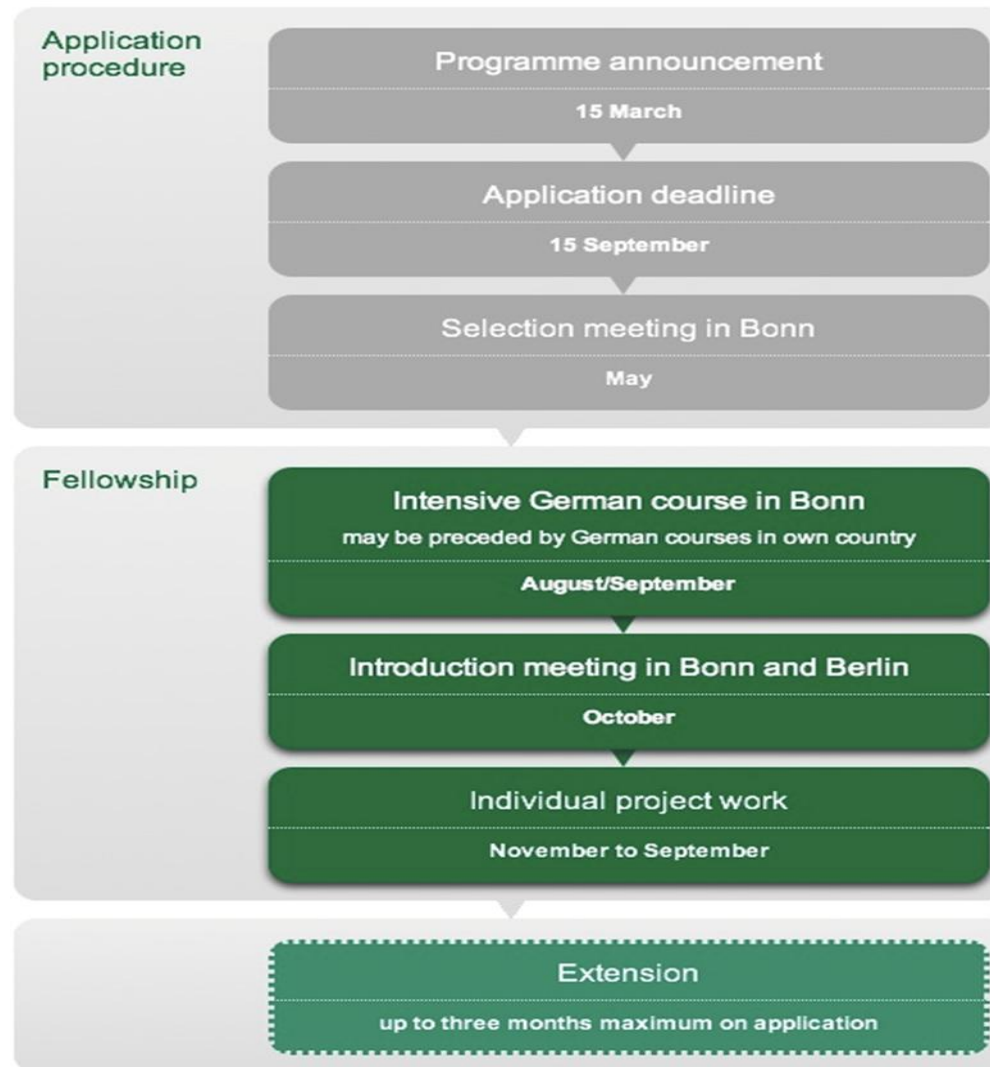
Applications must be sent through our online application system, available at www.humboldt-foundation.de/youngleaders

Selection Criteria

- Applicant's previous **career** and **leadership potential**
- Significance of the fellowship for further **career development**
- Potential to **build bridges** between home country and Germany
- **International outlook** and future role as an **international leader**
- **Existing knowledge** to help complete the project successfully
- **Relevance** of the project for dialogue of modern societies



Timeline of the Selection Process and the Fellowship





Thank you very much for your attention!

For further details, please visit www.humboldt-foundation.de/youngleaders

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