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## **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation – be part of a worldwide network**

### **EURAXESS –Support Platform for a European Career**

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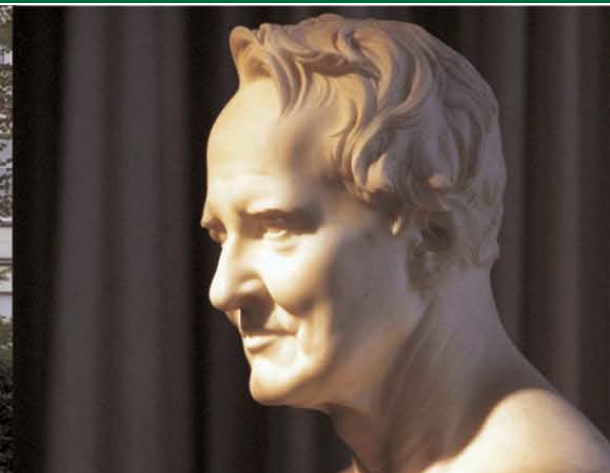




# The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide

Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level





## The Humboldt Foundation's areas of work

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- sponsorship of international academics as a part of foreign cultural and educational policy
- strengthening cutting-edge research through internationalisation
- impetus for the research location Germany by promoting individuals
- individual and personal mentoring for those sponsored and their families
- **mobility counselling in the European context**





# Sponsorship of international academics

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## Principles of the Foundation

- sponsorship of people, not projects
- free choice of academic host/collaborative partner in Germany
- independent scientific research, not stipulated by the Foundation  
sole selection criterion: academic excellence
- no quotas for countries or disciplines





## Key Sponsorship Programmes

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Flexible sponsorship programmes for cutting-edge researchers at all stages of their careers

### for postdoctoral researchers (doctorates completed less than 4 years ago)

- Research Fellowships; 6 to 24 months; 2,250 EUR per month

### for junior research group leaders (doctorates completed less than 6 years ago)

- Sofja Kovalevskaja Award; up to 1.65 mill. EUR, to establish their own junior research group in Germany







# Key Sponsorship Programmes

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**for experienced researchers with an own, clearly defined academic profile**

- Research Fellowships  
(doctorates completed less than 12 years ago)  
6 to 18 months; 2,450 EUR per month
- Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award  
(doctorates completed less than 18 years ago)  
up to 45,000 EUR; research stay in Germany; nomination





# Key Sponsorship Programmes

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## for internationally recognised cutting-edge researchers

- Humboldt Research Award; 60,000 EUR; research stay in Germany; nomination
- Alexander von Humboldt Professorship; 3.5 - 5 million EUR for a period of 5 years, for the long-term recruitment of established cutting-edge researchers from abroad; nominations by German universities (or joint applications by universities and non-university research institutions)



# Alumni sponsorship and international networking

- over 24,000 Humboldtians in more than 130 countries:  
“Once an Humboldtian – always an Humboldtian“
- alumni sponsorship and international networking through e.g.
  - further research stays
  - Research Group Linkage Programme
  - Humboldt Colloquia and Kollegs
  - Humboldt Alumni Associations
  - Humboldt Alumni Award





# National Contact Point (NCP) Mobility

## Task

information and advice for German institutions and researchers on opportunities and actions in the Specific Programme 'People' of the 7th EU Research Framework Programme which includes the Marie Curie Actions

## Marie Curie Actions

support for research training, career development and transnational researcher mobility; intersectoral exchange; international cooperation





# EURAXESS Germany

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Germany's role in the EU-wide network of EURAXESS Services Centres to facilitate cross-border, research-related mobility

## Information and personal counselling for internationally mobile researchers:

- funding programmes
- job offers
- immigration and residence, taxation

**Internet portal and contacts: [www.euraxess.de](http://www.euraxess.de)**

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## Objective

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EURAXESS is a unique initiative, launched by the European Commission (European Union) to promote Research careers and facilitate the mobility of Researchers across Europe.

The initiative was created to stimulate, protect and nurture the European Research and Innovation environment, providing the Research community with access to improved career and social development.





# EURAXESS

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EURAXESS is a one-stop-shop for the development of your career in Europe with the support of a network of people to assist you!

EURAXESS cares about Researchers!





## Fields of activity

EURAXESS develops its activities under the following 4 key initiatives:



Offers you a network of over 500 people in 36 countries to assist you



Helps you to find jobs, funding opportunities, grants, employment, etc.



Looks after your rights as a Researcher

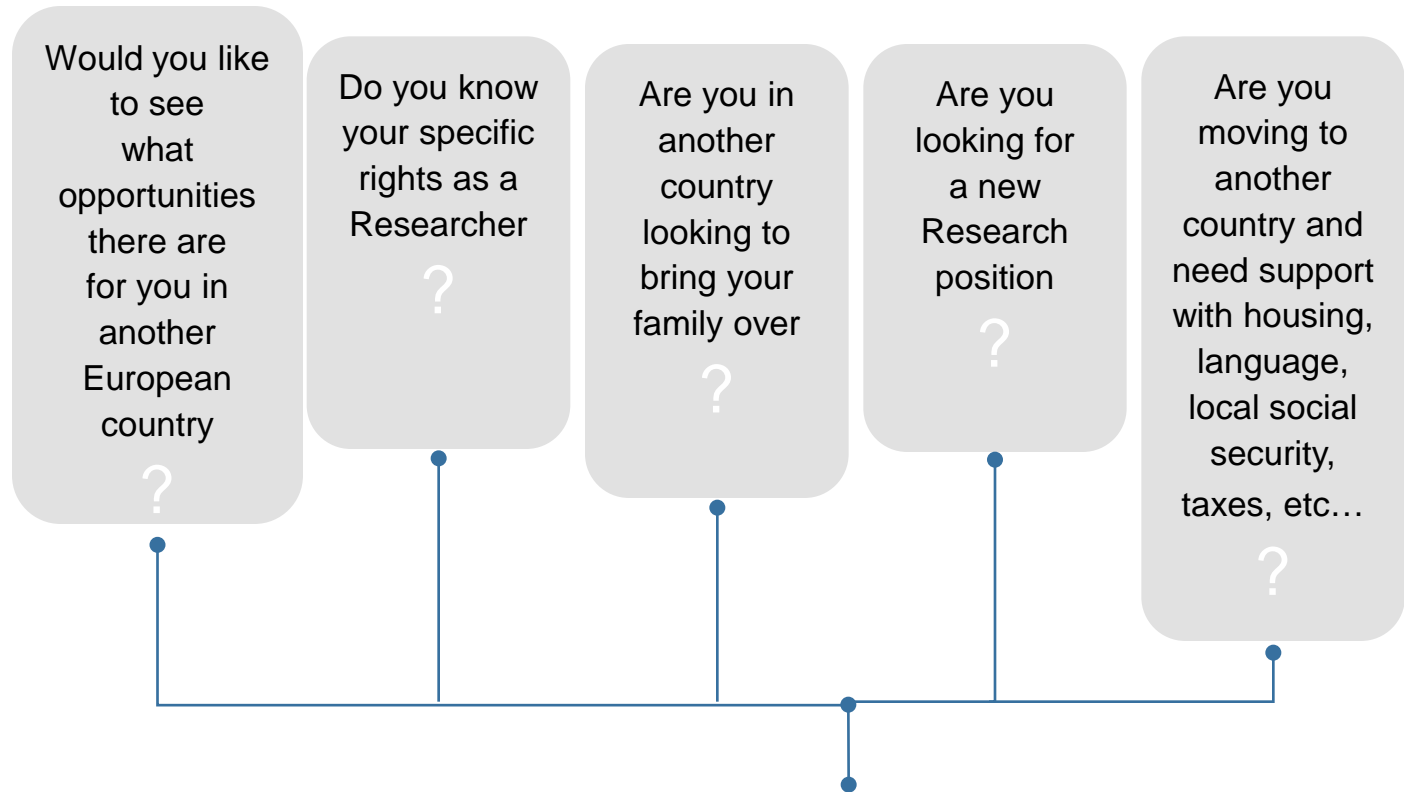


Connects European Researchers worldwide



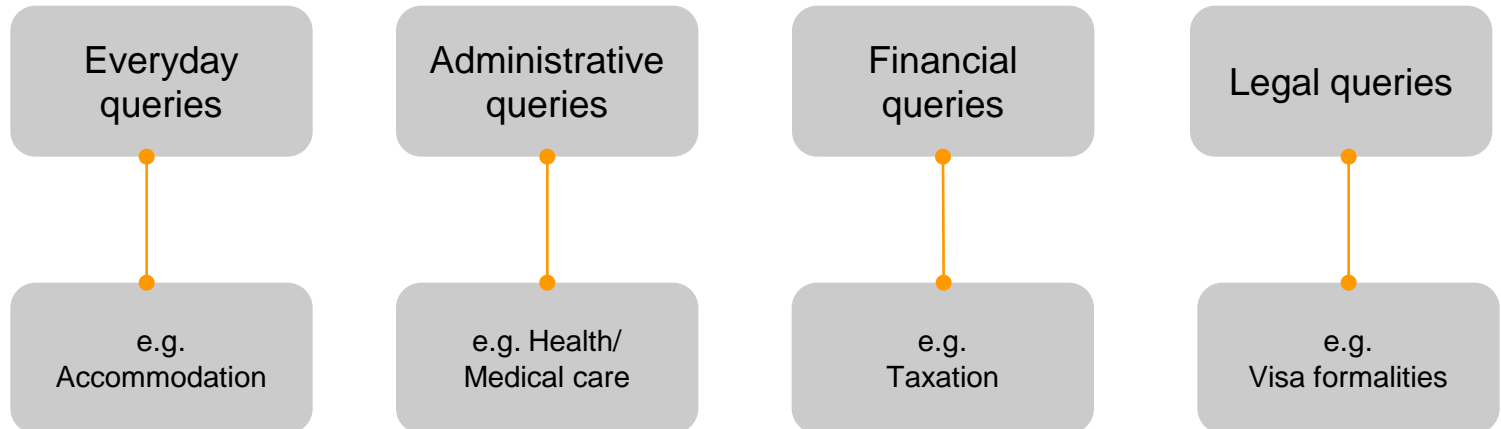
EURAXESS - a network of people at your service with representatives located in more than 200 centres across Europe ready to welcome you





If the answer to any of these questions is yes,  
then EURAXESS is there to help you.

You can get advice on topics such as:



A total of 56 000 Researchers were assisted by the EURAXESS Services Centres in 2009, finding solutions for over 108 000 problems and questions.

In 2009 EURAXESS had a total of 290 437 unique visitors on the website and a total of 3.4 million page views!!





## German EURAXESS network

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- AvH - National Coordination Point
- More than 50 EURAXESS National Service Centres at universities and other research institutions.
- Quality assurance: workshops offer training (f.ex. on scientific visa) and learning from each other (how to deal with local authorities, how to organise the daily work, etc.)

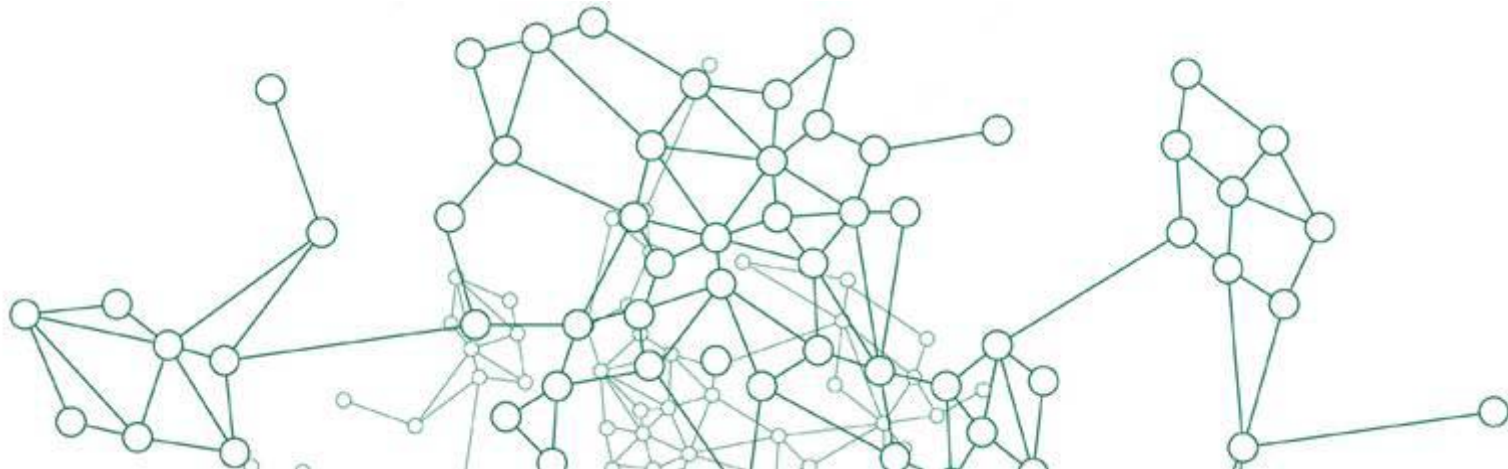




# AvH activities

AvH reinforces the quality of services for mobile researchers through

- Welcome Centre competition (2006, 2008, 2010)
- Award for Germany's Friendliest Immigration Office (2002, 2003, 2004)
- EURAXESS T.O.P. project (2010-11)



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EURAXESS plays an important role in implementing the EU directives and recommendations related to

- “Scientific visa”
- The European Charter for Researchers (including topics like freedom of research, good practices, responsibilities, contractual and legal obligations)
- The Code of conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (including topics like fair equal treatment)
- Organisations and institutions having signed the code of conduct can be recognised by the “Human Resources Excellence in Research” logo on the website.



EURAXESS Links is a networking tool for European Researchers working outside Europe. It exists in:

- USA
- Japan
- China
- India and Singapore

In addition to organising events, EURAXESS Links provide information about Research in Europe, European Research policy, opportunities for Research funding, for international collaboration and for trans-national mobility.

Membership is free.

Stay in touch with Europeans and Europe even when you are abroad!



## Summary

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**EURAXESS is the address for your mobility Research career development:**

- ✓ finding funding opportunities, finding a job
- ✓ information on how it is to live in another country
- ✓ help you and your family with your move
- ✓ help you connect with other Researchers
- ✓ understand better your rights

**It cares about you and your life as a Researcher**

**Is a one-stop-shop for you with information from across Europe about jobs, funding, housing, social security and other relevant issues**

**Is completely FREE of charge**





## Contact

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The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is available to answer your questions at any time:

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