



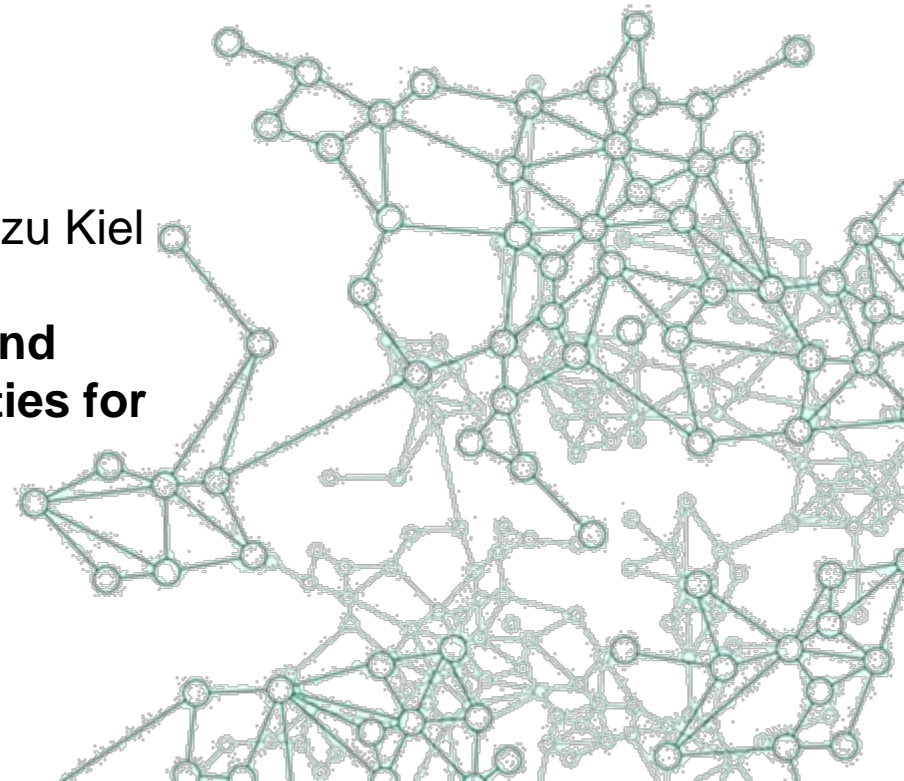
Exzellenz verbindet – be part of a worldwide network

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**Research careers: National and
European funding opportunities for
early career researchers**

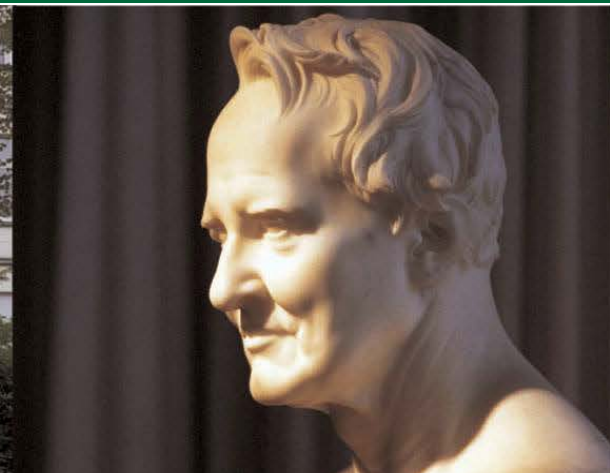




The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Connecting academic excellence worldwide

Knowledge transfer and cooperation at the highest level





Historical and intellectual roots

- Alexander von Humboldt (1769 - 1859): discoverer, universal scholar, cosmopolitan and patron of excellent scientific talent
- 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





Principles of the Foundation

- sole selection criterion: academic excellence
- no quotas for countries or disciplines
- sponsorship of people, not projects
- free choice of research topic and of academic host/collaborative partner in Germany



Alumni sponsorship and international networking

- more than 29,000 Humboldtians in over 140 countries:
“Once a Humboldtian – always a 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





Equal opportunities for female academics

- equal opportunities is an important issue for the Foundation
- fellowship extension or interruption, allowances to support childcare
- targeted counselling and provision of information

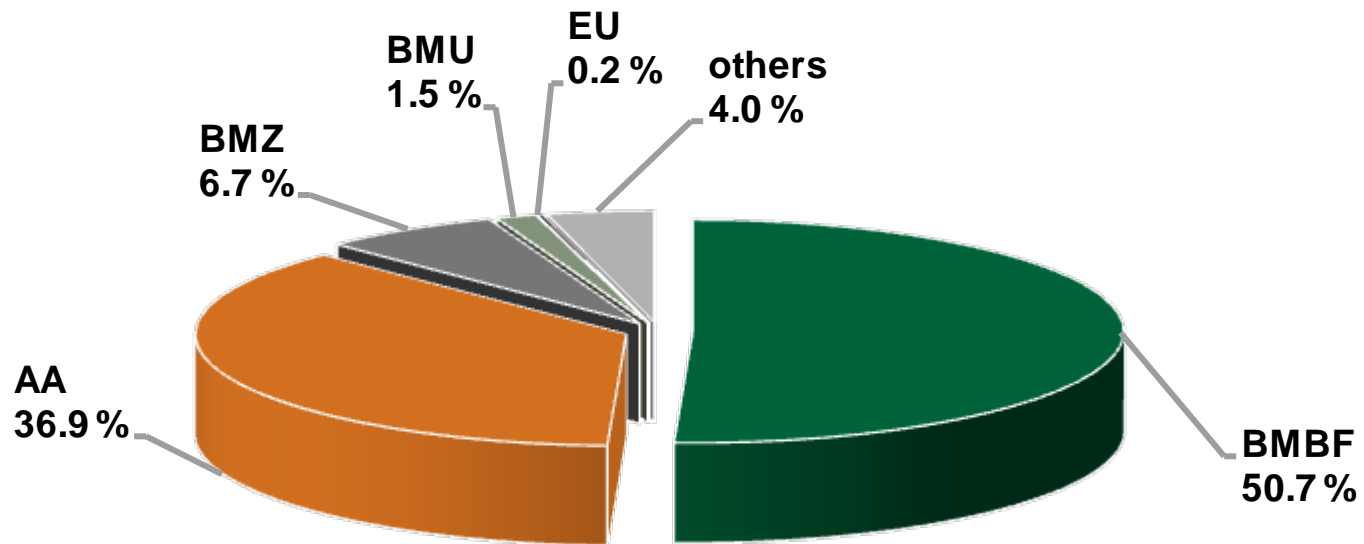




The Humboldt Foundation's funding

Budget for 2018*: approx. €129.9 million

Financed by federal funds and the European Union: approx. 96%



AA: Federal Foreign Office

BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research

BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

BMU: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation
and Nuclear Safety

* according to first draft of 2018 Budget of 7.4.2017



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Sponsorship Opportunities offered by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation





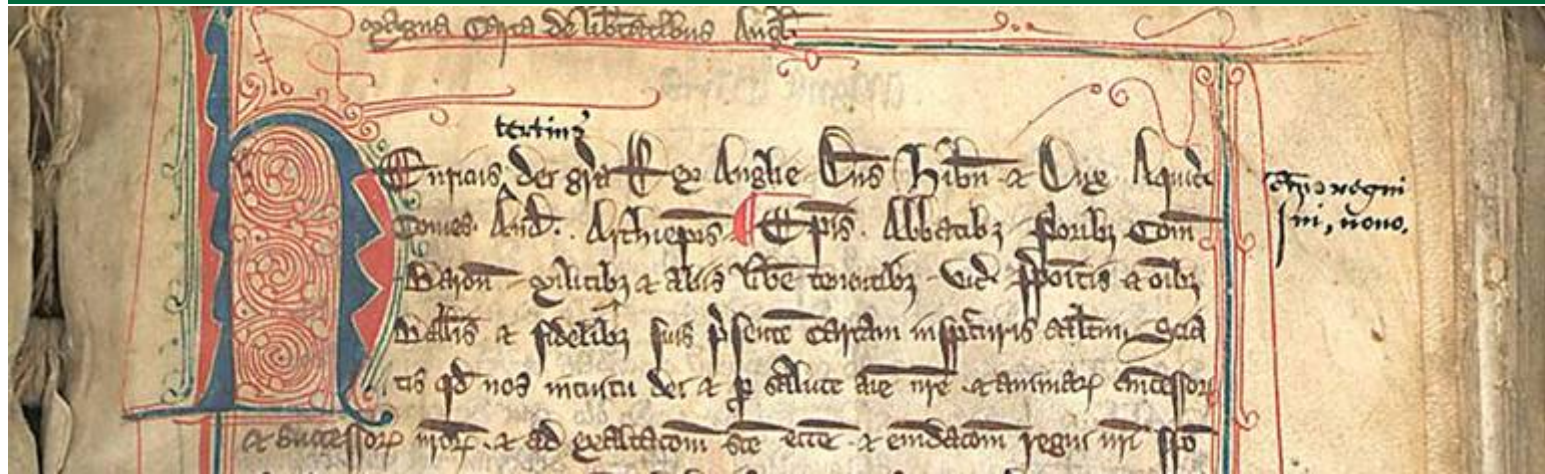
Key sponsorship programmes at a glance

	Academics from abroad	Academics from Germany
Postdoctoral researchers (up to 4 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt Research Fellowship• Georg Forster Research Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship
Junior research group leaders (up to 6 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sofja Kovalevskaja Award	
Experienced researchers (up to 12 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt Research Fellowship• Georg Forster Research Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship
(up to 15 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Max Planck-Humboldt Research Award	
(up to 18 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award	
Internationally renowned academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humboldt Research Award• Georg Forster Research Award• Anneliese Maier Research Award• Alexander von Humboldt Professorship	



Research Fellowships

for exceptionally qualified academics from abroad and from Germany



Research fellowships for research stays in Germany

For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

Humboldt Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas

Georg Forster Research Fellowship

- researchers from emerging and developing countries, all disciplines, no quotas
- research projects with relevance to development



Research fellowships for research stays in Germany

Humboldt Research Fellowship / Georg Forster Research Fellowship

	Postdoctoral researchers	Experienced researchers
Duration of sponsorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 to 24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 to 18 months, may be divided up into 3 stays
Application period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 4 years ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• applications at any time, doctorates completed less than 12 years ago
Fellowship amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• €2,650 per month (plus additional benefits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• €3,150 per month (plus additional benefits)



Humboldt Hosting

Any active academic at a research institution in Germany can become a host for a fellow or award winner.

The host

- provides suitable research facilities
- supports the Humboldtian in conducting a project
- receives a subsidy towards the research fellow's research costs
 - natural and engineering sciences: € 800 per month
 - humanities: € 500 per month



The Foundation requires hosts to submit the following:

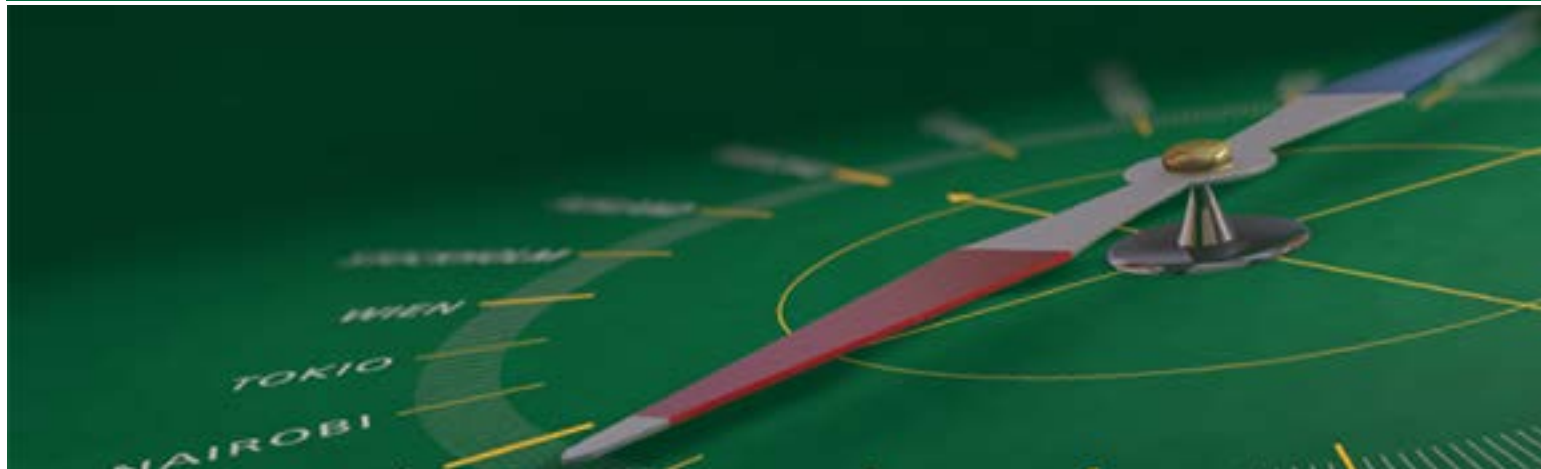
- for research fellowship applicants:
 - a confidential statement on the qualification of the applicant and the planned project
 - a binding commitment to provide research facilities





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for exceptionally qualified academics from Germany



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Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas
 - members of the Humboldt Network abroad as hosts
- www.humboldt-foundation.de/lynen-search-for-host
- host contribution (negotiated individually)



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Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

Searching for a host

Search pattern:

Current contact address 

Field of research 

Search the pool of some 15,000 potential hosts across the world.*

Researchers who are not included in this online search can also become hosts – provided that they work abroad **and**

- are a member of the Humboldt Network
- have received a specified international academic awards (see below).

If you have any problems or questions please contact info@avh.de.

Further information

→ [More about the Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship](#)

*Due to data protection we only publish the names of individuals and institutes but not personal details.

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Research fellowships for research stays abroad

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Fellowship amount: varies according to target country and personal circumstances

(A fellowship calculator is available on our website)



Research Fellowships: Application Requirements and Benefits



Application requirements

Postdoctoral researchers	Experienced researchers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● above average doctorate● academic publications● agreement by academic host● independent research proposal● knowledge of German and/or English (incoming)● good knowledge of the language spoken in the host country or very good knowledge of English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● independent academic activity, e.g. as an assistant professor● comprehensive list of academic publications with own, clearly defined academic profile● agreement by academic host● independent research proposal● knowledge of German and/or English (incoming)● good knowledge of the language spoken in the host country or very good knowledge of English



Application procedure

- applications at any time to the Foundation directly
- after registration you will have access to the application form and hints on how to complete the application
- assessment by independent peer reviewers
- decision by independent selection committees
- duration of procedure: approximately 4 to 7 months





Benefits provided

- fellowship
- travel lump sum
- language courses*
- benefits for families
- allowance for research costs for the host institute*

(*not applicable to Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships)

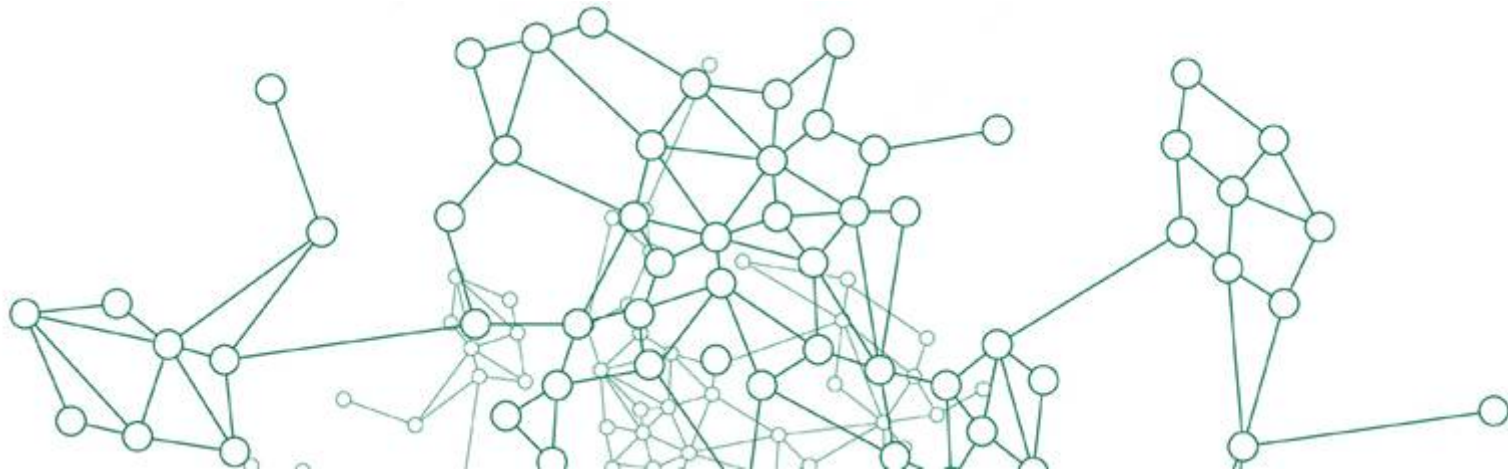




Benefits provided

- intensive and individual mentoring in Germany and abroad by personal contacts at the Foundation
- study tour*, network meeting, annual meeting
- return fellowships for specific regions
- alumni sponsorship

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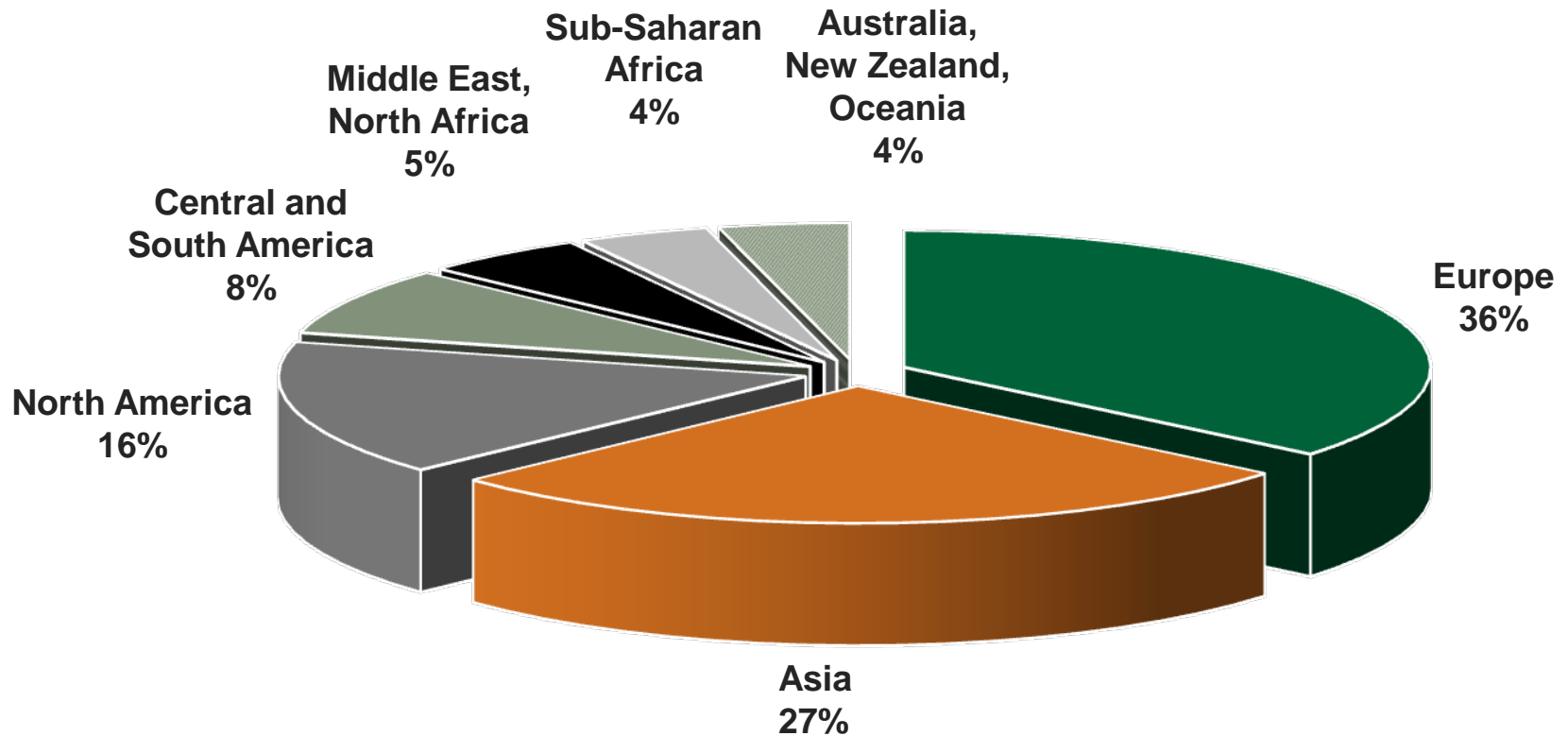




Origin of guest researchers (incoming)

2013–2017:

2,952 research fellowships granted to academics from abroad

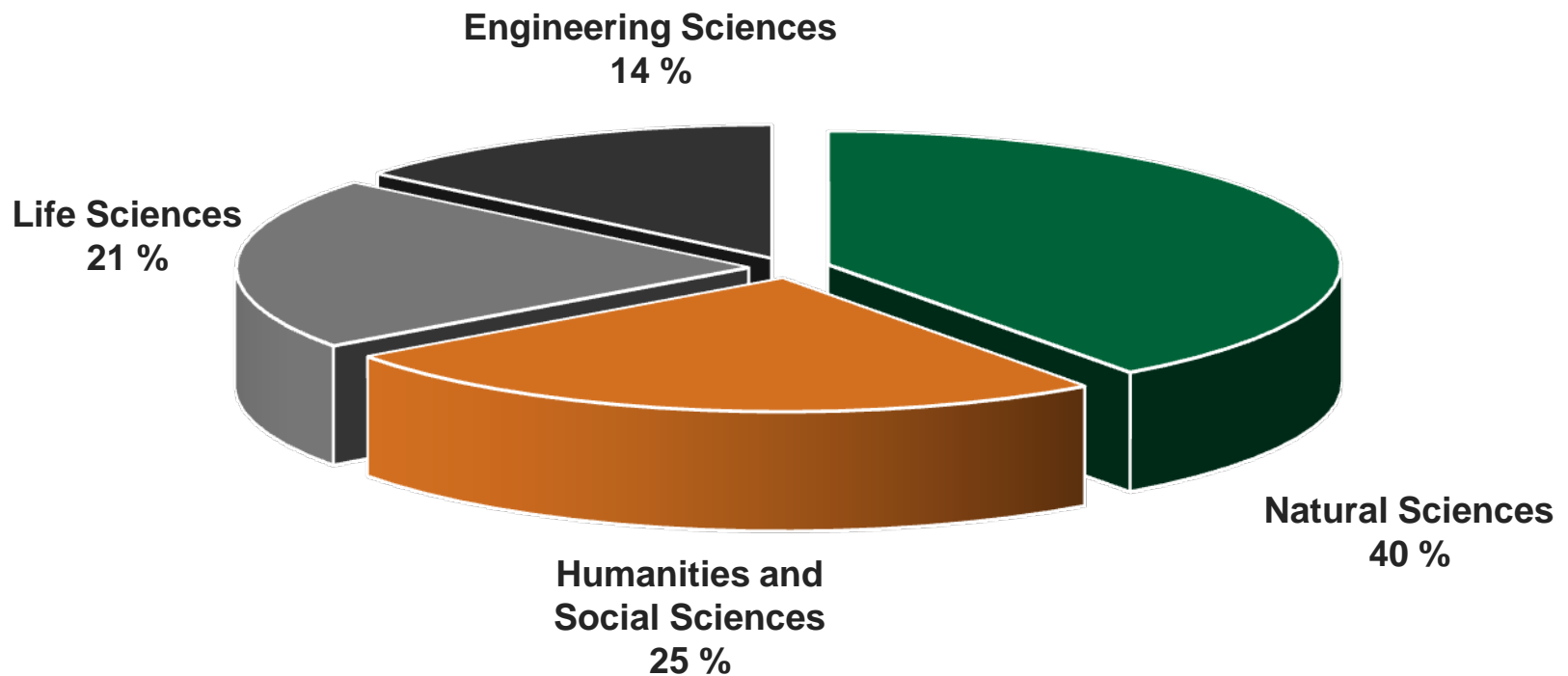




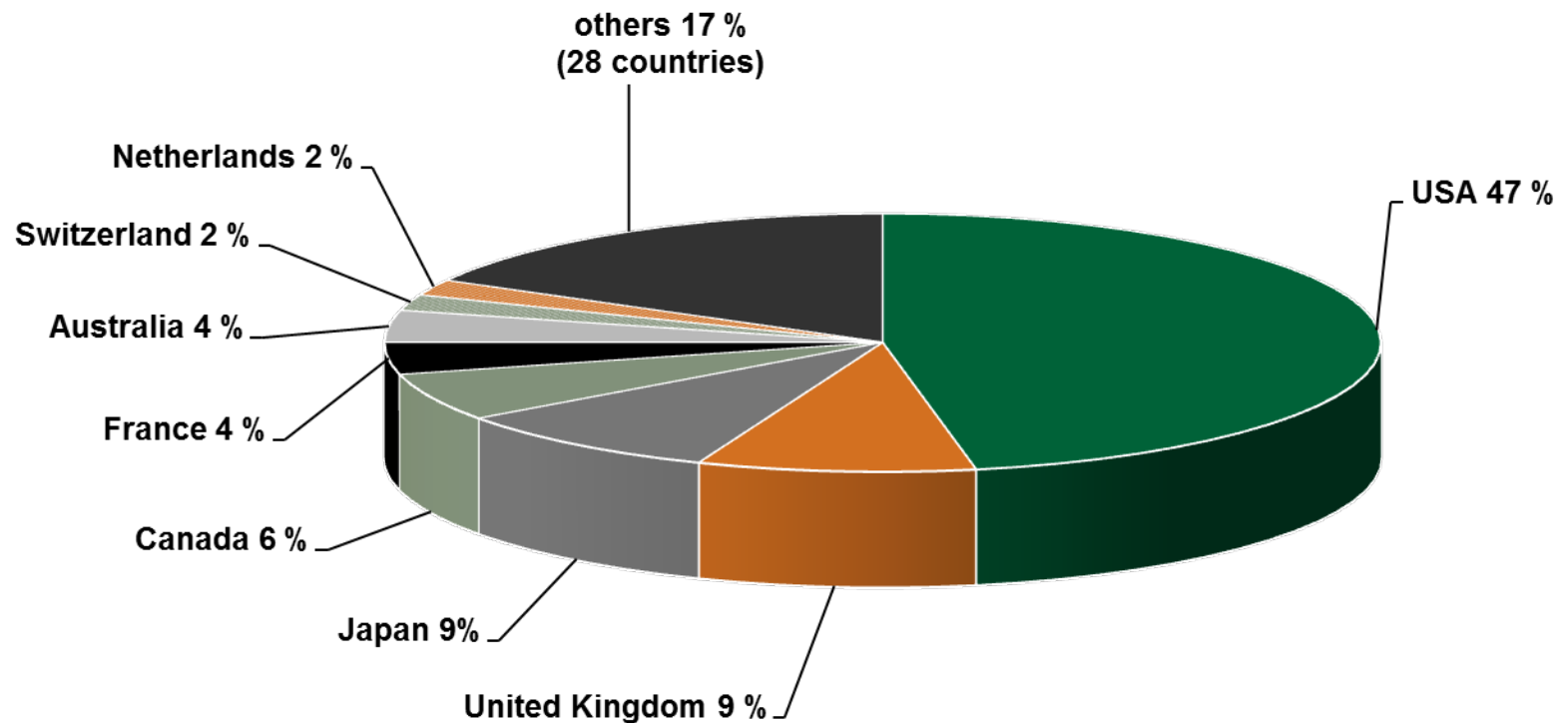
Disciplines of guest researchers (incoming)

2013–2017:

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Countries of destination of Lynen Fellows 2013–2017 (outgoing)





Research Fellowships Japan/Taiwan

In the framework of the Feodor Lynen Programme, the Humboldt Foundation is responsible for the pre-selection of German post-doctoral researchers for the fellowships of the

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

research stays lasting 6 to 24 months in Japan and

Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)

research stays lasting 3 to 12 months in Taiwan





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Award Programmes





Research awards

Sofja Kovalevskaja Award

- for top level junior academics from abroad
- up to 6 years after the PhD
- up to €1.65 million for a period of 5 years
- to establish their own junior research group in Germany





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