



## Make Germany a part of your international research career!

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Joachim Herz Stiftung jointly award research fellowships to scientists from Turkey.



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**Exzellenz verbindet –  
be part of a worldwide network.**

***The Sponsorship Portfolio of the  
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation  
for international researchers and its  
country focus initiative on Turkey***

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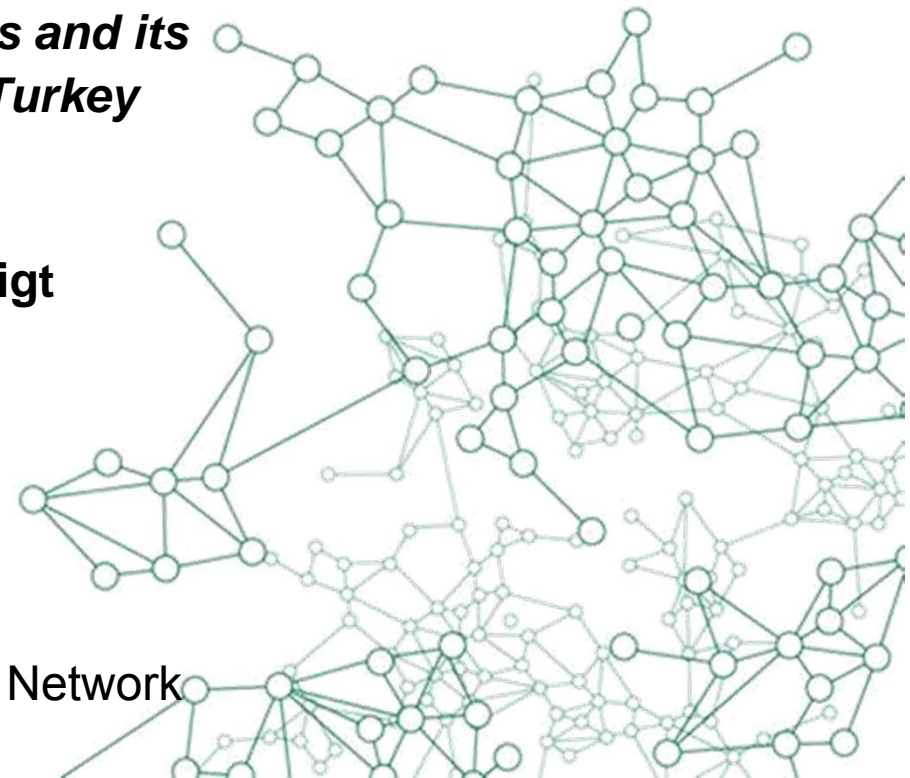
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## Historical and intellectual roots

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- 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





## 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
- advancing development through academic cooperation
- mobility counselling in the European context







## Principles of the Foundation

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





## Equal opportunities for female academics

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- equal opportunities is an important issue for the Foundation
- sponsoring of women correlates with age, career stage and geographical origin
- measures supplementing standard sponsorship opportunities: fellowship extension or interruption, allowances, targeted counselling

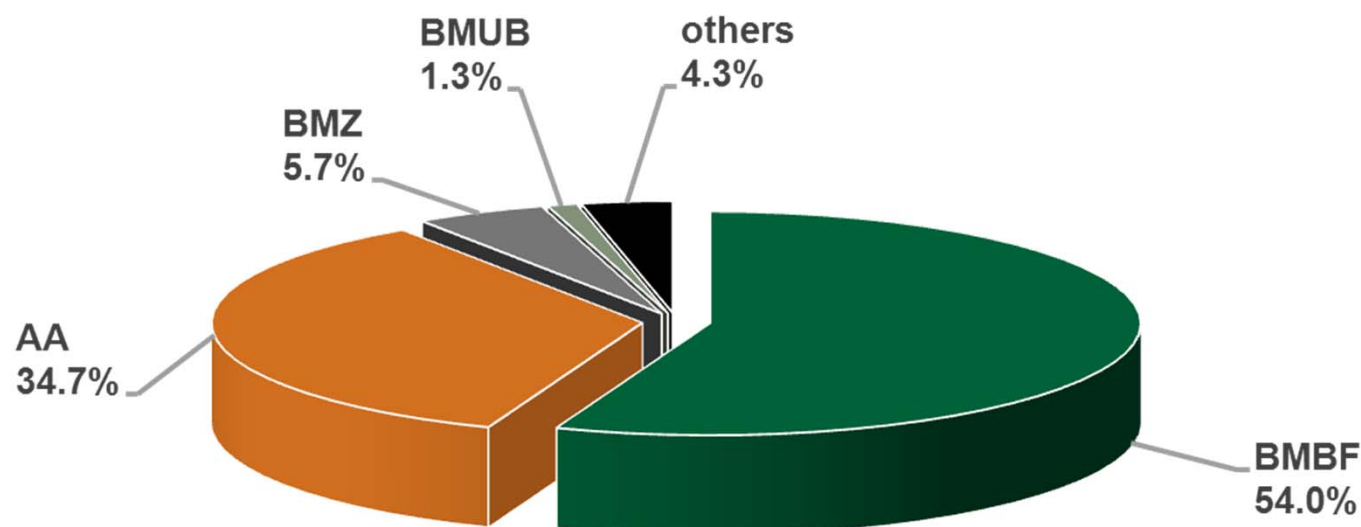




## The Humboldt Foundation's funding

Budget for 2013: approx. 110 million EUR

Financed by federal funds: approx. 96%



- AA: Federal Foreign Office
- BMBF: Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- BMZ: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- BMUB: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety



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# Research Location Germany

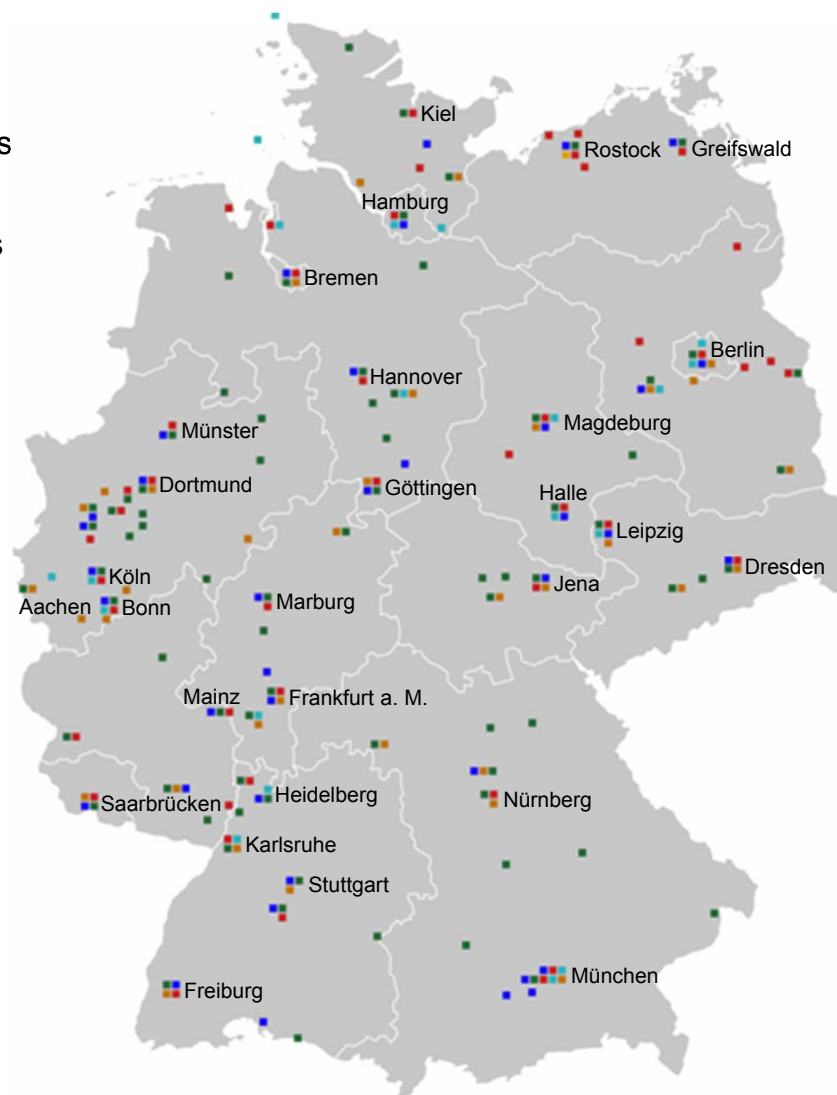






# Research location Germany

- Universities
- Leibniz Institutes
- Max Planck Institutes
- Helmholtz Centres
- Fraunhofer Institutes





## Research institutions

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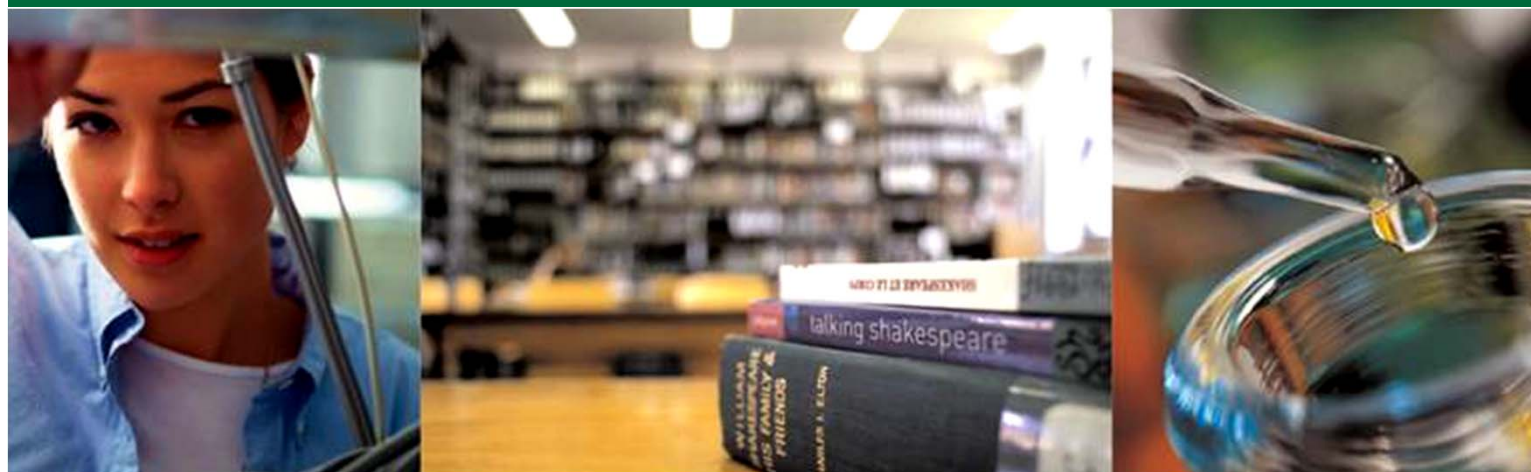
- approximately 100 universities: research in all disciplines
- 82 Max Planck Institutes: basic research, especially in the natural and biosciences but also in the humanities and social sciences
- 67 Fraunhofer Institutes: applied research
- 18 Helmholtz Centres: technical-scientific and biomedical research
- 89 Leibniz Institutes: research ranging from knowledge-oriented basic research to applied research





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# Sponsorship Opportunities offered by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation



# A distinct profile: sponsorship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

- **The Foundation's centrepiece:**  
Humboldt Research Fellowships for young postdocs and experienced researchers
- **Involving pathbreakers:**  
Humboldt Research Awards for eminent researchers from abroad
- **Gaining knowledge generators for Germany:**  
Alexander von Humboldt Professorship and Sofja Kovalevskaja Award: competitive offers for top international researchers
- **A lifelong network:** support for alumni activities
- **Shaping internationalisation:** advice and competitions





## Sponsorship – individual and personal

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- sponsorship for foreign and German top-flight academics to collaborate with specialist colleagues
- more than 700 prestigious research fellowships and awards annually
- flexible sponsorship options for different career stages
- individual and personal mentoring for those sponsored and their families







## Key sponsorship programmes at a glance

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

# Research fellowships for research stays in Germany

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## For postdoctoral and experienced researchers

### Humboldt Research Fellowship

- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas

### Georg Forster Research Fellowship (HERMES)

- 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 (HERMES)

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



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# Research Fellowships: Application Requirements and Benefits





# Application requirements

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## Postdoctoral researchers

- above average doctorate
- academic publications
- agreement by academic host
- independent research project
- knowledge of German and/or English

## Experienced researchers

- 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 project
  - knowledge of German and/or English
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## Application procedure

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- applications at any time to the Foundation directly
- assessment by independent expert reviewers
- decision by independent selection committees
- duration of procedure: approximately 4 to 7 months





## Benefits provided

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

(\*not applicable to Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships)



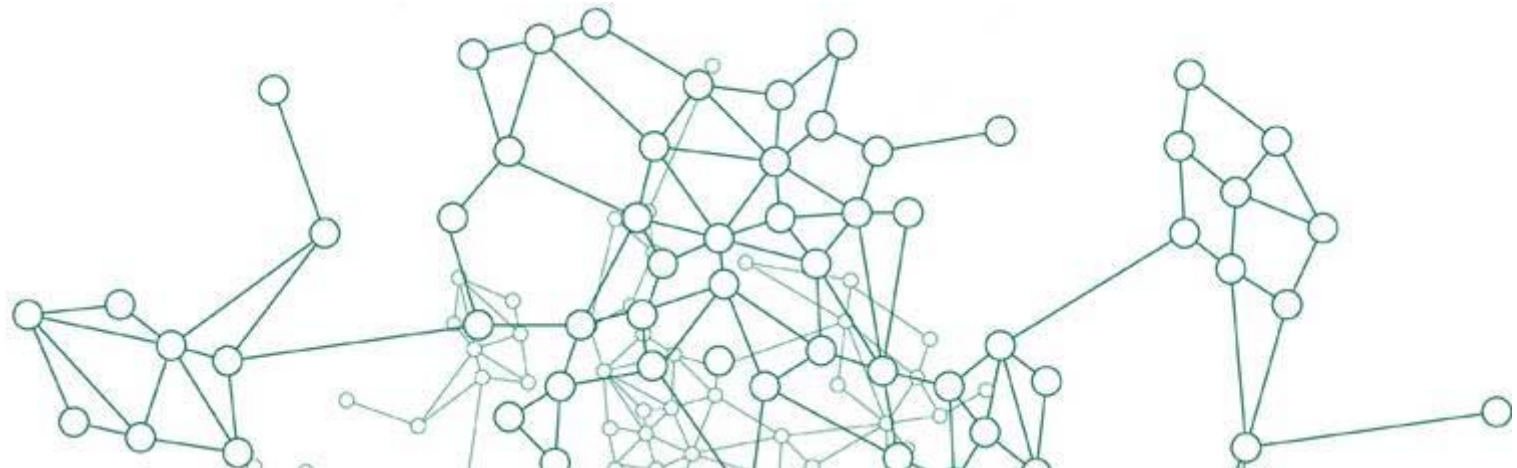


## Benefits provided

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- 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

(\*not applicable to Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships)





## Look for a host in Germany

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### through the Humboldt Foundation's Network Online

- Network Online can be used to locate Humboldtians' host institutes
- searches can be filtered by subject area, location or keyword

[www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/netzwerk-recherche.html](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/netzwerk-recherche.html)

### on the EURAXESS Germany website

[www.euraxess.de/portal/search\\_engines\\_for\\_hosts.html](http://www.euraxess.de/portal/search_engines_for_hosts.html)

### with the help of the Research Explorer from DAAD and DFG

- contains more than 19,000 institutes at German universities and non-university research institutions
- allows searches based on geographical, field-related and structural criteria

[www.research-explorer.de](http://www.research-explorer.de)

### ask colleagues at your institute who have contacts in Germany (possibly Humboldtians)



# Alumni sponsorship and international networking

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- more than 26,000 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





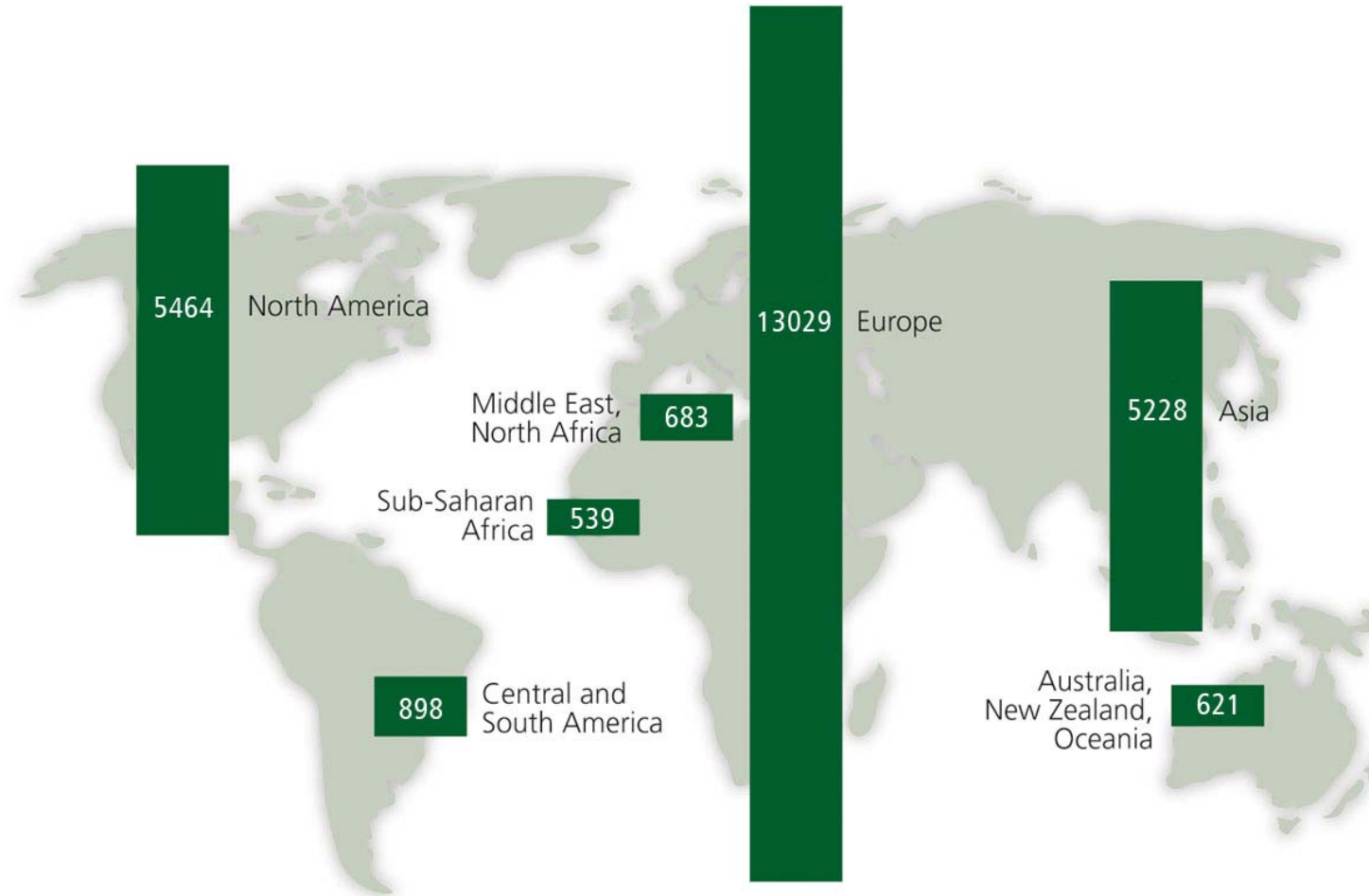


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# The Country Focus Initiative on Turkey



# The Humboldt Network – more than 26,000 Humboldtians worldwide



as of: January 2014

## Disciplines of guest researchers (worldwide)

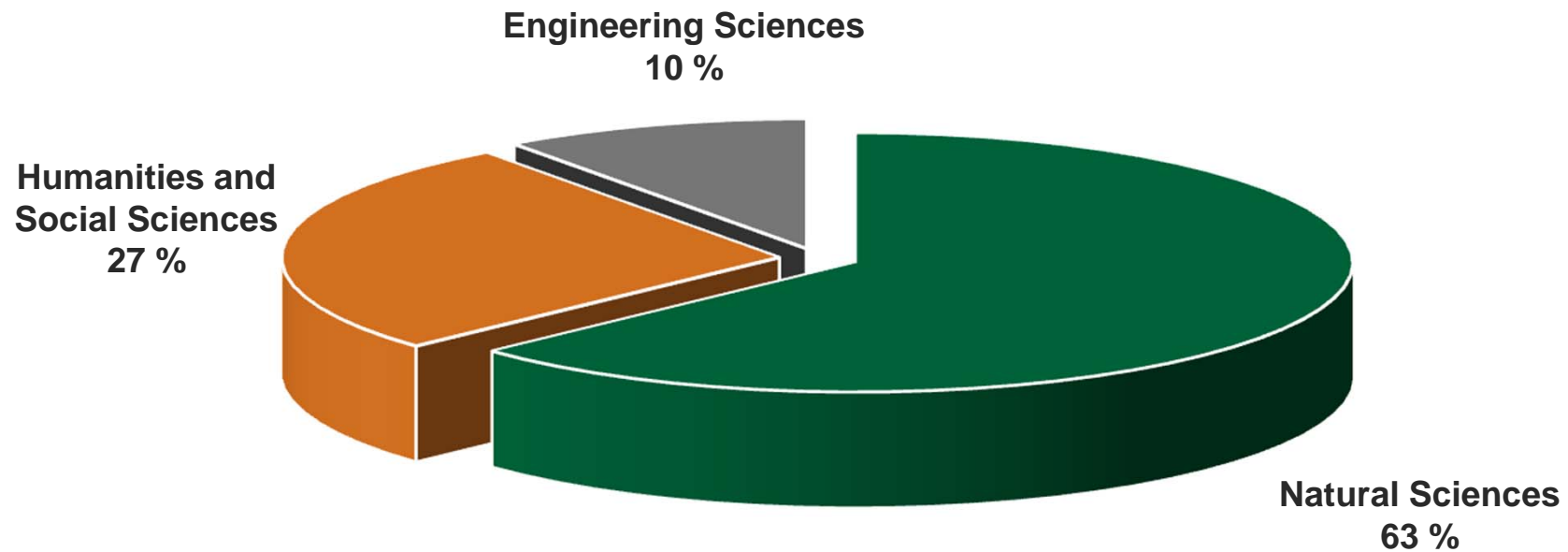
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2010–2014:

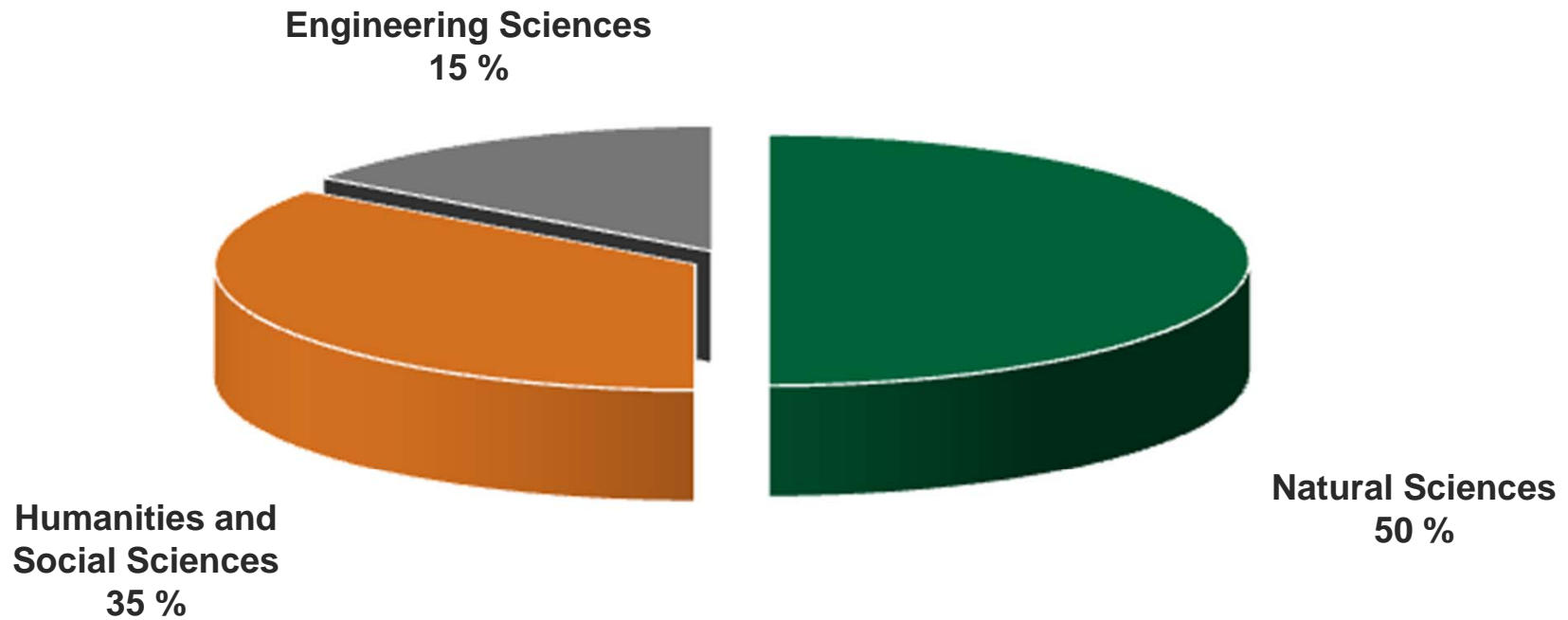
2,806 research fellowships granted to academics from abroad



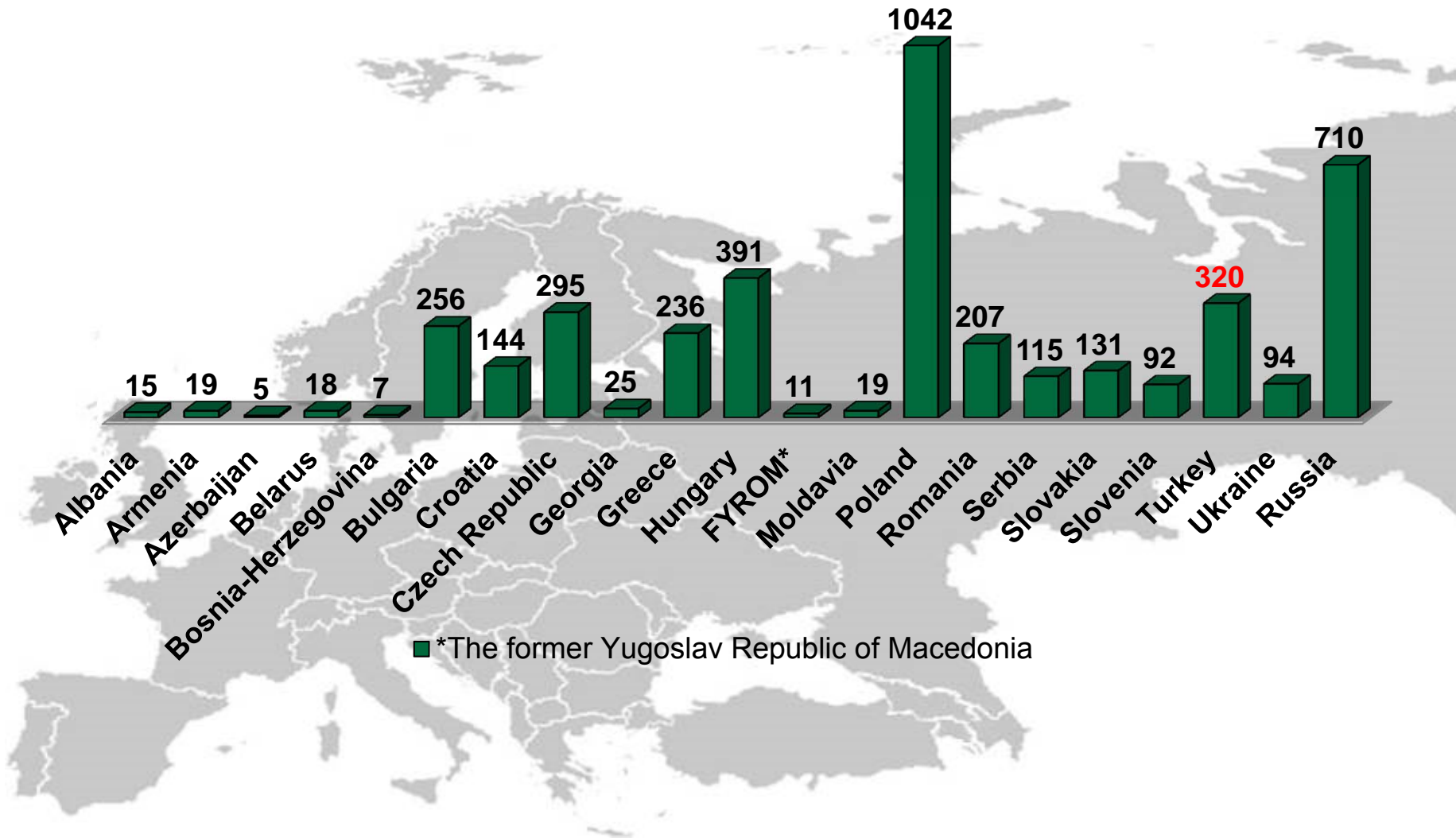
# Disciplines of research fellows from Turkey

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1953–2014:  
433 research fellowships granted to academics from Turkey

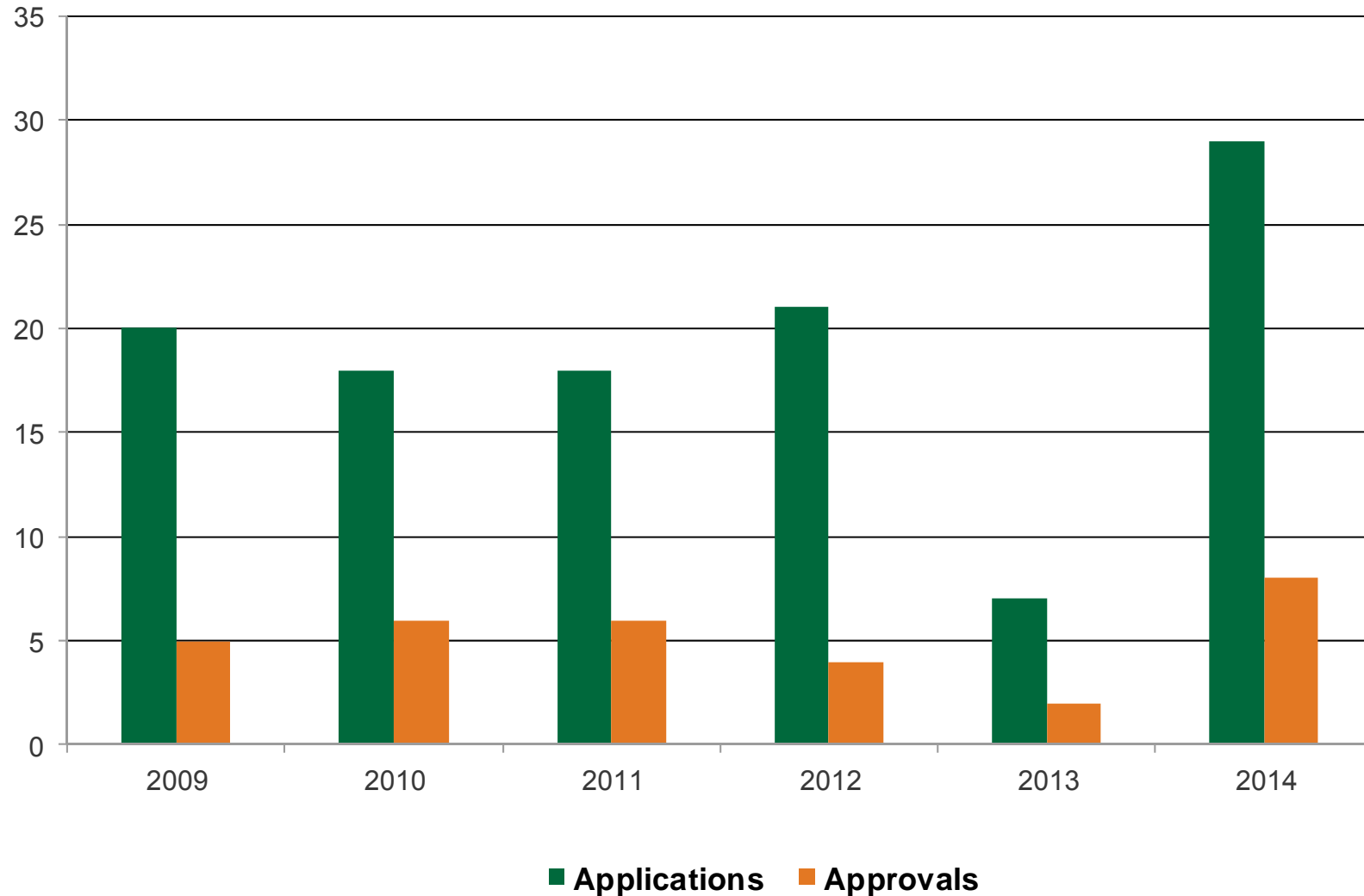


# The Humboldt Network in South Eastern Europe



# Fellowships 2009 – 2014

## Applications and approvals - Turkey





# Cooperation with the Joachim Herz Stiftung: The Humboldt Foundation's Country Focus Initiative on Turkey

- Joint initiative with the Joachim Herz Stiftung (2013-2016) to foster German-Turkish academic exchange



- Measures:
  - Up to 8 additional fellowships for researchers in the natural sciences
  - Conferences in Turkey promoting German-Turkish academic collaboration
- For further information, please visit:  
[www.joachim-herz-stiftung.de](http://www.joachim-herz-stiftung.de) and [www.humboldt-foundation.de](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de)

# „6 out of 26,000“



James E. Rothman,  
Nobel Prize in Medicine  
2013, USA



Jules Alphonse Hoffmann,  
Nobel Prize in Medicine  
2011, Luxembourg



Sarah Stroumsa,  
former Rector of Hebrew University  
Jerusalem, Israel



Yong-xiang Lu,  
former President of CAS,  
Vice chairman of the 11th National  
People's Congress, PR China



Selçuk Esenbel,  
Georg Forster Award 2012,  
Boğaziçi University, Turkey



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# Humboldt Network Online

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- Public network
  - search and find Humboldtians electronically
  - search the Bibliographia Humboldtiana
- Protected area (for Humboldtians)
  - access the details and contact addresses of all Humboldtians
  - administer entries in the Bibliographia Humboldtiana and your personal profile

[www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/researching-the-network.html](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/researching-the-network.html)

