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BE PART OF A  
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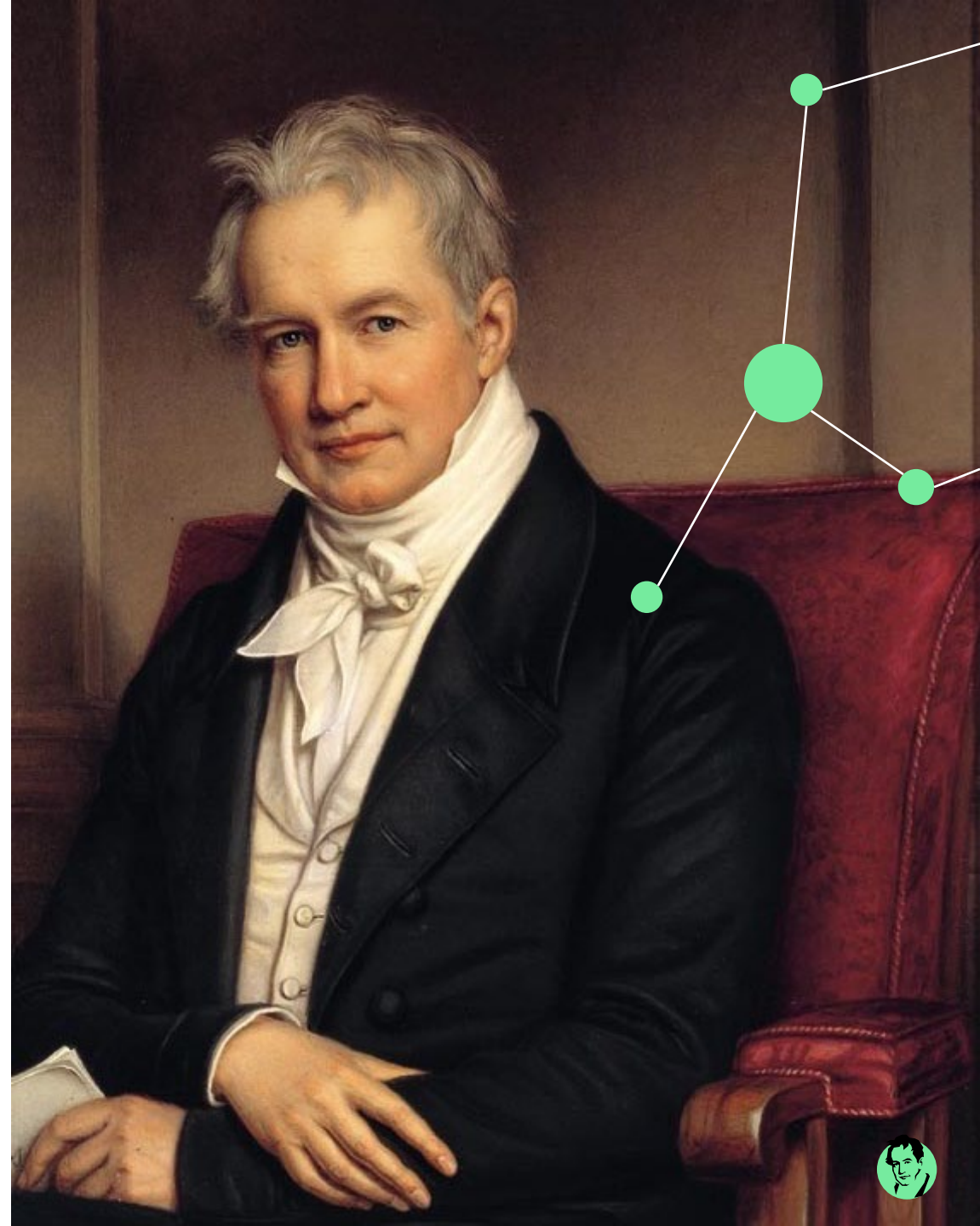
Funding Opportunities for  
Research Stays in Germany by the  
Alexander von Humboldt  
Foundation

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# OUR ROOTS

- **Alexander von Humboldt (1769 – 1859):** explorer, universal genius, cosmopolitan and sponsor of excellent scientific talents
- **1953:** Establishment of today's Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, based in Bonn
- International network of academic trust and cooperation, modelled on Humboldt



# WHAT WE DO

- Academic collaborations between excellent international and German researchers
- Various sponsorship opportunities
- International understanding, diplomacy, scientific progress and development
- Internationalization of Germany as a research location
- A network of more than 30,000 “Humboldtians” worldwide





# OUR PRINCIPLES

- **no quotas** for countries or disciplines
- main selection criterion: **the applicant's academic qualification**
- we **support people**, not projects
- **independent scientific research**, bottom-up and investigator-driven
- **flexible sponsorship options** for different career stages and during the entire scientific career through Alumni sponsorship





# Key Sponsorship Programmes

	Academics from outside Germany	Academics from Germany
<b>Postdoctoral researchers</b> (up to 4 years after doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Humboldt Research Fellowship</b></li> <li>• Georg Forster Research Fellowship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship</li> </ul>
<b>Experienced researchers</b> (up to 12 years after doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Humboldt Research Fellowship</b></li> <li>• Georg Forster Research Fellowship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship</li> </ul>
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<b>Researchers from Germany</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henriette Herz Scouting Programme</li> </ul>







# Humboldt Research Fellowships

for exceptionally qualified academics from outside Germany who wish to come to Germany

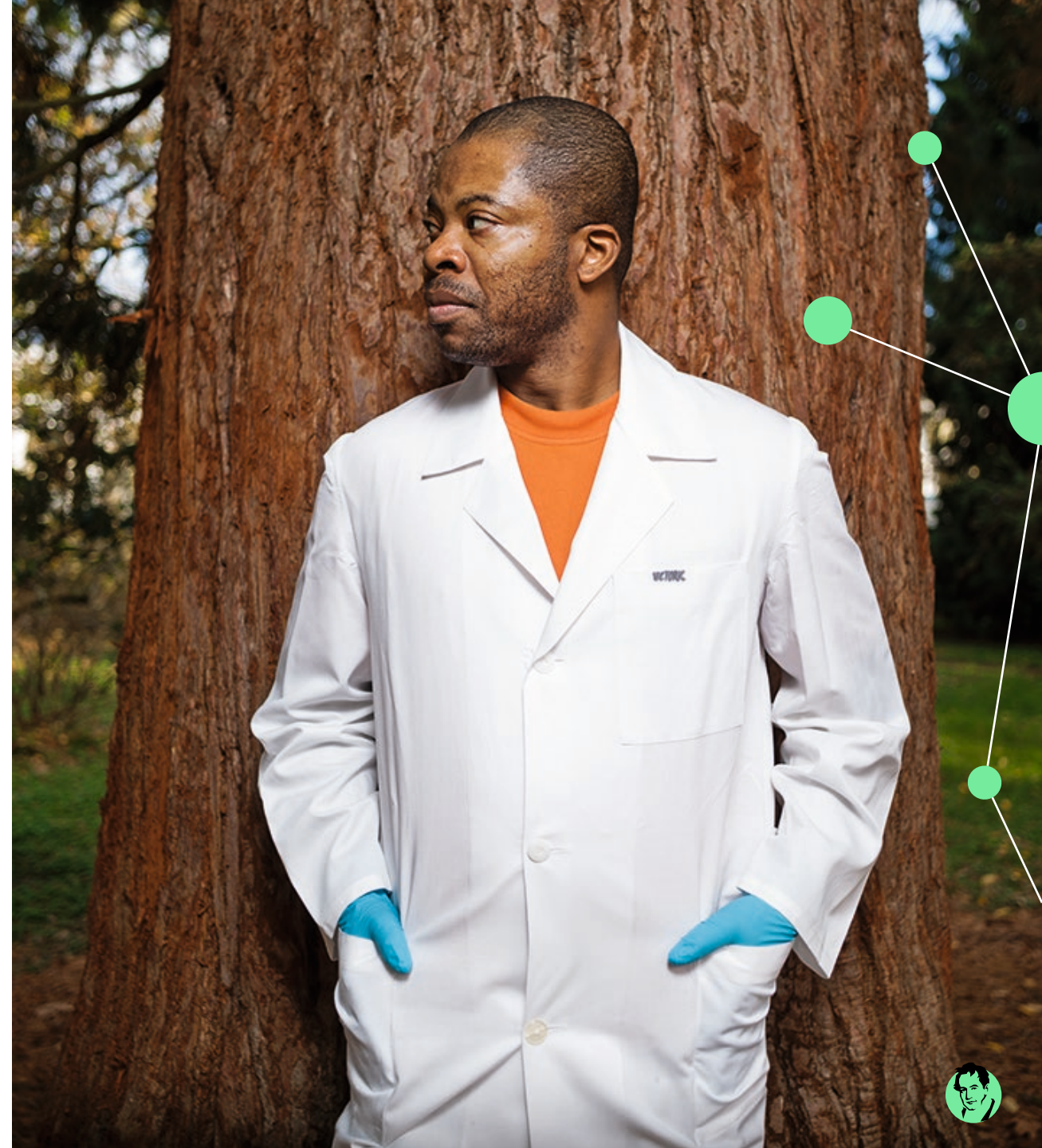




# Humboldt Research Fellowships for research stays in Germany

**For postdoctoral and experienced researchers**

- researchers from all over the world
- all disciplines
- cooperation with an academic host in Germany
- innovative and independently developed research outline





# Humboldt Research Fellowships for Research Stays in Germany

	Postdoctoral researchers	Experienced researchers
<b>Duration of sponsorship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6 to 24 months, may be divided up into 3 stays</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>2,700 EUR per month (plus additional benefits)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3,200 EUR per month (plus additional benefits)</li></ul>







# Humboldt Research Fellowships

Application requirements and benefits





# Application Requirements

## Postdoctoral researchers

- above average doctorate
- academic publications
- agreement by academic host
- independent research proposal
- good German or English language skills

## Experienced researchers

- independent academic activity, e.g. as an assistant professor
- comprehensive list of academic publications with clear research profile
- agreement by academic host
- independent research proposal
- good German or English language skills





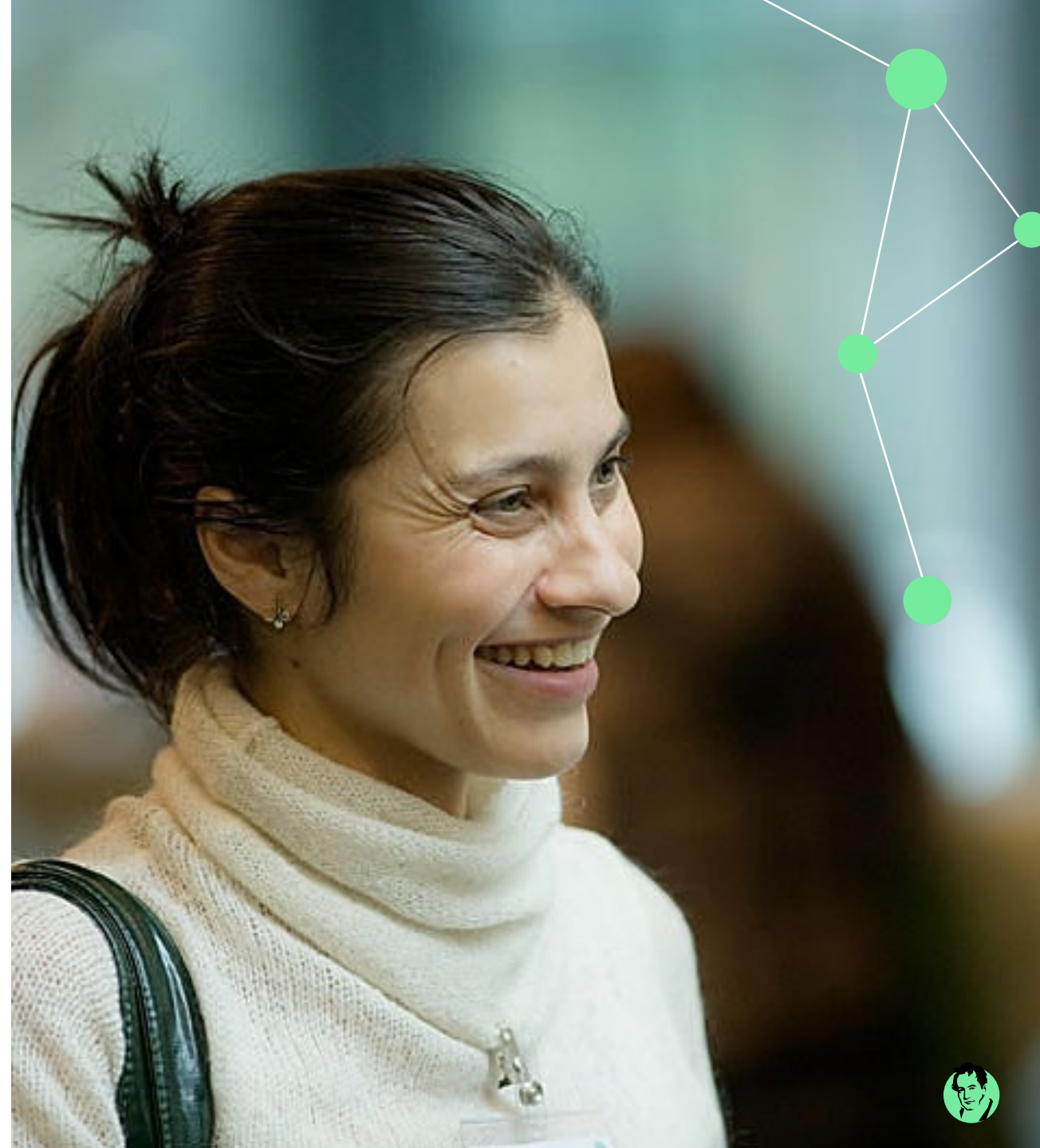
# Application Procedure

- online applications at any time to the Foundation
- assessment by independent peer reviewers
- decision by independent, interdisciplinary selection committees
- duration of procedure: approximately 4 to 7 months



# Benefits Provided I

- monthly fellowship
- travel lump sum
- family allowances, child-rearing support
- German language courses
- allowance for research costs for the host institute



# Benefits Provided II

- intensive and individual mentoring in Germany by personal contacts at the Foundation
- study tour, network meeting, annual meeting
- alumni sponsorship
- Benefits for families (e.g. allowances for children and marital partners)





# “Once a Humboldtian – always a Humboldtian“

## Alumni sponsorship

- short research stays in Germany
- invitation of Humboldtians to Germany
- printing cost subsidies

## Networking opportunities at

- various Humboldt events
- Humboldt Alumni Associations





# Humboldt and Bessel Research Awards

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# Humboldt Research Award

for internationally recognized top-flight researchers

- award amount: 60.000 EUR
- only through nominations by Germany academics, no self-applications
- invitation to Germany: approx. 6 – 12 months
- worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas





# Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Awards

for internationally recognized researchers (“rising stars”)

- Award amount: 45.000 EUR
- Only through nominations by German academics, no self-applications
- Invitation to Germany: approx. 6 – 12 months
- Worldwide, all disciplines, no quotas
- No more than 18 years after PhD





# Hints and Tips

- take your time to find an adequate academic host
- choose the appropriate time to submit your application (PhD (almost) completed? Prior stays in Germany?)
- postdoctoral researchers: make sure that the key findings of your doctoral thesis are already published
- the research outline should not be a direct continuation of the doctoral thesis or of the academic work carried out to date








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# THANK YOU!

Any questions?

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