



Exzellenz verbindet – be part of a worldwide network

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Overview

- The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- The German Research Landscape
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Activities in New Zealand



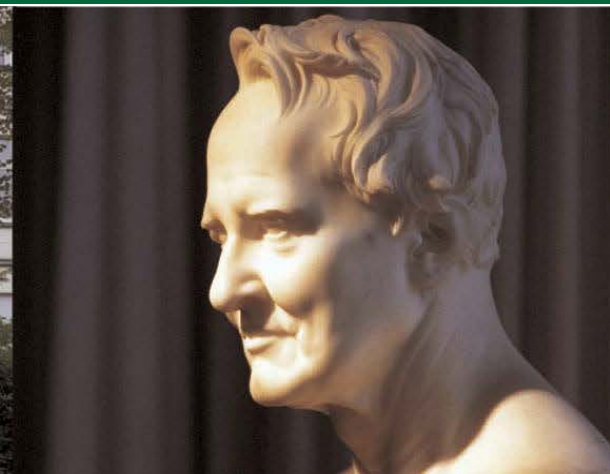


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The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

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 academic host/collaborative partner in Germany
- independent scientific research, not stipulated by the Foundation





Sponsorship – individual and personal

- 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

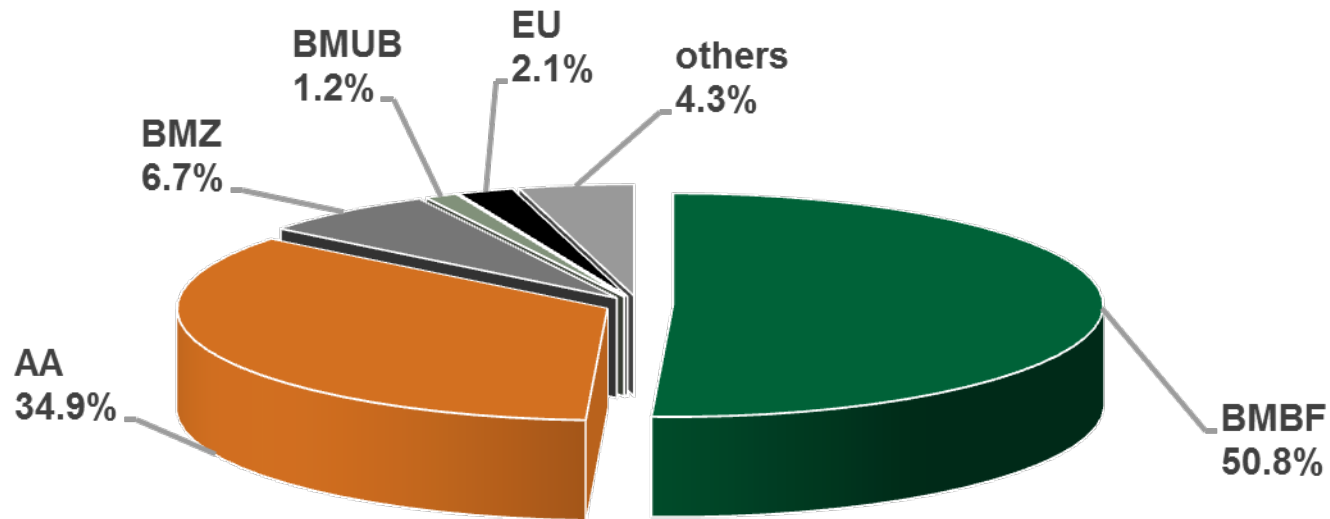




The Humboldt Foundation's Budget

Budget for 2016: approx. €116.2 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

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



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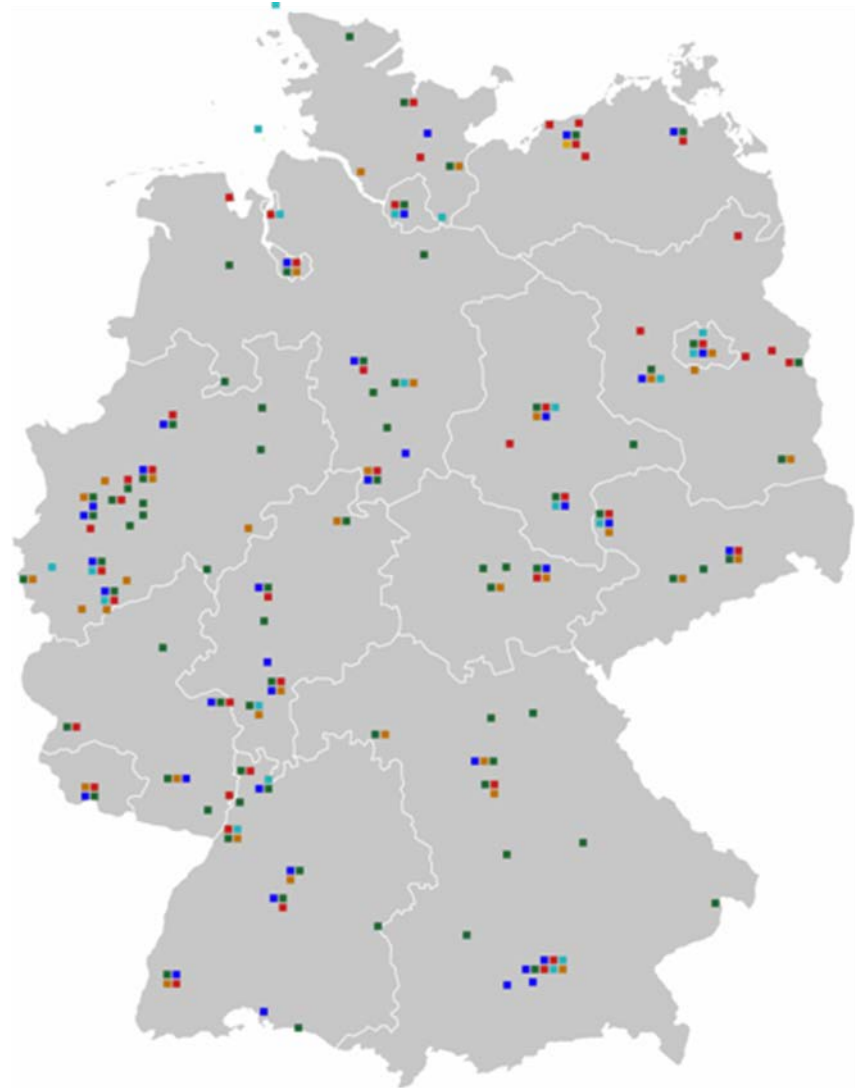
The German Research Landscape





The German Research Landscape

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





Research Funding Organizations

- German Research Foundation



- German Academic Exchange Service



- Max Planck Society



- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation



- Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft



- Helmholtz Association



- Leibniz Association



- Federal Ministry of Education and Research



- Project Management Agency
c/o German Aerospace Center (DLR)





EU Research Funding

Marie Curie Actions



European Research Council





Sponsorship Programs offered by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

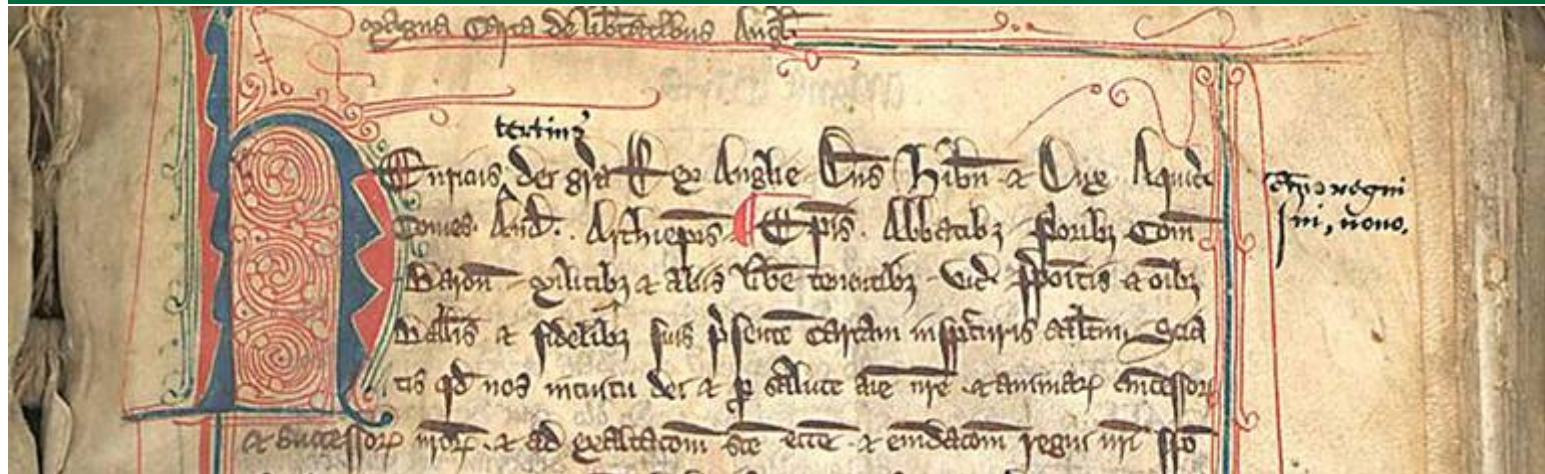


Key Sponsorship Programmes at a Glance

	Researchers from abroad
Postdoctoral researchers (up to 4 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Humboldt 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
<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed #ccc;"/> (up to 18 years after completion of doctorate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award● Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award
Internationally renowned researchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Humboldt Research Award● Anneliese Maier Research Award● Max Planck Research Award● Alexander von Humboldt Professorship



Research Fellowships



Humboldt Research Fellowship Program

for researchers from all countries, all disciplines (no quotas)

	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 EUR per month (plus additional benefits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 3,150 EUR per month (plus additional benefits)



Application Requirements

Postdoctoral researchers

- above average doctorate
- academic publications
- letter of support by academic host in Germany
- two reference letters
- independent research proposal
- knowledge of English and/or German

Experienced researchers

- independent academic activity
- comprehensive list of academic publications with own, clearly defined academic profile
- letter of support by academic host in Germany
- two reference letters
- independent research proposal
- knowledge of English and/or German



Application Procedure

- applications at any time to the Foundation directly
- assessment by independent expert reviewers
- decision by independent selection committees
- duration of procedure: approximately 6 to 8 months (currently)





Sponsorship Benefits

- monthly stipend, travel lump sum, benefits for families
- language courses
- allowance for research costs for the host institute
- study tour, network meeting, annual meeting
- intensive and individual mentoring in Germany and abroad by personal contacts at the Foundation
- alumni sponsorship





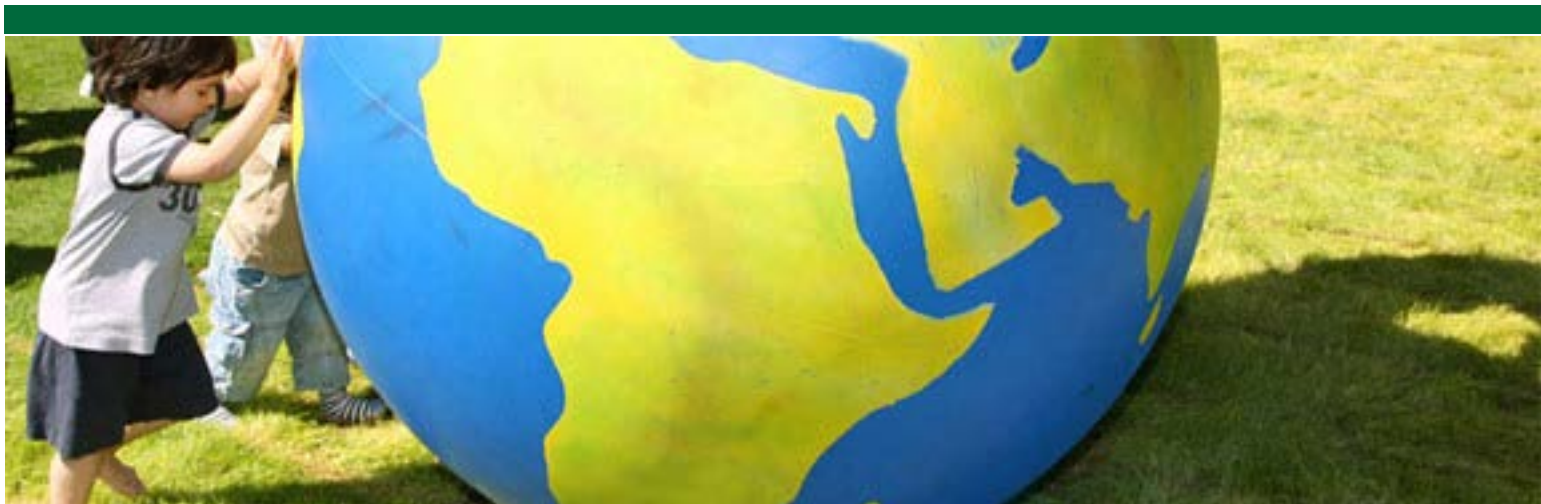
Benefits for Fellows with Families

Family Allowances

- family allowance for marital partners
- family allowance for children

Optional Extension of Fellowship

- up to 12 months if fellows are accompanied to Germany by at least one child under the age 12
- additional 3 months in case of maternity during fellowship





Finding a host in Germany

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

The EURAXESS Germany website

www.euraxess.de/portal/search_engines_for_hosts.html

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

**Ask colleagues at your institute who have contacts in Germany
(possibly Humboldtians)**



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Research Prize Programmes





Research Prizes – Overview

- Humboldt Research Award
- Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award
- Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award

- Sofja Kovalevskaja Award
- Anneliese Maier Research Award
- Alexander von Humboldt Professorship





Research Prizes

Humboldt Research Award (by nomination)

- for internationally eminent academics from abroad
- 60,000 EUR, invitation for research stay in Germany

Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award (by nomination)

- for experienced, internationally-respected academics from abroad up to 18 years after completion of doctorate
- 45,000 EUR, invitation for research stay in Germany





Research Prizes

Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award (by nomination)

- for experienced, internationally-respected scientists and scholars in fields of applied researchers from non-European countries up to 18 years after completion of doctorate
- nomination by a researcher based at one of the Fraunhofer Institutes in Germany
- up to 45,000 EUR, research stay in Germany





Alumni Sponsorship

- more than 28,000 Humboldtians in over 140 countries:
“Once a Humboldtian – always a Humboldtian“
- alumni sponsorship and international networking through e.g.
 - further research stays in Germany (up to 3 months at a time)
 - Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship Program for postdoctoral and experienced researchers from Germany
 - Humboldt Colloquia and Kollegs

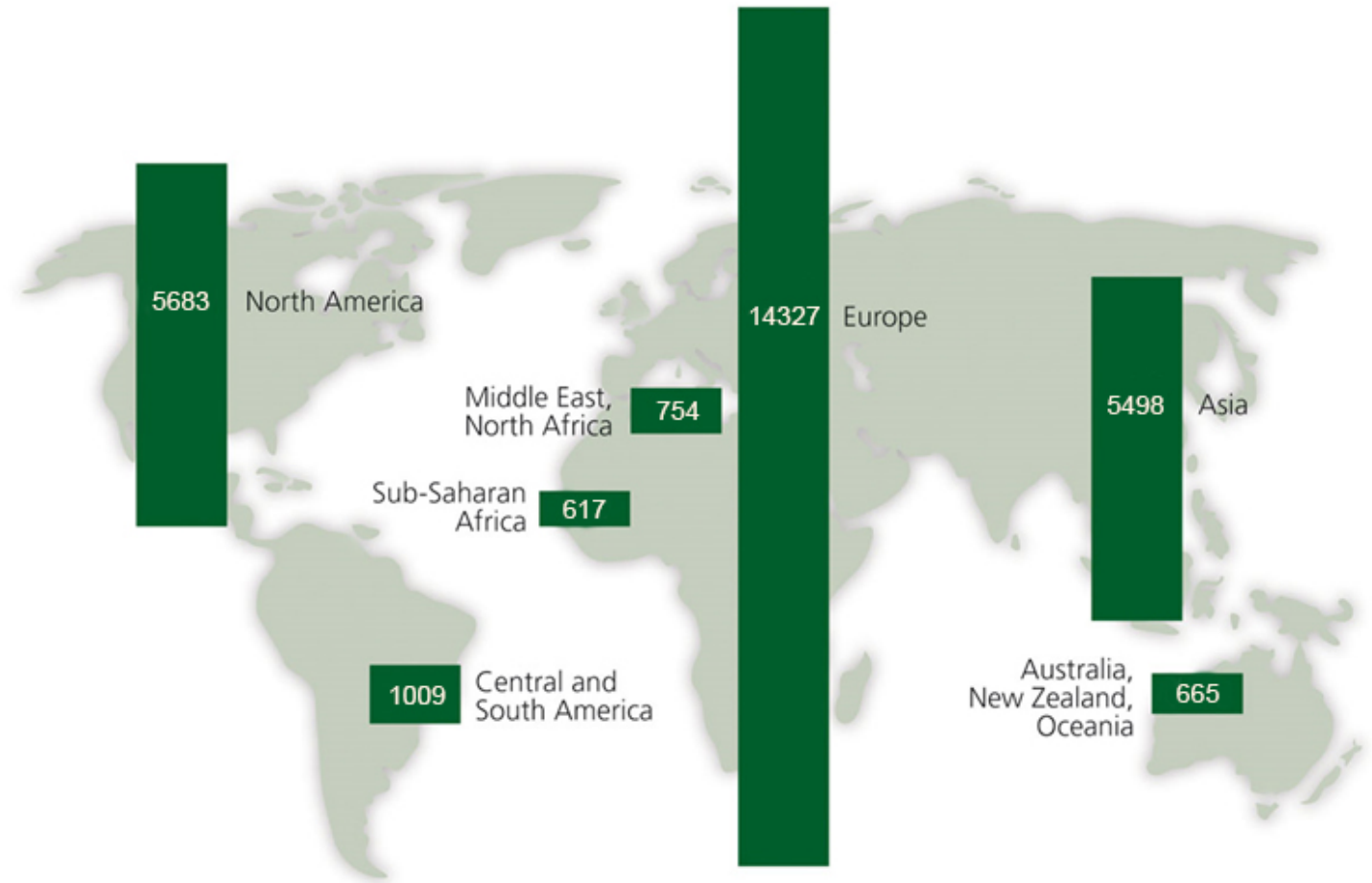




Activities in New Zealand



The Humboldt Network – more than 28,000 Humboldtians worldwide



as of: February 2017

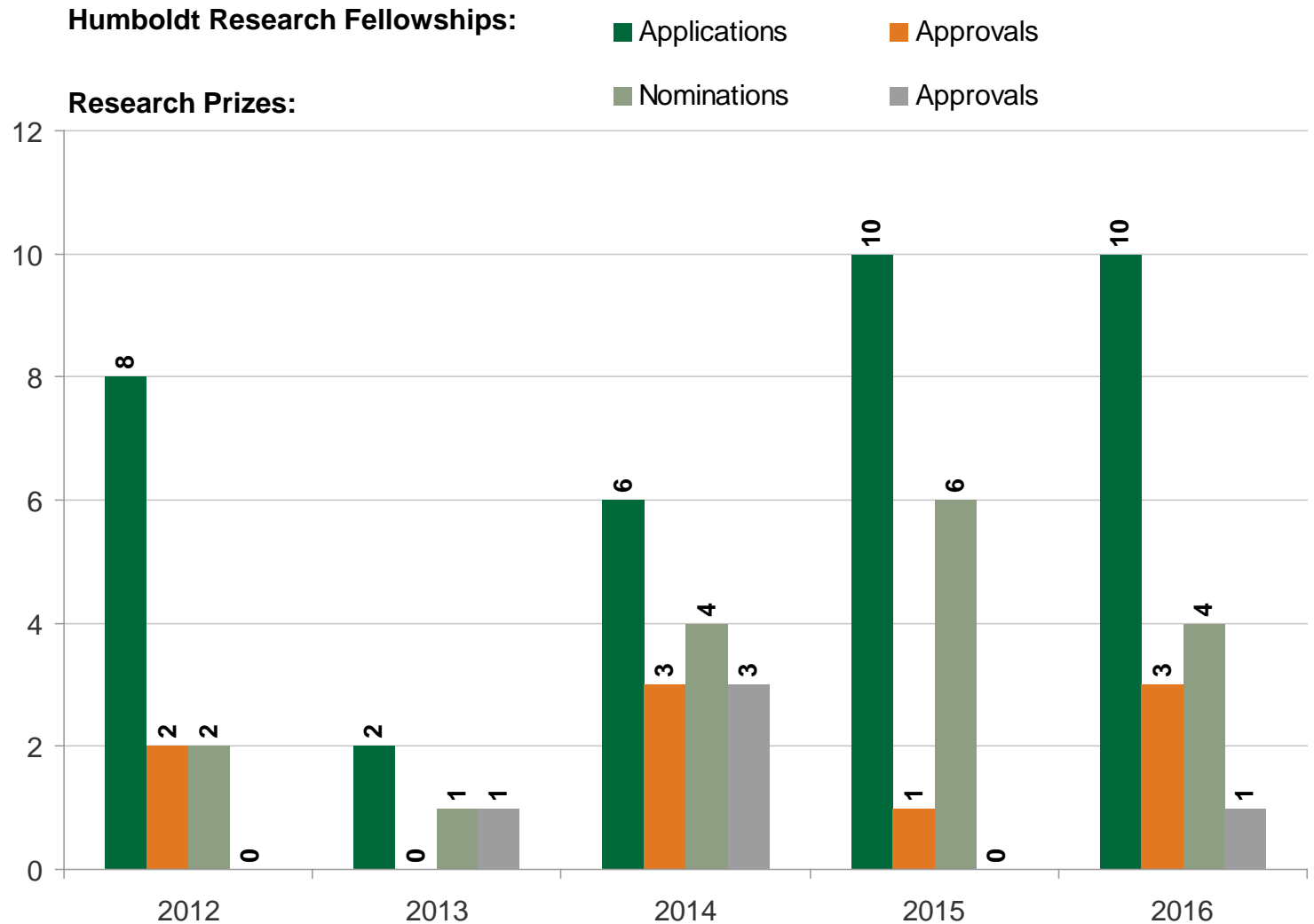


Facts & Figures for New Zealand

- Since 1953:
 - 132 research fellows from New Zealand
 - 9 research prize winners from New Zealand
 - 42 Feodor Lynen Fellows from Germany to New Zealand
- In January 2017:
 - ca 116 Humboldtians in New Zealand
 - ca 30 Humboldtians at the University of Auckland



Research Fellowships and Awards 2012-2016 (New Zealand)





Julius von Haast Fellowship Award

- Supports an internationally recognised researcher from Germany to undertake research in New Zealand for a minimum of 4 weeks per year
- Funded in the New Zealand “Catalyst Fund: Leaders” programme (MBIE/Royal Society of New Zealand)
- Duration: 3 years
- Funding per annum: \$20,000 stipend, \$20,000 research support, \$10,000 host admin
- Annual call in April, close date in July





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