

National and European Research Funding Opportunities in the Social Sciences for Young Researchers

DAAD funding programmes for early-career researchers

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Funding for Young Researchers (Postdocs) in Germany

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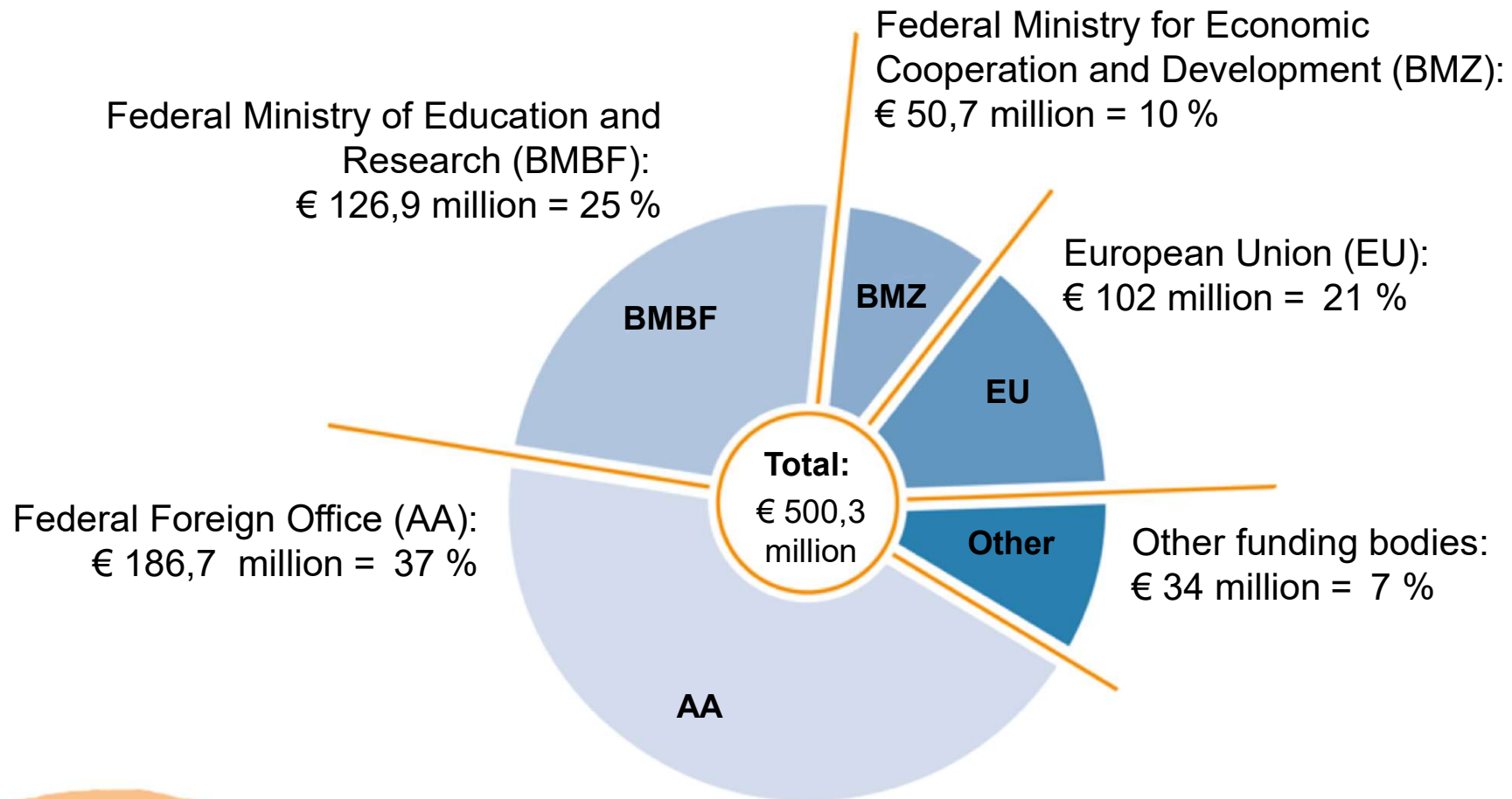
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A self-governing organisation of German universities:

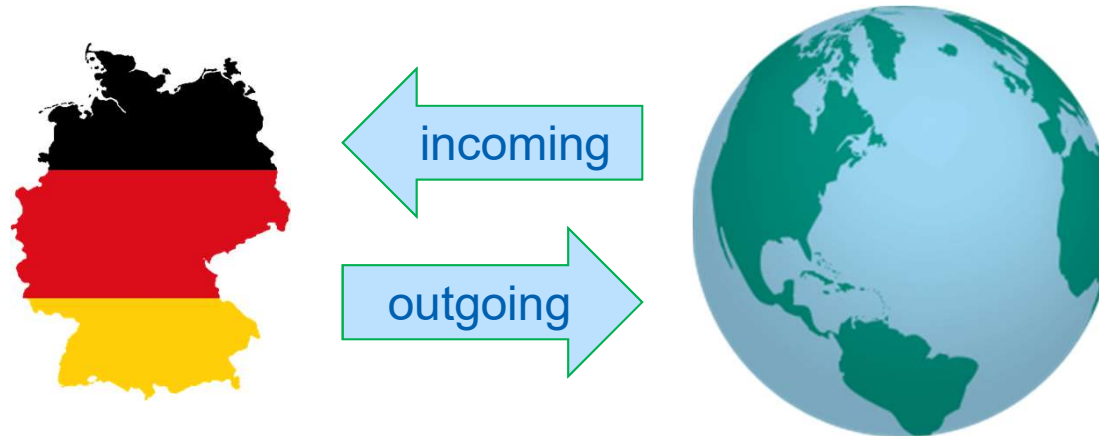
- 238 member universities
- 107 student unions



Budget 2016



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Programmes for Foreigners



Programmes for Germans*



*** „In addition, non-German students and university graduates can apply if they are enrolled in a degree programme at a German university with the aim of gaining a degree, or if they work to obtain their PhD degree at a German university. In any such case there must be a well-founded expectation that they will return to Germany after their temporary stay abroad. “**

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PRIME

Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience, *since 2014*



Application to be re-submitted in
2018 under the European Union's
Framework Programme for
Research and Innovation
Horizon2020, MSCA COFUND

- **Temporary job positions instead of scholarships**
- **Funding:** DAAD support via grant agreement with employing German university
- **Duration:**
 - Mobility phase abroad: 12 months
 - (Re-)integration phase in Germany: 6 months



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■ **Conditions:**

- open to non-Germans in acc. with MSCA Global Fellowship criteria
(citizenship of, or long-term residency in a EU MS [28] or H2020 AC [16])
- all disciplines
- no age limit
- all destinations *(in compliance with EU mobility rule: the researcher must not have resided or carried out his/her main activity in the country of the host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals.)*

■ **Direct funding by employing German university**

- DAAD grant contract with employing university, *about € 125.000 per fellowship*
- Salary acc. to public sector pay scale EG 13 TV-L
- Expatriate allowance acc. to Anlage VI.1 § 53 BBesG
(depending on country of destination and base salary)

■ **Direct DAAD component: Travel allowance**



- **Access to German social security system:**
Employment subject to social security – unlike scholarships, involving
 - Status as an employee both in Germany and during the mobility phase (posting)
 - Pension claims
 - Claim to further benefits – parental, unemployment, etc. if applicable

- **In place of previous return scholarships, etc.:**
 - Reintegration phase as a permanent program component

PRIME Selection Criteria

- **Academic qualification** (grades, study duration, letters of recommendation etc.)
- **Publications** (number, quality/impact, first authorships, ...)
- **Project** (scientific quality, realistic planning, feasibility)
- **Suitability of host institutions**
- **Other achievements:**
 - prior transnational mobility
 - extra-curricular activities, social commitment
 - personal circumstances: e.g. unavoidable delays in academic development due to child care



PRIME Selection Process

- **Reviews by external experts** usually 2 or more
 - 2017: 294 applications, 260 entered review process
- **Selection Committee Meeting**
 - 2017: 34 professors from 6 countries
- **25 Fellowships awarded 2017 - Success rate: ~10 %**
- **Communication of results**
 - approval or rejection letters
 - anonymized reviewers' comments provided



PRIME: Next Deadlines



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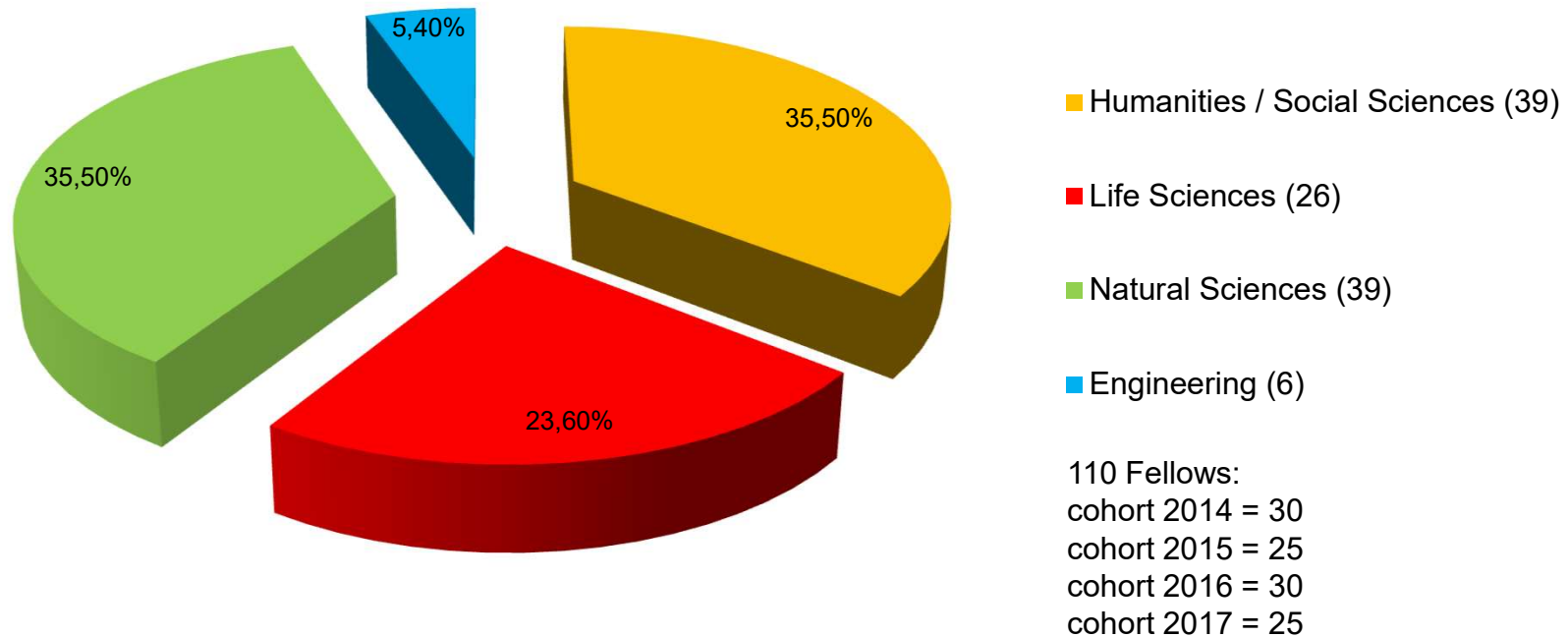
- **Announcement to be published on 1 June 2018**
- **Deadline for applications 31 August 2018**
- **Selection committee meeting in January 2019**
- **Earliest commencement date 1 April 2019**



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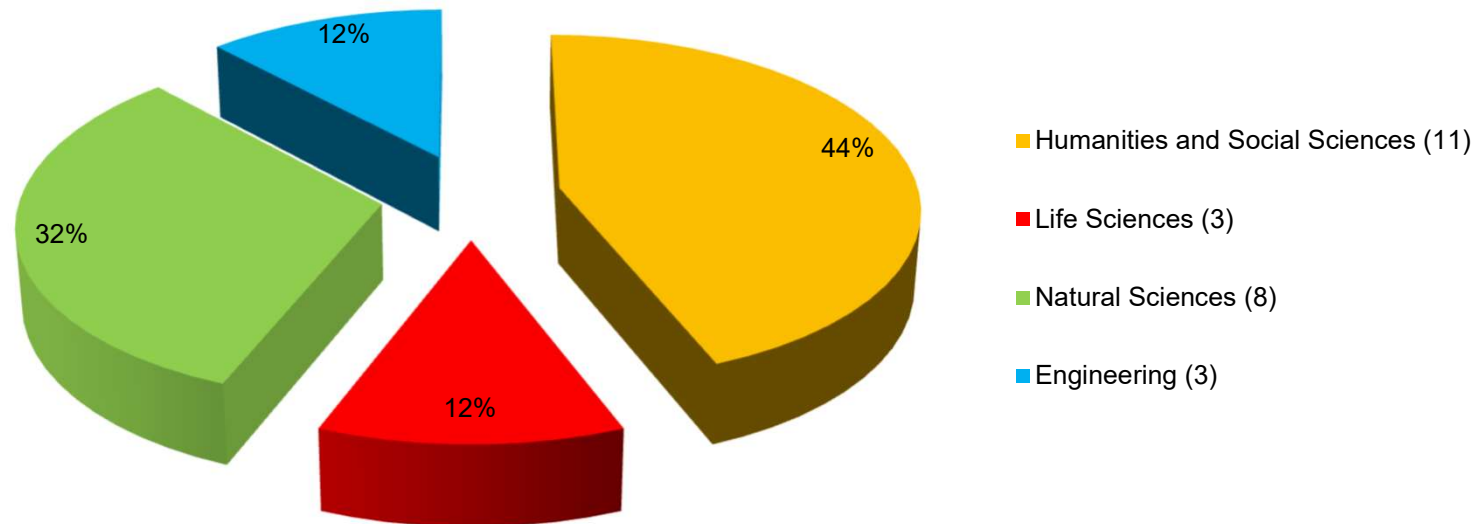
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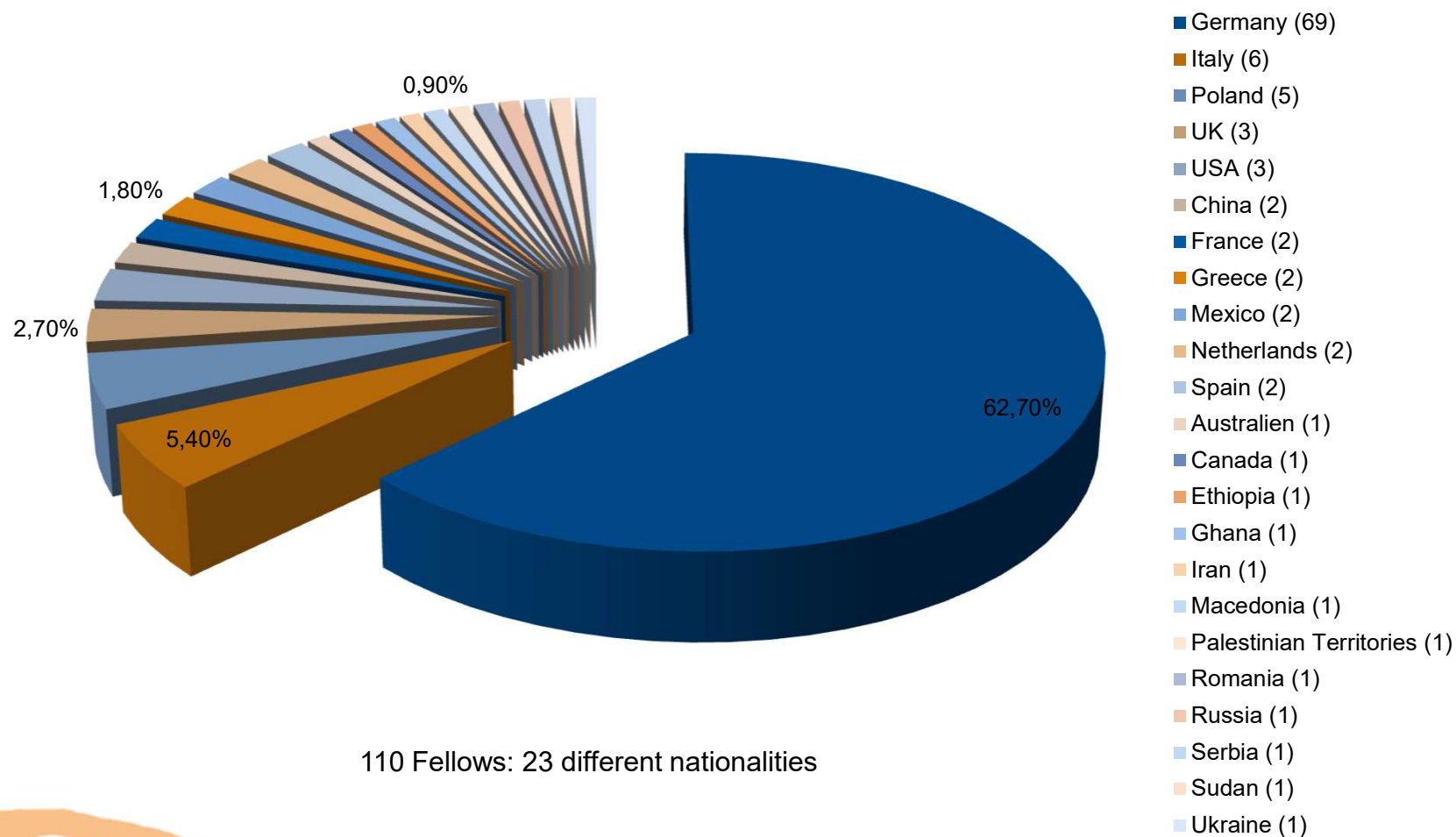
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P.R.I.M.E. 2017 – 25 fellows by subject area



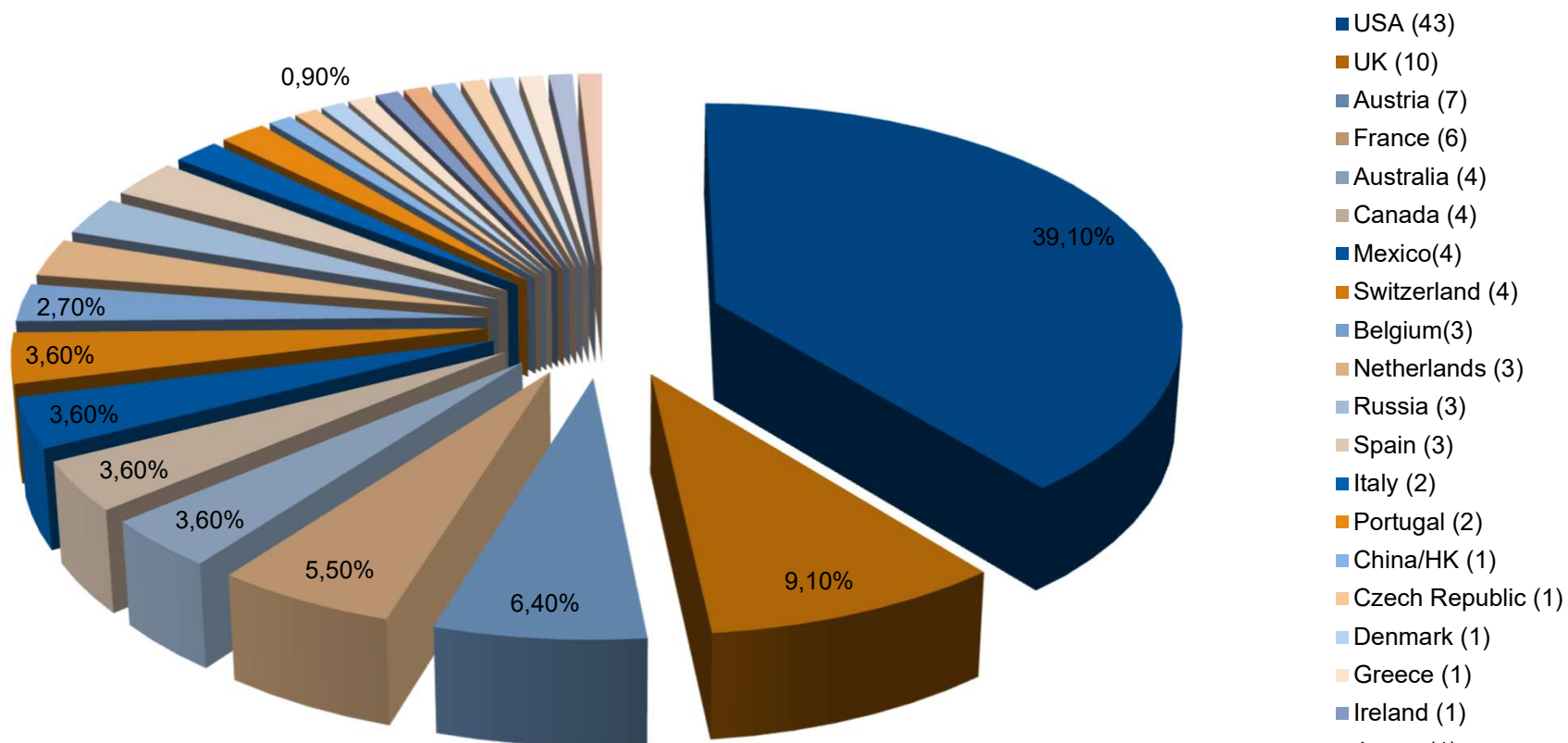
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P.R.I.M.E. – Fellows by country of destination, 2014 - 2017



110 Fellows: 25 different destinations



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P.R.I.M.E. Cohort 2018/19: 11 Successful Projects in the Social Sciences and Humanities

- *Imaginable Impossibilities and Thought Experiments. The Tradition of the Oxford Calculators and its Influence on Early Modern Logic and Natural Philosophy* (U Freiburg, U Oxford)
- *Urbanization and food consumption* (TU Berlin, Yale)
- *First Person: Authorial Voice and the Personal Essay* (U Göttingen, Columbia)
- *The role of friendship in cooperation: A comparative and cross-cultural developmental approach* (U Göttingen, Yale)
- *Symmachus and the Letters of Sidonius Apollinaris* (KU Eichstätt, U Edinburgh)
- *Amazons of the North: Armed Females in Viking Archaeology and Old Norse Literature* (U Bonn, U Bergen)
- *Beautiful Kush: Cosmetic substances and utensils in Egyptian New Kingdom Nubia* (U Münster, Austrian Academy of Sciences)
- *Threatened cultural landscapes and heritage: The Chenes region in Mexico as a test case for guidelines' development for safeguarding cultural heritage in Latin America* (U Bonn, U Yucatan)
- *A Monetary History of Poverty in the Southern Red Sea Region* (U Halle, Harvard)
- *Sustainable Development: The Role of Technology Diffusion* (U Kiel, MINES ParisTech)
- *The Production of Measurement Policies in Africa: Infiltrations and Adaptations in Ghana's National Biometric Identification System* (U Bayreuth, SciencesPo Paris + U Wits)



P.R.I.M.E. Fellows: Career Development



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Timothy Bartley, U Paderborn
Quantum Optics



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Sebastian Jobs, FU Berlin
North American Studies



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Malte Krack, U Stuttgart
Aeronautical Engineering



Prof. Dr. Eleftheria Paliou, U Köln
Archaeoinformatics



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Antonie Schmiz, U Osnabrück
Geographic Migration Research



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Doris Reiter, U Münster
Ultrafast optics in nanostructured solids



Jun.-Prof. Dr. Simon Lentner, U Hamburg
Algebra and Number Theory



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Objective:

Promote research by international postdocs to further internationalize the Leibniz Institutes

- **Target group:** international postdocs
- **Subject:** wide range (depending on institute)
- **Duration:** 12 months
- **Financial support:** € 2,000 + insurance, allowances
- **Numbers:** 15 fellowships / year (2017: 5 in Soc.Sc.&H.)
- **So far (2017):** 1191 applications, 103 fellowships

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Incomer Programme: DAAD Research Grants

Objective:

Promote research projects within the context of doctoral programmes at home university .OR.

Support entire doctoral projects in Germany

- **Short-term grants (non-extendable)**

- 1-6 months

- **One-year grants (non-extendable)**

- usually 7-10 months

- **Long-term grants to obtain a PhD in Germany**

- usually max. 3 years, up to 4 years in exceptional cases



Incomer Programme: DAAD Research Grants

■ Eligibility

- Graduates/PhD candidates (minimum B.A., usually with M.A.)
- Postdocs (short-term and one-year grants only)

■ Funding

- € 850.-/month for graduates (at least B.A.)
- € 1,200.-/month for doctoral candidates (and postdocs)
- Insurance cover
- Travel allowance
- additional allowances for one-year and long-term grants



Incomer Programme: DAAD Research Stays for Faculty

Support for short-term research stays

- **Eligibility:** Postdocs/(Ass.) Professors who work at a university or research institute in their home country
- **Duration:** 1-3 months
- **Financial support:**
 - € 2,000 for postdocs, assistant professors, lecturers
 - € 2,150 for full professors
 - Travel allowance

Thank you for your attention.

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