

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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P.R.I.M.E.

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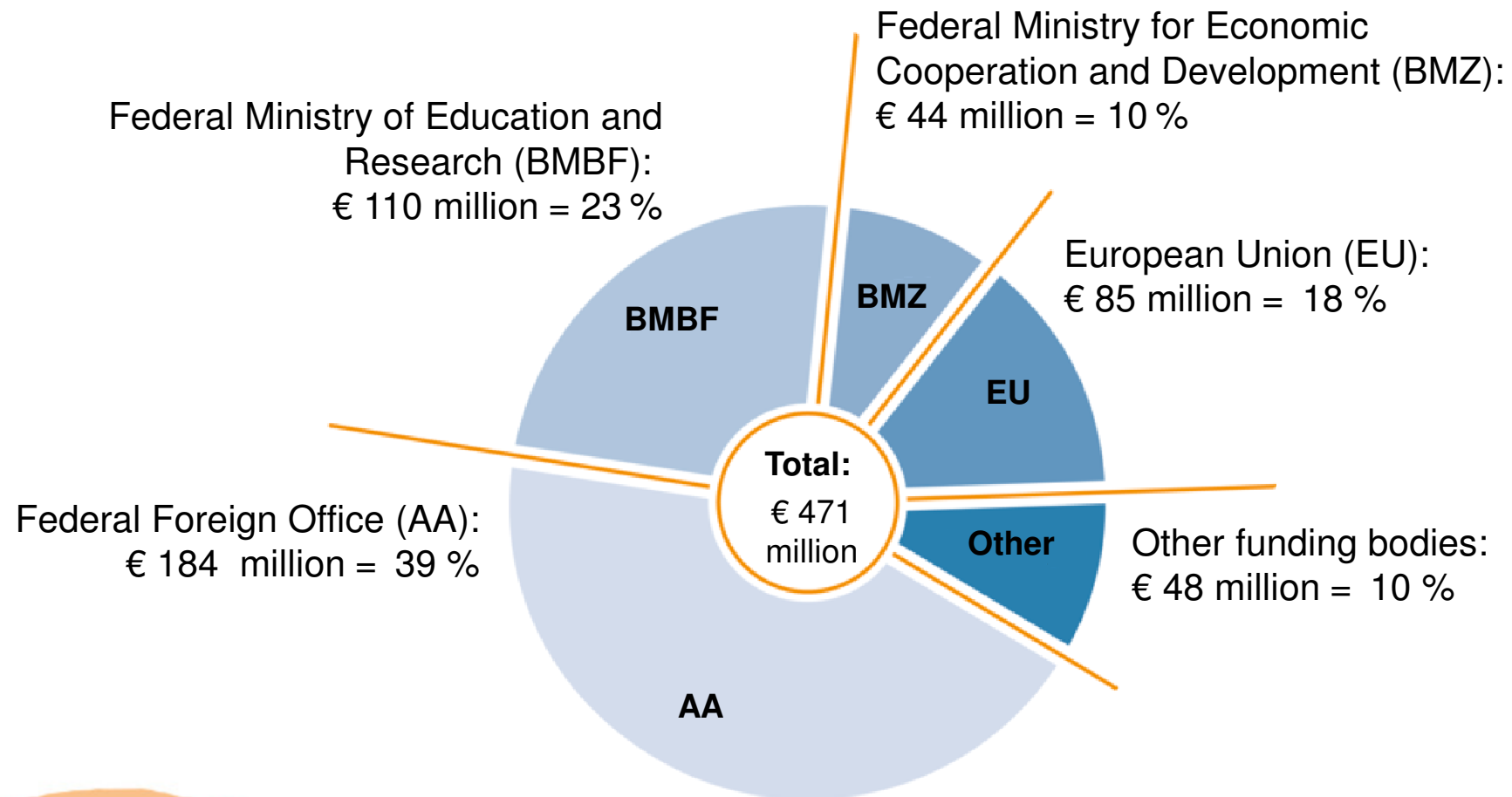
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A self-governing organisation of German universities:

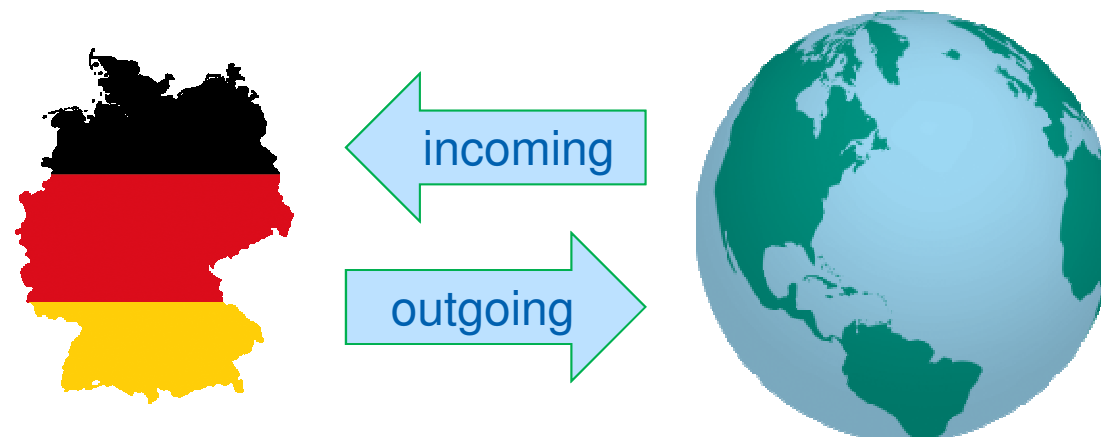
- 239 member universities
- 105 student unions



Budget 2015



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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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P.R.I.M.E. – Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience, *since 2014*



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This project has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration under grant agreement no 605728

- **Temporary job positions instead of scholarships**
- **Funding:** DAAD support via grant agreement with employing German university
- **Duration:** 18-month job contract at German university...
 - mobility phase abroad: 12 months
 - (re-)integration phase in Germany: 6 months
 - alternative funding cycle possible: 1+12+5



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■ **Conditions:**

- all nationalities (independently of current residence)
- 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**

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- **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



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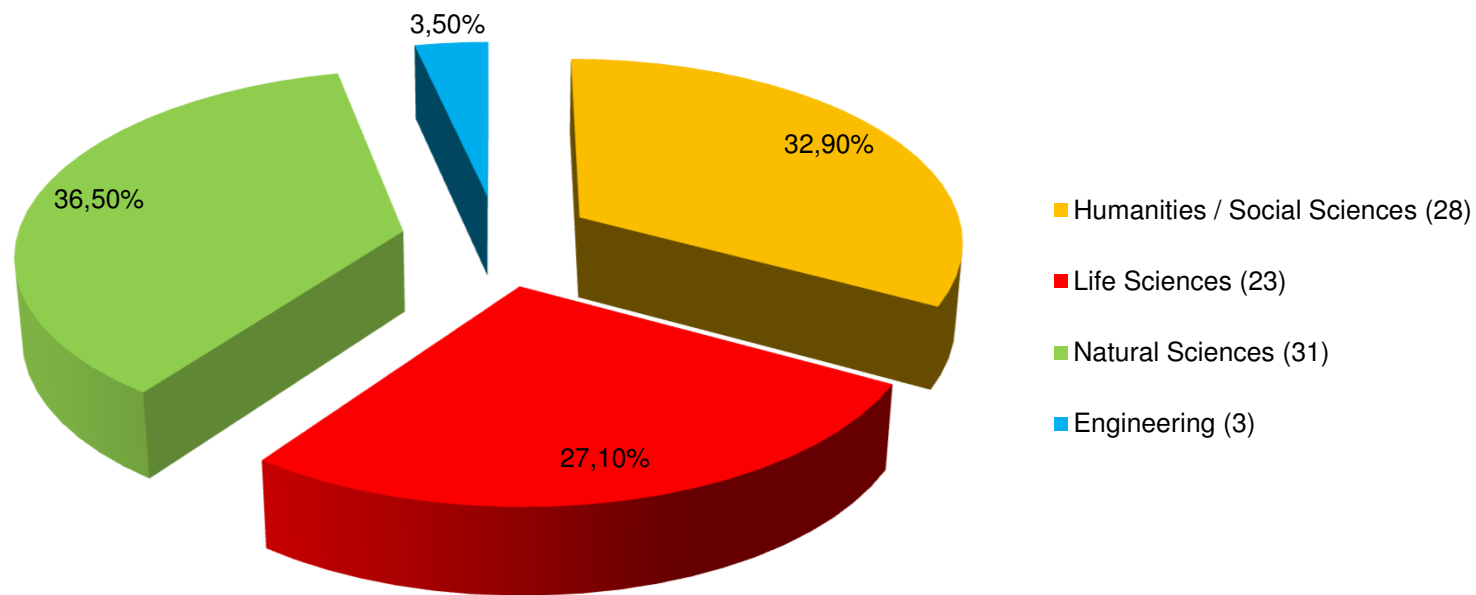
P.R.I.M.E. – Selection Criteria

- **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:**
 - extra-curricular activities, social commitment;
 - transnational mobility;
 - personal circumstances: e.g. unavoidable delays in academic development due to child care

P.R.I.M.E. – Selection process

- **Reviews by external experts** usually 2 or more
 - 2016: 205 applications, 179 entered review process
- **Selection Committee Meeting**
 - 2016: 24 professors from 6 countries
- **Final ranking**
- **30 Fellowships awarded 2016 - Success rate: ~16 %**
- **Communication of results**
 - approval or rejection letters
 - anonymized reviewers' comments provided

P.R.I.M.E. – Fellows by subject area, 2014 - 2016



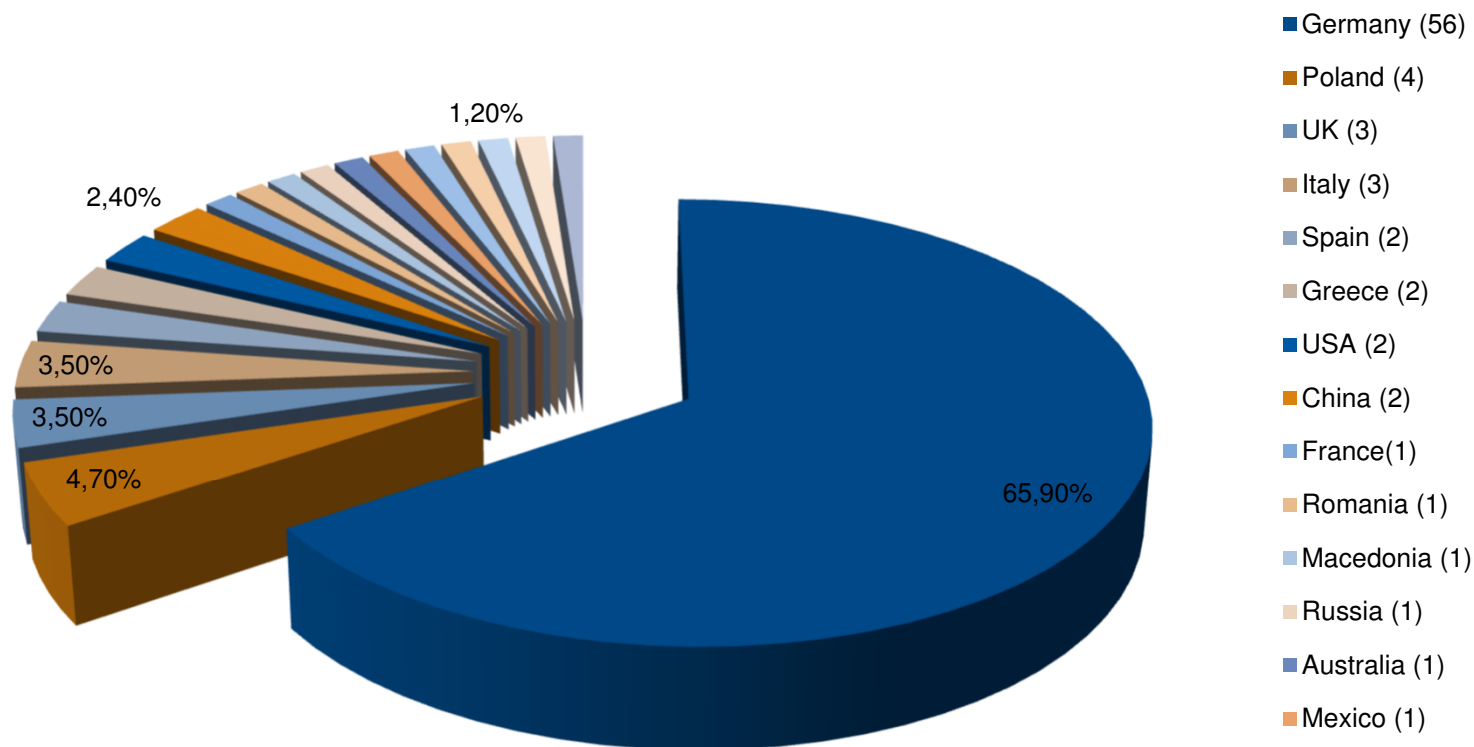
85 Fellows (cohort 2014 = 30; cohort 2015 = 25; cohort 2016 = 30)



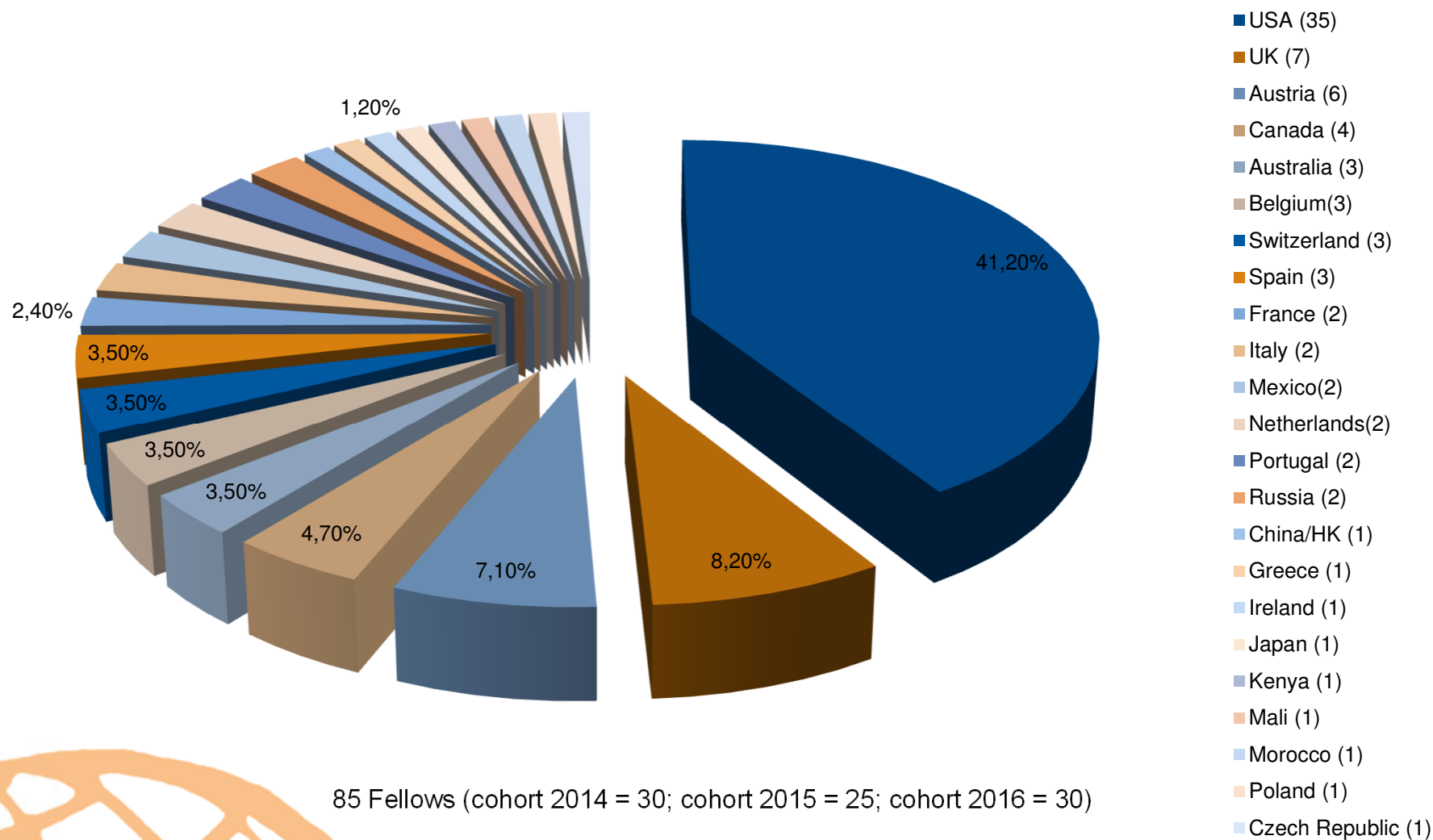
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P.R.I.M.E. – Fellows by nationality, 2014 - 2016



P.R.I.M.E. – Fellows by country of destination, 2014 - 2016



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 Schmitz, U Osnabrück
Geographic Migration Research



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



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Jun.-Prof. Dr. Doris Reiter, U Münster
Theoretical solid state physics

P.R.I.M.E. Cohort 2016-2018: 10 Projects in the Social Sciences and Humanities

- *Atlantic Outlooks on Place: Place Lore and Storytelling Traditions in Iceland and Ireland* (D, LMU Munich, UC Cork)
- *The Formation of an Islamic Bank: Resolving Institutional Complexity through the Co-Generation of an Institutional Template* (D, U Hamburg, UEB Vienna)
- *Early career mobility and social fluidity in the process of systemic transformation. A comparison of East Germany and Poland* (PL, U Halle, Polish ASsc)
- *Syrian Arab traders of the eastern Mediterranean – An analysis of 18th century Arabic merchant letters* (D, FU Berlin, CUNY)
- *Superficial properties (Philosophy)* (IT, U Tübingen, U Fribourg)
- *Remakes, Sequels, and Prequels in Hollywood Cinema: A Cultural History* (D, FU Berlin, U Wisconsin-Madison)
- *Political Metaphors in Hittite Diplomatic and Historiographic Texts* (IT, FU Berlin, KU Leuven)
- *Plants of the Mesoamerican Gods: Relics of gone-by times or perspectives for the future?* (MX, U Hamburg, UNAM)
- *A Comparative Study on Bringing Criminal Charges in the United States and Germany* (D, U Marburg, SUNY Buffalo)
- *Mitigation of data scarcity in crop insurance pricing by exploiting spatial information: A Propagation-Separation Approach* (ZH, HU Berlin, Mississippi State U)

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- **Current announcement published on 15 January 2017**
- **Deadline for applications: 15 May 2017**
- **Selection committee meeting planned for 11 and 12 October 2017**
- **Earliest commencement date 1 January 2018**



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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 (2016: 4 in Soc.Sc.&H.)
- **So far (2016):** 1058 applications, 89 fellowships

www.daad.de/leibniz

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



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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

- € 750.-/month for graduates (holding a B.A.)
- € 1,000.-/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 and Scientists

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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