



## Admission Questionnaire for Physicians (M.D. / Dr.med.)

Name of Applicant

Pre-requisite for applying for Alexander von Humboldt Foundation research fellowships and for a Sofja Kovalevskaja Award is a doctorate or a comparable academic degree (Ph.D., C.Sc. or equivalent). For the purposes of the Humboldt Foundation, a doctorate is understood to mean a "research doctorate". A research doctorate differs from a professional doctorate in that, as a rule, it can only be attained through full-time, independent scientific research activity lasting several years. In all cases in which this is not the generally accepted pre-requisite for attaining a doctorate, the Humboldt Foundation will not accept such a doctoral degree without examining its status as a "doctorate or comparable academic degree". The M.D. / Dr. med. qualifications also fall within this category.

This is the reason why the Humboldt Foundation examines whether an applicant has a research doctorate or whether, if applicable, an equivalent qualification can be recognised. For this purpose, please complete the form below. To be recognised as a **research doctorate** your doctorate must meet all the criteria mentioned in Case 1, otherwise it is deemed to be a "professional doctorate". Applicants with a professional doctorate as the highest academic degree are not excluded from admission, but they will have to provide proof of additional qualifications equivalent to a doctorate.

Please also use the table below to ascertain the **date of doctorate** to be entered in the application form in your own case. This date is used to calculate the **period of time since attaining the doctorate** and determines which of the programme lines you are eligible to apply for: "post-doctoral researchers" or "experienced researchers".

The **date of doctorate** refers to the date of the last action required to complete the doctorate, e.g. viva voce or the defence of the doctoral thesis. Usually, this date is recorded on the certificate in addition to the date of issue. The **period of time since attaining the doctorate** equals the difference between the date of doctorate and the date the application is received at the Humboldt Foundation and in the Sofja Kovalevskaja Program the difference between the date of the doctorate and the application submission deadline.

In the event that you are unable to categorise your academic record from the table below because the process is different in your country or your career has taken an unusual path, please send a complete, seamless curriculum vitae and a publication list to [info@avh.de](mailto:info@avh.de) so that we can give you guidance.

If any of the cases in the table below describe your particular situation, please mark the appropriate box with a cross (once only, please) and upload this form together with your application under section "Doctoral certificate".

Case No.		Date of doctorate	Application possible
1	<input type="checkbox"/> My M.D. / Dr. med. corresponds to a research doctorate because, to attain the M.D. / Dr. med., I worked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for a minimum of two years</li> <li>• in full-time, independent scientific research to attain the degree of M.D. / Dr. med., and</li> <li>• have scientific publications (original publications) in internationally reviewed journals.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	Date of last examination to complete M.D. / Dr. med. qualification	Yes
2	<input type="checkbox"/> I have an M.D. / Dr. med., but the degree does not meet all the criteria mentioned in Case 1. However, I have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completed additional specialist training, and</li> <li>• have scientific publications (original publications) in internationally reviewed journals.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	Date of last examination for first specialist training	Yes

<sup>1</sup> N.B.: In this context, case studies, abstracts of articles and teaching materials are not evaluated as "scientific publications".

Case No.		Date of doctorate	Application possible
3 <input type="checkbox"/>	I have an M.D. / Dr. med., but the degree does not meet all the criteria mentioned in Case 1. However, I have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a further doctoral degree (research doctorate, Ph.D., C.Sc. or equivalent).</li> </ul>	Date of last examination to complete research doctorate	Yes
4 <input type="checkbox"/>	I have an M.D. / Dr. med., but the degree does not meet all the criteria mentioned in Case 1. However, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>since completing the M.D. / Dr. med., I have worked in independent, scientific research for several years, and</li> <li>I am also able to provide evidence of an extensive list of scientific publications (original publications) in internationally reviewed journals.<sup>i</sup></li> </ul> <p>In this case applications may be made up to 16 years after attaining the M.D. / Dr. med. (Sofja Kovalevskaja Award: up to 10 years after attaining the M.D. / Dr. med.)</p>	Date of last examination for M.D. / Dr. med. qualification	Only as "experienced researcher" and for the Sofja Kovalevskaja Award
5 <input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to make an application before attaining my M.D. / Dr. med. because <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>after completion I shall fulfil one of the admission criteria (please also mark Case No. 1, 2 or 3 with a cross), and</li> <li>I shall complete the last examination in the next 6 months.</li> </ul> <p>Please submit the manuscript of your doctoral thesis or the publications containing the results of your doctoral thesis. If your application is successful, the research fellowship may only be commenced after completion of the M.D. / Dr. med.</p>	Planned date of last examination	Only for the fellowship programs
6 <input type="checkbox"/>	I have an M.D. / Dr. med., but the degree does not meet all the criteria mentioned in Case 1. I have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>moreover, only recently (less than two years ago), completed my M.D. / Dr. med., or</li> <li>only recently started researching (less than two years).</li> </ul>		No Full doctoral equivalent required
7 <input type="checkbox"/>	I have an M.D. / Dr. med., but the degree does not meet all the criteria mentioned in Case 1. However, I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have worked in academic research and</li> <li>wish to attain a doctorate.</li> </ul>		No The Humboldt Foundation does not award doctoral fellowships. Responsibility for this rests with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
8 <input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to apply for a fellowship in order to learn new techniques and/or to do further training not involving independent research.		No Carrying out an independent research project is an absolute requirement.

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