



Parenthood:

extension of the research fellowship

Application in writing may be made to extend a research fellowship by up to 12 months if at least one child under the age of 12 when the fellowship begins (for research stays that are divided up into partial stays: when each stay begins) accompanies the research fellow to Germany during the sponsorship period. This also applies if the first child is born during the sponsorship period.

The requested extension period may not exceed the originally approved sponsorship period.

The total sponsorship period approved by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation must not exceed 36 months as a rule; extensions of the research fellowship in connection with statutory maternity leave are not taken into account.

The duration of the extension will be determined on the basis of the actual duration of stay of the accompanying child in Germany. As a prerequisite for claiming an extension, the child must be living in the research fellow's household in Germany for the entire duration of the extension. The extension ends when the child leaves Germany.

An extension will only be granted if the envisaged research cannot be meaningfully completed within the available period of time. An extension cannot be granted to pursue new research or a new theme which has developed from the original research.

A corresponding application should be submitted to the Foundation 3 to 4 months before the end of the research fellowship.

The academic host's confirmation of research facilities and mentoring agreement is required for an extension of the research fellowship to be granted.

The [online application form](#) is available on the Foundation's website.

Parenthood: interruption of the research fellowship

A research fellow may submit a written application (no specific form required) to interrupt the research fellowship for up to 18 months if a baby is due to be born or if the research fellow (male or female) is responsible for caring for a child under the age of 12 during the sponsorship period. A written statement from the academic host must be submitted confirming that the object of the fellowship is not endangered.

The decision regarding a long-term interruption depends on the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's financial plans. The period between the start of the first and the end of the last stay in Germany must not exceed 48 months as a rule.

The application must be submitted informally by email, 4 weeks in advance if possible.