

Special Call for Proposals: Humboldt-PICAIS Research Fellowship

Application deadline: 10 March 2026

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Are you interested in applying for the “Global Minds Initiative Germany: Humboldt Research Fellowship” and looking for a host institution in Germany?

PICAIS (Passau International Centre for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies) invites expressions of interest from excellent international researchers who wish to apply for a Humboldt Research Fellowship at the University of Passau.

Application Procedure

Interested candidates are invited to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) including:

- a summary of the proposed research project (up to three pages, excluding references),
- an up-to-date tabular CV.

You may already suggest a potential host at the University of Passau; however, this is not required. PICAIS will review all submissions and select promising projects. Selected candidates will be supported in identifying a suitable host at the University of Passau and in preparing their application to the Humboldt Foundation.

In the event of a successful Humboldt application, fellows will become part of the PICAIS research community and benefit from its international, interdisciplinary, and collaborative environment.

About PICAIS and the University of Passau

PICAIS is the University of Passau’s central platform for academic excellence and interdisciplinary research. It supports innovative research projects aligned with the University’s strategic guiding themes and fosters collaboration across disciplines. The centre is committed to supporting both early career and established researchers and to strengthening international academic networks.

The University of Passau offers outstanding research conditions in a highly attractive setting. Most university buildings are located on an award-winning urban campus within walking distance. The city of Passau – often referred to as the “City of Three Rivers” or the “Bavarian Venice” – is renowned for its Renaissance Italian flair and is widely considered one of Germany’s most beautiful cities. It is located in Lower Bavaria, close to the Austrian and Czech borders.

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria for the Humboldt Research Fellowship are defined by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. Please consult the Humboldt website for detailed information: <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/humboldt-research-fellowship>

Application Details

Applications should be submitted in English as a single Word or PDF file (no scanned documents) to: picais@uni-passau.de

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Selection Criteria

PICAIS is responsible for conducting the application and selection process. Proposals will be evaluated competitively by the PICAIS directors based on:

1. Quality and feasibility of the proposed research project
2. Research profile of the applicant
3. Potential contribution to the University of Passau

PICAIS is committed to fostering social and intellectual diversity and particularly encourages applications from female researchers to promote gender equality. The selection process is typically completed within four weeks after the application deadline.

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