



## **Funding Opportunities for Researchers at Risk from Ukraine in Germany (as of April 25, 2022)**

### **UBT hosts for researchers at risk from Ukraine:**

UBT hosts may kindly get in touch with us at [forschungsfoerderung@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:forschungsfoerderung@uni-bayreuth.de); we gladly include offers in our database to match complementary research interests between partners. Please let us know about available resources (funding, facilities etc.) and research areas you currently work in and/or those you offer for collaboration.

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### **General Information:**

The **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation** has published a comprehensive [list of sponsorship opportunities for researchers at risk](#) around the globe.

The **community #ScienceForUkraine** collects and disseminates information about international sponsorship opportunities, see their [website](#) and [Twitter](#) updates.

The **German-Ukrainian Academic Society** likewise provides information on support for students and researchers from Ukraine on their [website](#).

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### **Information for researchers at risk who would like to continue their work at the University of Bayreuth**

Note that most programmes ask potential hosts or the university governing board to submit an application.

Are you **still looking for a host** at the University of Bayreuth? If possible, kindly browse our [faculty pages](#) to identify a professor whose research matches your interests best. This is a general requirement with the following funding options.

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

#### **... by the University of Bayreuth: The Bayreuth Bridge for Science**

With the Bayreuth Bridge for Science, we offer bridge scholarships for up to 9 months at our campus in Bayreuth and Kulmbach. Funding may also involve family benefits, entry funds and a German language course. The current call for applications ends May 15, 2022. Please [see our website for further info](#).



## ... by German funding agencies

### **Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities: Scholarships for Ukrainian Researchers at Risk**

To support Ukraine's scientific community, the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities has established a fund for scholarships for researchers who can no longer pursue their academic work safely in their home country because of the current situation. Up to five scholarships are available for a period of four months. The scholarship includes a monthly stipend of EUR 2,500; assistance with finding research partners will also be provided.

Eligible are Ukrainian doctoral candidates, postdocs and established scientists from all disciplines. For more information see their [website](#).

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### **VolkswagenStiftung: Funding for Refugee Scholars and Scientists from Ukraine**

**Update April 5, 2022 (2 pm CET): the Call for Nominations is now closed.**

The funding offer is aimed at Ukrainian scientists who have already fled to Germany after the Russian invasion of their country or who have at least crossed the Ukrainian border to a third state on their way to Germany.

It offers doctoral students, postdocs and established scientists from all disciplines the opportunity to continue their work **in a research group at a university or research institute in Germany for a period of 6-12 months**. Applications must be submitted jointly by the university management and the host scientists in Germany. For more info, please see their [info sheet](#), identify a host and get in touch via [forschungsfoerderung@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:forschungsfoerderung@uni-bayreuth.de).

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### **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation:**

- **Philipp Schwartz Initiative: Regular programme**

**The official extended deadline for the Philipp Schwartz Initiative is now closed.**

In view of the crisis in the Ukraine, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is extending the deadline for universities and research institutions in Germany to submit applications for Ukrainian scholars under immediate threat in the current selection round of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative. For more information see this [PDF](#) (as of Feb 25, 2022).

The university supports hosts and researchers with their nomination. Potential candidates cannot themselves apply for participation. The **extended deadline for nominations is March 18, 2022**.

- **Philipp Schwartz Initiative: Emergency Fund (as of March 31, 2022)**

The Philipp Schwartz Emergency Fund – established as part of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Philipp Schwartz-Initiative – will finance an emergency assistance programme



that will make it possible for universities and research institutes in Germany to take in displaced researchers from Ukraine for up to six months. The short-term fellowships provided via this fund will cover the recipient's living expenses and give them time to initiate longer-term follow-on sponsorships. For more information see the [press release](#).

#### - **Alumni Stay for Humboldtians from Ukraine**

Humboldtians from Ukraine may consider an alumni stay at the University of Bayreuth even if their original stay took place at another German host institution. Please get in touch with your contact person at the Humboldt Foundation (or via [info@avh.de](mailto:info@avh.de)) and browse our [faculty pages](#) for a suitable host at UBT. Again, the [Research Support Office](#) is happy to help.

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#### **DAAD: Hilde Domin Programme**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) administers the scholarship programme "Hilde Domin Programme" with funds from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The programme serves to support **students and doctoral candidates** from across the globe, who are at risk of being formally or *de facto* denied educational or other rights in their country of origin, and to provide these students and doctoral candidates with an opportunity to **begin or complete a study or research degree at a higher education institution in Germany**.

The university supports hosts and researchers with their nomination which is possible at anytime. Potential candidates cannot themselves apply for participation. For more information see the [DAAD website](#).

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#### **DFG: Refugee Researchers**

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) supports researchers who have fled their home countries by making it easier for them to join research projects and apply for funding under the adjusted [Walter Benjamin Programme](#).

All project leaders and also higher education institutions can submit supplemental proposals to integrate qualified refugees – prospective or doctoral researchers – in DFG projects that already receive funding. These proposals can be justified based on the fact that individuals are now available for the further development of a project whose involvement can be expected to provide additional stimuli for the research programme in question. In addition, project leaders may use funds that have already been approved; options are guest funds, staff positions and the Mercator module.

The university supports PIs with their application which is possible at any time. For more information see the [DFG website](#).



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### **Gerda Henkel Foundation: Scholarships for scholars at risk**

500.000 euros will be made available for an in-house scholarship programme with which the Gerda Henkel Foundation is initially reaching out to persons who have in the past received or are at present receiving grants, with the intention to make it possible for them to stay at research institutes and universities in Germany and Europe.

The Foundation is now more strongly reaching out to past and current grant holder as regards individual scholarships for scholars who are at risk or who had been forced to flee. They can themselves get assistance or can recommend support for other persons employed at Ukrainian universities. For more information, please see their [website](#).