



# EXZELLENZ VERBINDET – BE PART OF A WORLDWIDE NETWORK

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# THE HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE

- Academic collaborations between excellent international and German researchers
- Sponsorship throughout lifetime
- A network of 30,000 alumni worldwide
- International understanding, diplomacy, scientific progress and development



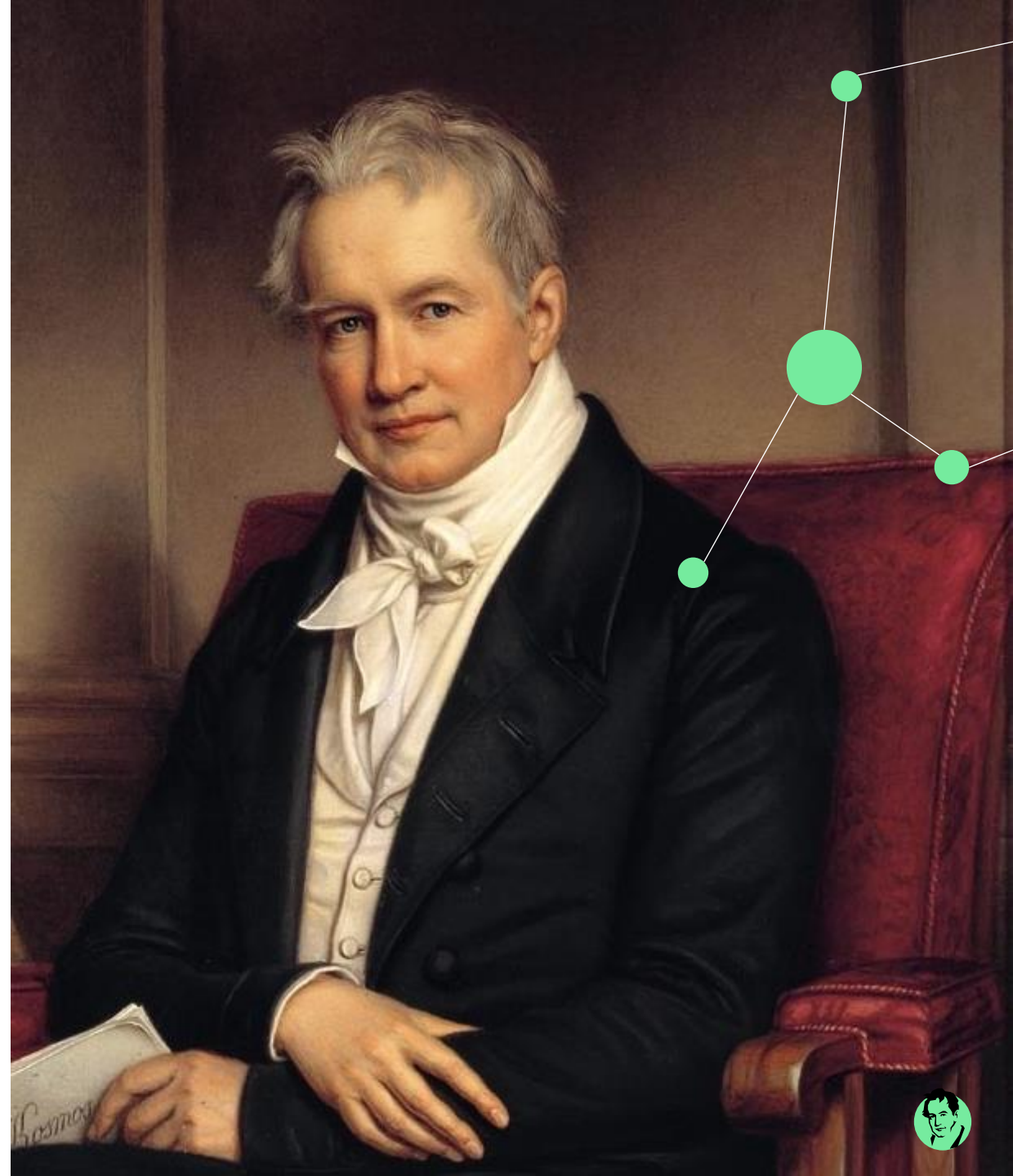
# OUR ROOTS

**Alexander von Humboldt (1769 – 1859):**

explorer, universal genius, cosmopolitan  
and sponsor of excellent scientific talent

**1953:** Establishment of today's Alexander  
von Humboldt Foundation, based in Bonn  
Bad-Godesberg

International network of academic  
cooperation, modelled on Humboldt





# GERMAN CHANCELLOR FELLOWSHIP

for prospective leaders



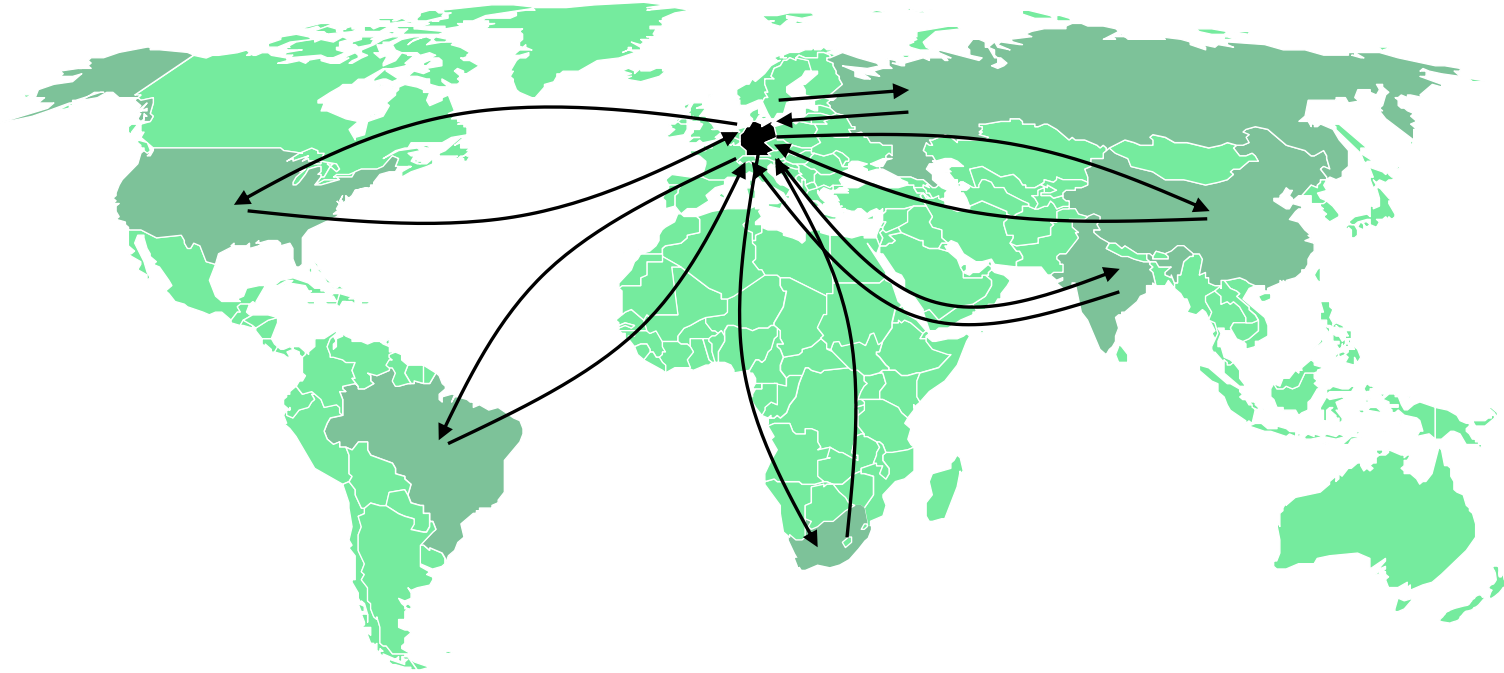


# GERMAN CHANCELLOR FELLOWSHIP

- Graduates with initial leadership experience
- Self-chosen project with a host and collaborative partner in Germany
- Exploring new solutions to the global challenges of our times, engaging in societal dialogue
- International networking and establishing long-lasting contacts to Germany



# EXTENSION STEP BY STEP



**1990**

Founded on the initiative of Helmut Kohl with focus USA



**2002**

Extended on the Initiative of Gerhard Schröder to the Russian Federation\*



**2006**

Extended on the initiative of Angela Merkel to the PR of China



**2013**

Extended on the initiative of Angela Merkel to India and Brazil



**2021**

Extended on the initiative of Angela Merkel to South Africa



\* suspended due to the war against Ukraine







# OUR NETWORK

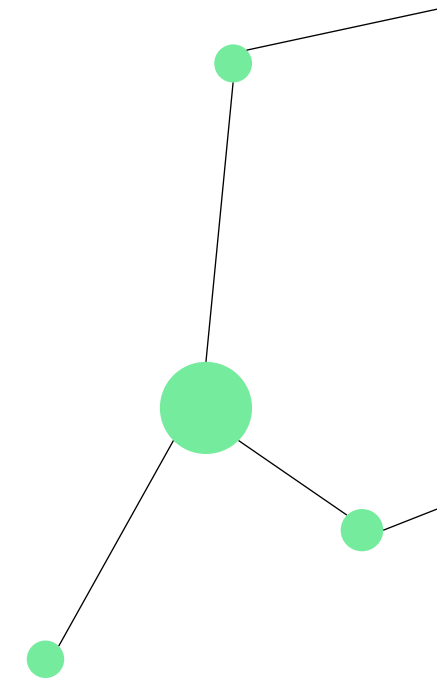
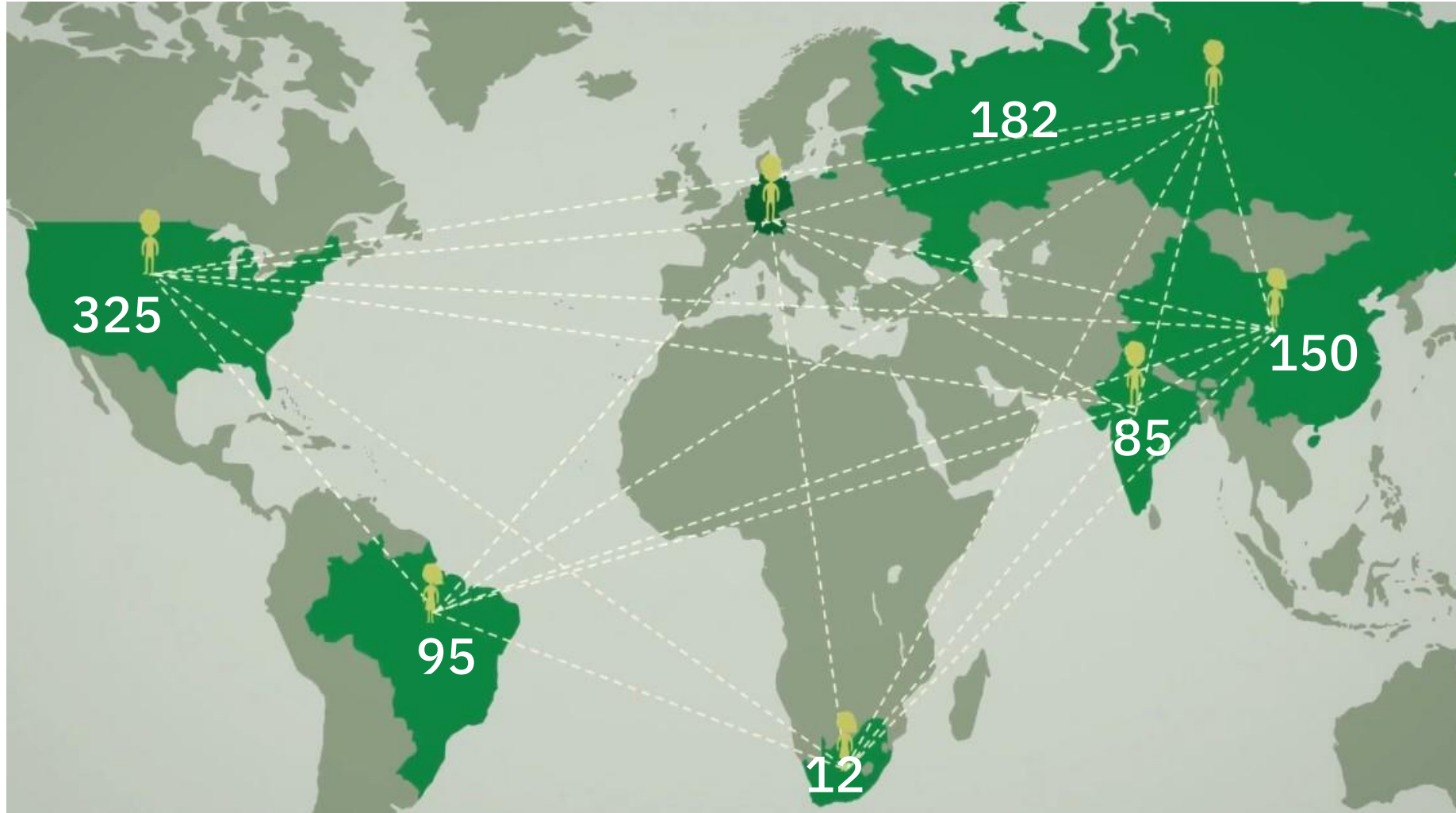
**“IDEAS CAN ONLY BEAR FRUIT  
IF THEY TAKE ROOT IN MANY  
MINDS.”**

*Alexander von Humboldt*

- World-spanning Humboldt Network transcending the boundaries of disciplines and countries
- Scientific solutions to the challenges of our times
- A network of trust and understanding



# NETWORK GERMAN CHANCELLOR FELLOWSHIP



**>800**  
German Chancellor  
Fellows





# TARGET GROUP

## PERSONALITY

- Accomplished young professionals and promising university graduates
- Interest in international issues

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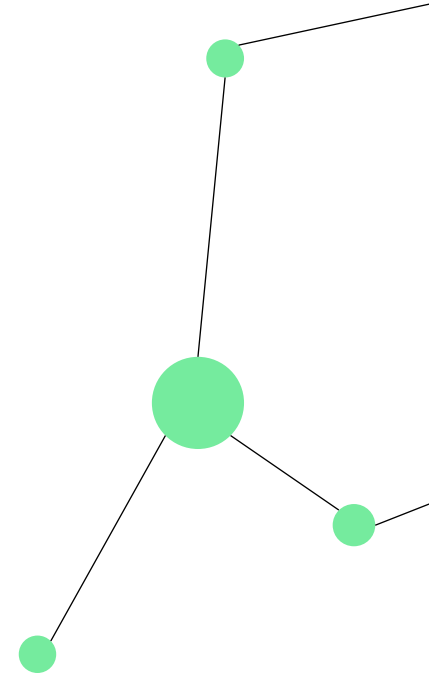
## POTENTIAL

- Proven leadership potential
- Prospective decision-makers, multipliers and thought leaders in their fields

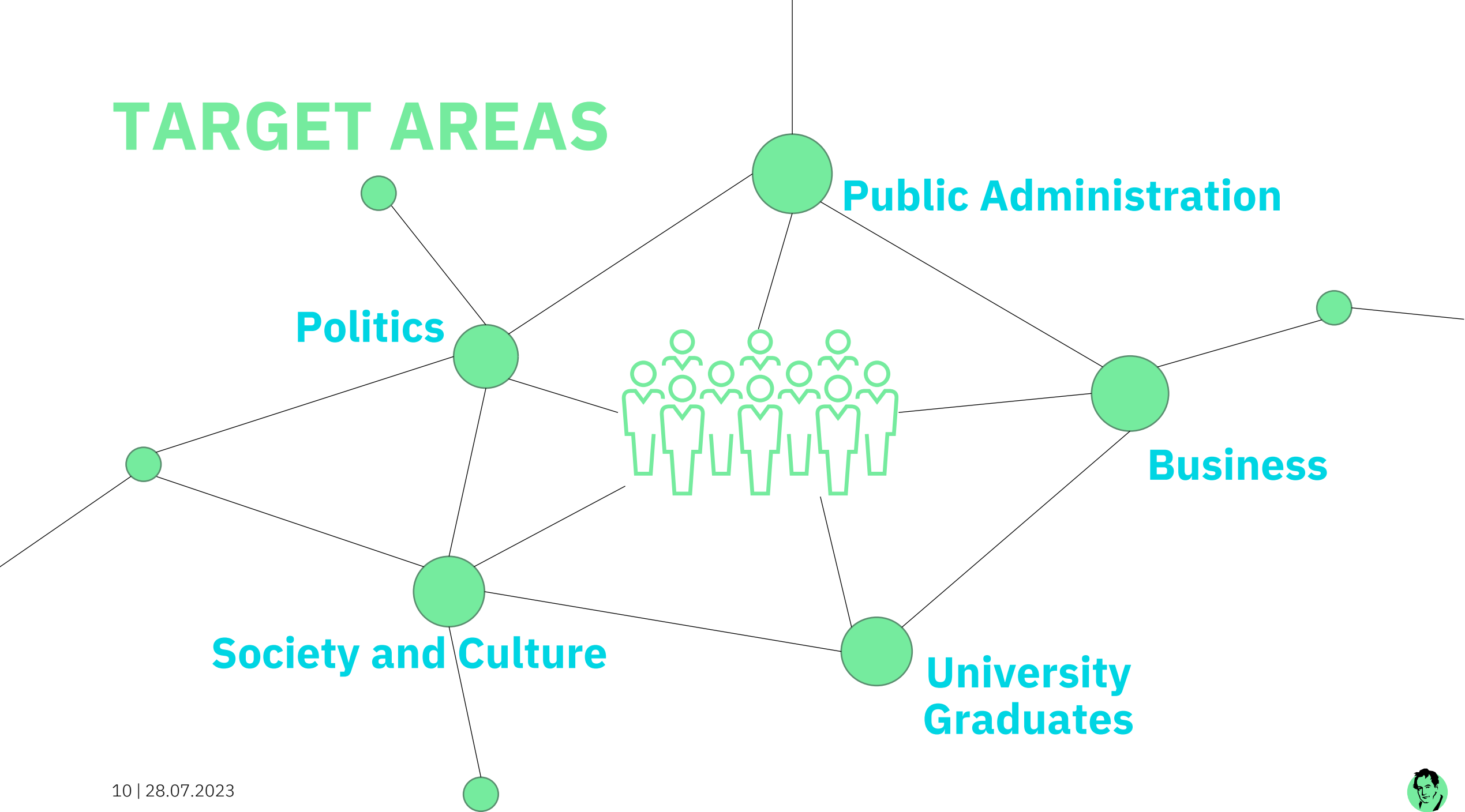
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## BACKGROUND

- University graduates from all disciplines
- Young professionals from broad range of professional fields



# TARGET AREAS



# FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

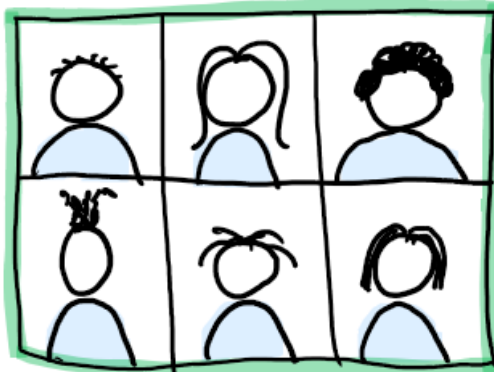
- Fellowship amount to cover living costs in Germany (2000€, 2300€, 2600€ per month)
- Various allowances: Mobility, insurance, lump sum for travel expenses, family allowances etc.
- Subsidy towards research costs to the host in Germany
- Europe allowance for stay in another European country
- German language course



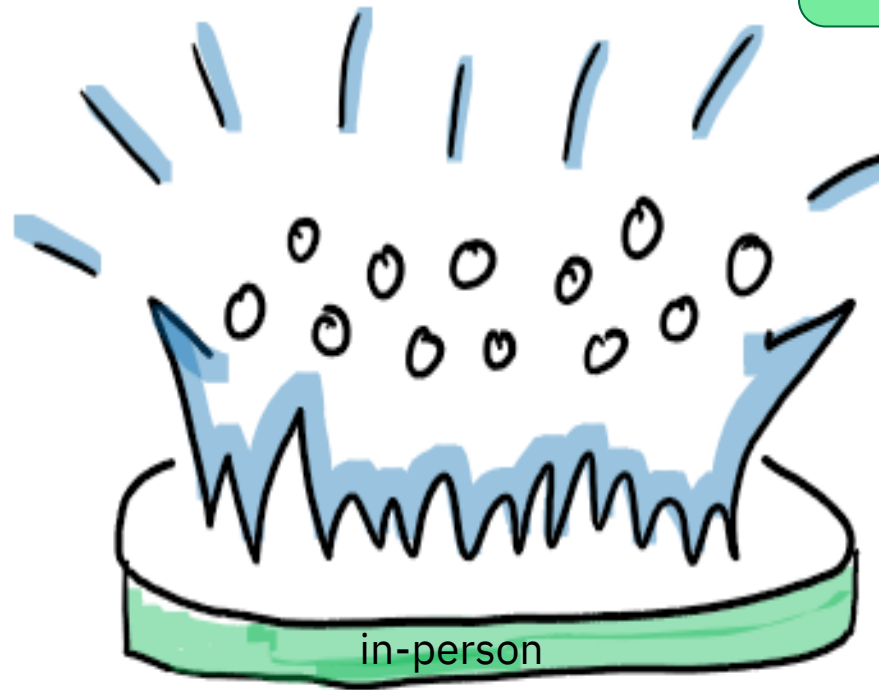


# NETWORKING EVENTS

Series of online meetings throughout the fellowship year



Peer groups  
(self-organised)



Opening Conference

Half-time Conference

Meeting in Berlin

Humboldt Annual Meeting

Humboldt Study Tour



# GERMAN CHANCELLOR FELLOWS at the FOREIGN OFFICE





# GERMAN CHANCELLOR FELLOWS with Chancellor Olaf Scholz





# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Citizenship** in one of the target countries
- Initial proven **leadership experience**
- **Project plan** designed by the applicant and feasible to be completed during the fellowship
- Confirmed **host in Germany**
- Two **letters of recommendation**
- First **academic degree** completed less than 12 years before the fellowship's beginning



# SELECTION CRITERIA

- Previous **career** and **leadership potential**
- Significance of the fellowship for further **career development**
- Potential to **build bridges** between home country and Germany
- **International outlook** and future role as an international leader
- **Existing knowledge** to help ensure success of the project
- **Relevance** of the project for the dialogue of modern societies



# ADVICE ON FINDING A HOST

- Anyone who works for a public or private institution in Germany can be a host.
- The host must have a discipline-related or professional link to the project.
- Applicants should start their search for a host as early as possible!
- Sources of assistance with the search for a host:
  - [www.humboldt-foundation.de/youngleaders](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/youngleaders)
  - Alumni associations of German Chancellor Fellows
  - German companies and organisations in the programme countries





# TIMELINE

## Application procedure

### Call

15 March 2023

### Application deadline

15 October 2023

### Selection meeting

Spring 2024

## Fellowship

### Individual trajectory:

### Cohort activities:

### German language course

up to 3 months

Recommended: July-September 2024

### Individual Project

12 Months

Regular starting date: 1 October 2024

### Opening Conference (1 week)

November 2024

### Half-Time Retreat (1 week)

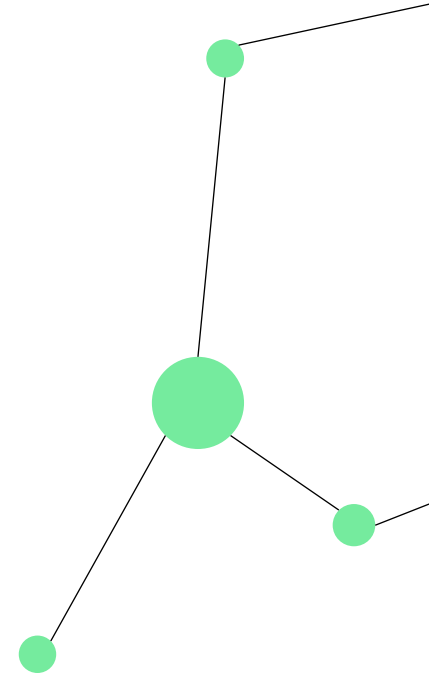
Spring 2025

### Berlin Meeting (3 days)

Summer 2025

1 August 2024–31 March 2026

Time frame:





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# THANK YOU

Deadline: 15.10.2023



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