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The Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation promotes international cooperation between scholars from abroad and specialist colleagues in Germany. The foundation has built up an international network of more than 23,000 individuals in approximately 130 countries who maintain active academic, cultural, political, and economic contacts with Germany. Under various sponsorship programs new members are accepted into the network every year. At the same time contacts already established on a long term basis are matured by means of specific sponsorship. In the present talk we briefly review the history of this foundation and give an overview over its various programs.