

You're in Good Company: Five Humboldtians Receive Nobel Prize in 2005

In fall 2005 the Humboldt Foundation had the privilege to announce that five Humboldtians were among those honored with a Nobel Prize, bringing the total number of Humboldtians with this distinction to 40. Four of the recent laureates are professionally based in the United States. The five Humboldtians are:

Nobel Prize for Chemistry:

Prof. Robert H. Grubbs, Humboldt Research Fellow, 1975
Prof. Richard R. Schrock, Humboldt Research Award, 1994

Nobel Prize for Physics:

Prof. Roy J. Glauber, Humboldt Research Award, 1989
Prof. Theodor W. Hänsch, Humboldt Research Award, 1977
Prof. John L. Hall, Humboldt Research Award, 1988

More information about these Humboldtians and their work can be found in the December 2005 issue of *Humboldt Kosmos*, the Foundation's biannual magazine. A list of all 40 Nobel laureates who are part of the Humboldt family is on the Foundation's website, www.humboldt-foundation.de, under "News." If you haven't received *Kosmos*, click on "Humboldt Network" and go to "Network online" to update your contact information with the Foundation. You can also use the Network online to update your field of study and other biographical data.

Former Calder Fellow Honored with Leibniz Prize

Dr. Gyburg Radke, recipient of the first William M. Calder III Fellowship from American Friends of the AvH Foundation (2004), is one of eleven winners of the German Research Foundation's 2006 Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize. The Leibniz program, established in 1985, is considered the highest—and most valuable—honor awarded in German research. With funding of up to EUR 1.55 million per recipient, its purpose is to expand research opportunities for outstanding German scientists and scholars, to relieve them of administrative duties, and to facilitate the employment of talented young researchers. Scientists and scholars from any area of research may be nominated. Of the 2006 award recipients, Dr. Radke is the youngest and the only woman. For more information on the Leibniz Prize and Dr. Radke's work, see www.dfg.de.

The Calder Fellowship, awarded annually by American Friends, is designed to aid young German scholars pursuing research in classical studies in the United States. Selection for the Calder Fellowship is made in July from among the classicists awarded a Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship by the Humboldt Foundation within the previous twelve months.

Humboldtian Honors

The Nobel Prize is one of many distinctions bestowed on scholars and scientists for their outstanding work and accomplishments. Not every field of research is recognized by the Nobel committee; in some fields other prizes are awarded that carry prestige similar to the Nobel laureate but with lesser publicity. If you receive a prestigious award in your field, American Friends would like to know. Please email avh@verizon.net.

Your Humboldt Fellowship or Award is also a mark of distinction. Please remember to mention the Foundation and its support on your CV and webpage, in articles or press releases about you and your work, and at professional appearances or presentations. This is one way to help enhance awareness of the Foundation and the support that it offers to researchers in all fields and from all national backgrounds. And remember, you're in good company!

About "Strata"

"Strata" is the newsletter of American Friends of the AvH Foundation, an organization established in the United States in 1999 to promote scholarship and cross-cultural understanding by supporting the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. The logo of American Friends is based on Humboldt's scientific representation of the mountain Chimborazo in Ecuador, which he climbed in 1802.

AvH on Display

The promotion of its programs for research and the recruitment of highly-qualified applicants are a priority for the Humboldt Foundation. Using the exhibit, "Supporting Excellence in Research," made possible by your contributions, American Friends of the AvH Foundation has promoted or will promote these programs at the following professional conferences in 2006:

Transportation Research Board

(Annual Meeting), Washington, DC (January 22-26)

American Association for Cancer Research

(Annual Meeting), Washington, DC (April 1-5)

German Studies Association

(30th Annual Conference), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (September 28 - October 1)

National Institutes of Health

(Job Fair for Postdoctoral, Research, and Clinical Fellows) Bethesda, Maryland (October 19)

Share Your Experience

Are there potential Humboldtians in your department, laboratory, business or organization? What about colleagues in professional or alumni groups? Tell them about the Humboldt Foundation and how your career benefited from a research stay in Germany. We would be happy to send you program announcements by email a few times each year so that you can easily share the information with others. If you are willing to further the goals of the Foundation in this way, please email avh@verizon.net.

Did you know...

... that of the 40 Humboldtians who received a Nobel Prize, 28 were resident in the United States at the time? Of these 28:

12 were born overseas.

Only one has the distinction of holding a Humboldt Research Fellowship: Robert H. Grubbs. All the others were award recipients.

22 received their Humboldt grant prior to their Nobel Prize.

13 are in physics, 12 are in chemistry, 2 are in medicine, and 1 is in economics.

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Return to Germany!

The Humboldt Foundation provides support to its research fellows throughout their professional careers. By offering funding for additional research stays in Germany, the Foundation hopes to sustain and strengthen professional relationships. Former Research Fellows and German Chancellor Scholars may apply for a:

Residence allowance: A research stay of up to 30 days.

Resumption of the research fellowship: A research stay of up to three months.

Funding includes daily allowances or monthly stipends but does not cover travel expenses. These follow-up opportunities have no age limits. The purpose of the stay should be to continue or complete work started during the initial fellowship period or to initiate new joint research projects.

Complete information and application forms for former Research Fellows are available at: http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/Stip_aus/stp_03.htm. Former German Chancellor Scholars should contact Britta Groß at bg@avh.de.

AvHAA 2006 National Meeting

The 2006 National Meeting of the Alexander von Humboldt Association of America (AvHAA) will take place at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, June 2-4, with the theme "German-American Cross Currents and Exchanges in the 21st Century." Jutta Limbach, president of the Goethe Institut, is this year's keynote speaker. Information about all the speakers and a schedule of events—as well as online registration—are on the Association's website: www.avhaa.org.

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