

## Transatlantic Cooperation in Research (TransCoop)

Through its TransCoop Program, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation supports transatlantic collaboration among German, American, and/or Canadian researchers in the humanities, social sciences, economics and law.

**WHO:** Scholars (Ph.D. required) at research institutions in the above countries and fields may apply. Applications from the natural sciences—including engineering and the life sciences—may be considered if the topic has a social or humanistic dimension.

**WHAT:** The TransCoop Program provides up to half of the funding for a new collaborative project, such as a joint study or seed money for a conference, up to a maximum of EUR 45,000 over three years. U.S. and/or Canadian funds must match the funds provided by the Humboldt Foundation. TransCoop funds, supplied by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, may be used for short-term research stays at the partner's institution, travel expenses, conference organization, printing costs, and more. Typically, American or Canadian matching funds are granted by science organizations, foundations, and universities.

**WHEN:** The two deadlines for application are April 30 and October 31 each year. The Foundation's review process takes six months. Projects that receive TransCoop funding may begin as soon as approved.

**HOW:** Applications must be submitted jointly by at least one German and one U.S. and/or Canadian scholar.

Complete information, application forms, and lists of previous TransCoop projects and organizations that have provided matching funds are available on the Foundation's website:

[http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/stip\\_aus/transcoop.htm](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/stip_aus/transcoop.htm).

## AvH on Display in 2005

The Foundation's U.S. Liaison Office will promote programs for research in Germany at the following meetings in 2005:

Experimental Biology 2005 and the XXXV International Congress of Physiological Sciences, San Diego, California (April 3-5)

German Studies Association (29th Annual Conference), Milwaukee, Wisconsin (September 29 - October 2)

Society for Neuroscience (Annual Meeting), Washington, DC (November 12-16)

You, too, can promote the programs and help the Foundation reach the next generation of excellent scholars and scientists. To acknowledge the research support you have received from the Humboldt Foundation, contact the U.S. Liaison Office at [avh@verizon.net](mailto:avh@verizon.net) for a PowerPoint slide or transparency to include in your presentations.

## Staying in Touch with the "Humboldt Family"

The Humboldt family now has over 22,000 members world-wide. The Humboldt Network Online makes it easy to stay in touch with the Foundation and with colleagues around the globe. Have you moved? Taken a new position? Changed your field or specialization? Has your area code or zip code been reassigned? By logging on, you can update your personal profile. The Foundation prefers that you use this method (rather than email or mail) to update your contact information.

To log on to the Network Online or to register as a first-time user, go to: [http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/automat\\_db/avh\\_login.login\\_screen](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/automat_db/avh_login.login_screen).

### About "Strata"

"Strata" is the newsletter of the 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.

## Electronic Foundation: General Email Addresses

The Humboldt Foundation offers numerous programs for research. Large programs, such as the Humboldt Research Fellowship, are open to scholars from around the world in every discipline. Others, such as the German Chancellor Scholarship Program, are limited to specific subjects and countries. To support these programs, the Foundation has over 100 employees at its headquarters in Bonn. Humboldtians and others may use the following email addresses to contact the Foundation:

*Followup@avh.de*

For questions regarding follow-up support for former Humboldt Research Fellows, such as conference allowances and return research visits. For questions from current and former Feodor Lynen Fellows.

*Select@avh.de*

For applicants who have questions about the Humboldt Research Fellowship or the Feodor Lynen Fellowship.

*Chancellor-usa.select@avh.de*

For prospective German Chancellor Scholars.

*Awardees@avh.de*

For questions from Humboldt Research Awardees, past and present.

*Sponsor@avh.de*

For current Fellows with questions about support provided by the Foundation during the research period.

*Presse@avh.de*

For comments about the Foundation's website, the magazine *Kosmos*, or other Foundation publications.

Humboldtians and prospective Humboldtians from all programs are also welcome to contact the Humboldt Foundation's U.S. Liaison Office at [avh@verizon.net](mailto:avh@verizon.net).

## Sofja Kovalevskaja Award Attracts Outstanding Young Researchers to Germany

Through the Sofja Kovalevskaja Award, the Humboldt Foundation is bringing eleven of the world's best young researchers to Germany to conduct research. Funding for the award—up to 1.2 million EUR per winner—is provided by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF). The Sofja Kovalevskaja Award is one of the most highly-endowed scientific prizes in Germany. It enables recipients to spend four years working at the institution of their choice—largely unfettered by administrative constraints—and to develop their own groups of promising researchers. Four of the eleven recipients in 2004 have been conducting research in the United States. To find out who they are and to read about their work, visit: [http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/aktuelles/presse/pn\\_archiv\\_2004/2004\\_24.htm](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/aktuelles/presse/pn_archiv_2004/2004_24.htm).

The next call for nominations is expected to take place at the end of 2005.

## Bibliographia Humboldtiana

You can help the Foundation illustrate for its patrons, friends, and sponsors that the research support it provides leads to tangible results. The Bibliographia Humboldtiana is a register of academic publications resulting from research conducted by fellows and awardees with support from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Since 1953, guest researchers who spent time in Germany have registered more than 50,000 publications, and German scientists and scholars have registered 5,500 more. The Foundation's register also includes over 4,000 translations. The online Bibliographia Humboldtiana includes publications that the Foundation received notification of starting in the year 2000.

To access the Bibliographia Humboldtiana, go to <http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/netzwerk/bibl/index.htm>.

To add your publications that resulted from your stay in Germany supported by the Humboldt Foundation, log on to the Network Online with your username and password, or register as a first-time user at: [http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/automat\\_db/avh\\_login.login\\_screen](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/automat_db/avh_login.login_screen).

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