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**ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

To : Undersecretaries/Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Service and Center Directors
Cultural Agency Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany announces the fellowships and awards being granted to foreign scholars by the Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) Foundation of Germany.
2. Said awards are granted to highly qualified scholars who would like to carry out research projects of their own choice at research institutes in Germany.
3. Applicants for the awards have to possess the following qualifications:
 - a) Hold an academic degree comparable to the doctorate or have attained a comparable academic qualification through research and academic qualifications;
 - b) Can furnish proof of experience in independent research at a non-German university or research institute;
 - c) Submit academic publications resulting from the above activities;
 - d) Have adequate language abilities. Scholars in humanities (including social sciences) should possess and provide proof of sound German language abilities; scholars in natural, medical and engineering sciences must have good command of English. No statement of German language abilities is required; and
 - e) Are not over age 40.

4. Application forms, which are accepted at any time, are available at the German Embassy located at 6/F Solidbank Building, 777, Pasco de Roxas, Makati City with telephone number 892-4906 and fax number 810-47-03.
5. Additional information regarding these scholarships are contained in the Inclosure.
6. Prompt and adequate dissemination of this Memorandum to the field is enjoined.

Andrew Gonzalez
ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

PRIZES or AWARDS
SCHOLARSHIPS
STUDENTS

1. Humboldt Research Fellowships For Foreign Scholars

Up to 500 research fellowships are granted annually to highly qualified scholars holding a doctorate and not yet having reached the age of 40, enabling them to carry out research projects of their own choice at research institutes in Germany.

Applications may be submitted at any time by scholars from all nations and academic disciplines (no quotas); selection meetings are held every March, June/July and November.

Sponsorship period: initially 6-12 months; extensions of up to 24 months may be granted on application. Up to six months of this period may be spent at research institutes in Europe.

Monthly research fellowship rates: between DM 3,400 and DM 4,200 net; additional assistance: travel expenses, grants for married accompanying partners, an initial allowance, grants for language courses etc.

Application requirements: an academic degree comparable to a doctorate (Ph.D, C.Sc. or equivalent), high academic qualifications, academic publications, a specific research plan, a good command of the German language (humanities and social sciences scholars) or at least a good command of English (natural scientists).

2. Humboldt Research Awards For Foreign Scholars

Up to 150 Humboldt Research Awards are granted annually to internationally recognized foreign scholars.

Nominations for awards may be made at any time by eminent German scholars; direct applications are not accepted; no age limit.

Selection meetings: twice a year in March and October (natural scientists), once a year in May/June (humanities scholars). Award winners are invited to spend a research stay of 4-12 months at German institutes.

Total value of awards: between DM 20,000 and DM 150,000.

Nomination requirements: full professor or equivalent standing, internationally recognized research record.

3. Max Planck Research Awards To Foreign And German Scholars For International Cooperation

Every year, about 12 Max Planck Research Awards for International Cooperation are granted to highly qualified and internationally recognized foreign and German scholars (about six awards each), enabling them to carry out long-term, project-oriented joint research with German or foreign partners. This program is jointly implemented by the Humboldt Foundation and the Max Planck Society.

Nomination: for scholars of all disciplines and nations. Nominations are initiated from Germany. Rectors/presidents of universities and parent organizations or non-university establishments are entitled to nominate scholars for this award. Selection takes place every autumn.

Value of awards: up to 250,00 DM for bilateral cooperation between foreign and German researchers, including travel to partner-institutes, periods of research at partner-institutes, joint academic conferences, workshops, etc. and any necessary additional funds for purchase of material or payment of assistants.

Nomination requirements: outstanding, internationally recognized research work.

Additional information:

Selection Division: Dr. Hellmut Hanle / Dr. Klaus Manderla / Regine Grafm Alegiani

For Max Planck Research Awards: Dr. Thomas Hesse

4. Follow-Up Programme

From 1953 to 1996, more than 18,000 foreign scholars from 124 nations were sponsored by the AvH. The Foundation maintains contact with these scholars by inviting them to spend further short periods conducting research in Germany, by donation of academic literature and scientific equipment (the latter only to countries with low foreign exchange reserves) and by grants towards the cost of attending academic conferences in Germany and towards printing costs.