Colleagues,

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany's premier academic grant-giving agency, has targeted Stony Brook as a university likely to produce future applicants. To publicize the work of the Foundation, and to advise those interested in applying for sponsorship, a delegation from the Foundation will come to our campus on Wednesday, November 19th. I invite you to attend their presentation and reception, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. in the Wang Center.

A limited number of smaller meetings will be held during the course of the day, and those interested in speaking with the delegation should contact Murray Lamond in the President's office (2-6268).

Please help assure that this overture from the Von Humboldt Foundation meets with an appropriately warm response from our University.

Thank you,
Robert L. McGrath
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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A Brief overview of The Von Humboldt awards
Applicants from all academic fields are welcome to apply. The support granted by the Foundation derives from the German government and is generous (at a level of between EU 2,100 and 3,000 per month). Language classes, orientation meetings, and study tours are included, as options. (Performers and artists are eligible only for the Chancellor's Scholarships.)

Awards fall into the following categories:

Humboldt Research Fellowships
For post-doctoral scholars and scientists under the age of 40, for research in Germany over 6 to 12 months.

Two-year Post-Doctoral Fellowships
For postdoctoral US citizens or residents under 40 to work in Germany.

Summer Research Fellowships
For scholars and scientists with PhD and under 40 to work in Germany for 9-14 months over a period of 3 years. At least 3 consecutive months each year must be spent in Germany.

Transcoop Program
For co-operative research involving North American and German scholars and scientists. Funding of up to EU 45,000 over 3 years
must be matched by US sources.

Humboldt Research Awards
For scholars and scientists of international renown in all disciplines. Nominations must come from recognized scholars resident in Germany.

German Chancellor Scholarships
For young professionals or academics in cultural and academic fields who are under 35, hold at least a Bachelor's degree, and who are US citizens to spend 1 year in Germany either studying or working in an appropriate organization.

Feodor Lynen Research Fellowships
For German scientists and scholars under 38 to conduct research abroad with a former Humboldt grantee. The host institution must provide 25% to 50% of stipend in the first year, fellowships may be extended for up to 4 years.

Sofja Kovalevskaya Fellowships
Up to EU 1.2 million for exceptional young researchers to set up research groups and projects in Germany.

Further information is available at http://www.avh.de/en/