

## Alumni Council Grants

The Alumni Council is looking for innovative ideas to support its goals and objectives to the benefit of the US alumni of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. To encourage US alumni to remain connected, the Alumni Council provides small grants to US Humboldtians to support alumni events and activities. Significant flexibility exists for the types of events to be funded. Examples of events include lunches or dinners with a discussion theme, partial support for a regional gathering of alumni with a substantive program, and seed money for a Kolleg (a regional and interdisciplinary conference).

**Eligibility:** Any US Humboldtian(s) may apply for funds from the Alumni Council for a “Humboldt Alumni Event.” Members of the “Humboldtians on Campus” initiative, in particular, are encouraged to take advantage of this funding opportunity.

**Grant guidelines:** Funds can be used as seed money to obtain funding for larger events, to supplement already funded events, or to support a self-contained activity that enhances the intellectual and social interaction among Humboldtians in the United States. Recent events include:

- Support for the annual gathering of Texas alumni, featuring a lecture on “The Authorship Controversy: Who Wrote Shakespeare’s Plays” (Dr. Donald Dickson, Texas A&M University)
- Supplementary funding for a conference on “Current Debates in Phenomenology and Overcoming the Continental-Analytic Divide” (Dr. Sebastian Luft, Marquette University)
- Supplementary funding for a workshop on “The Future of Integrative Structural Biology” (Dr. Hugo Sanabria, Clemson University)

**Funding levels:** Alumni grants typically range from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. Approximately \$10,000 per year will be available to fund proposals.

**Application procedure:** Proposals should adhere to the listed requirements and be submitted to the Alumni Council via the American Friends office at [alumni@americanfriends-of-avh.org](mailto:alumni@americanfriends-of-avh.org). Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis, but should be submitted at least 8 weeks before the proposed event to ensure the Alumni Council has sufficient time to evaluate the request. The Alumni Council will make a funding decision within one month of submission. Grantees are required to submit a brief summary report to American Friends after the event.

Proposal requirements and guidelines for recipients of AC grants are provided below.

Questions? Proposals and requests for additional information should be addressed to the Alumni Council at [alumni@americanfriends-of-avh.org](mailto:alumni@americanfriends-of-avh.org). You may also call the American Friends office at +1 (202) 783-1907 to speak with a Program Coordinator.

### Proposal requirements

A proposal for an Alumni Council Grant should include the following information:

- abstracts of presentations and/or a meeting agenda
- biographies of presenters and participants (indicating those that are Humboldtians and potential Humboldt program applicants)
- a total event budget, including all funding sources
- itemization of funding requested from the Alumni Council
- for larger scale events, the proposal should describe plans to advertise the event to young Humboldt program-eligible scientists and scholars and to make it attractive for them to attend and participate

### **Grant Guidelines for Successful Applicants**

#### **Pre-event process (upon grant approval)**

- Grantees should describe where in the program materials and information about AvH opportunities might be shared with attendees, as appropriate to the size and format of the event.
- If possible, grantees should list prominently which, if any, of the speakers or organizers are Humboldtians by putting the initials (AvH) after their names in the final printed program.
- Grantees should list include AFAvH as a partial sponsor of the event in all printed and online materials.
- In addition to displaying materials supplied by AFAvH, grantees should include a sign-up sheet requesting the names and emails of attendees wishing to learn more about the AvH and its funding opportunities.

#### **Post-event Reporting and Follow-up**

- Forward to American Friends the list of all researchers who signed up as being interested in AvH opportunities, so that the AFAvH can contact them via email and/or via post and forward them useful documentation for eventual application to the AvH.
- Submit a summary report of the event along with a copy of the final official event program (and any photographs) to AFAvH for the Alumni Council's records and review within a month of the event.
- Submit receipts for grants that cover direct expenses within 6 weeks of the event (emailed scans are sufficient).