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Transatlantic Research Cooperation
Bunyan German and American Scholars in the Humanities
and Social Sciences

(Transcoop Program)

Deadline: December 15, 1993

Program Description

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation has acquired additional funds to finance long term joint research projects between American and German scholars in all fields of the humanities and social sciences, including law and economics. The maximum duration of sponsorship for a Transcoop project is three years. In 1994 approximately \$400,000 from German sources will be available. The Transcoop program offers opportunities to researchers from both universities and non-university research institutions in both countries. Ideally, joint projects in the humanities and social sciences will relate to problems of the natural sciences, including the engineering and life sciences. However, all other topics are also eligible for joint research projects.

Long-term Transcoop projects make funds available for:

- short-term research visits (up to one month per year for each partner, German and American) - travel costs - special conferences closely related to the research project - additional expenses for materials and equipment - printing costs for publications - payment of research assistance, e.g., data adhering (maximum 10% of the total).

It is assumed that home institutions will continue paying the salaries of scholars and their assistants. Overhead costs can be included up to 20%. Transcoop projects can be supported by funds from the German side up to \$50,000. Every project must be matched by funds from a U.S. source which the U.S. partner should identify in the application. If the U.S. contribution is less than \$50,000, the German contribution will be limited to that smaller amount.

Grant Procedure

Applications should be submitted jointly by at least one U.S. and one German scholar directly to the Humboldt Foundation in Bonn. Each applicant should at least hold a Ph.D. The Selection Committee of the Humboldt Foundation will base its decision on the following criteria:

- the project's potential for strengthening transatlantic cooperation
- the academic qualifications of applicants
- the originality of the research project.

Decisions are based solely on scholarly merit as documented in the application. Selection of candidates is made by a peer-review committee of the Humboldt Foundation

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