



American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

The mission of the American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AFAvH) is to become a leading source in the United States for the promotion of national and international networking, exchange, and creative collaboration among scientists, scholars, artists and other professionals, consistent with the goals of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation of Germany.

Since 1953, the Humboldt Foundation has supported the independent research of over 26,000 foreign scientists, scholars, and young professionals in Germany — including over 5,000 US “Humboldtians.” These Humboldtians are a living testimony to the transformative power of international research experience and networks, and many are acknowledged leaders in their research and professional fields.

Through promotional activities, AFAvH expands the pool of future Humboldtians in the United States. Through alumni support and outreach, such as the Humboldtians on Campus network, AFAvH encourages continued collaboration among US alumni. Through its website, blog and program activities, AFAvH engages Humboldtians and others in thoughtful dialogue on the globalization of science and professional development and on the role of science in transatlantic dialogue, society, and politics, thus also raising Germany’s visibility as a research center.

AFAvH receives contributions from the Humboldt Foundation for its core operations. It relies on support and donations from alumni and friends to expand the programs that strengthen the network of US Humboldtians and shape the future of US science and professional development. For more information on American Friends Programs and Events, [please visit our website](#).

In addition to contributing to its annual fund, American Friends encourages alumni and friends to consider making an estate gift to AFAvH. Making a bequest will ensure the future wellbeing and visibility of the Humboldt network. A bequest serves to mobilize the intellectual curiosity, creativity, experience, and passion of Humboldtians to shape the changing landscape of research, higher education, and professional development in the United States and beyond. A bequest is an easy way to leave a lasting legacy, and lessen the burden of taxes on your family.

The following policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors of AFAvH to ensure the mutual benefit of planned gifts to AFAvH and to its most important supporters.

PLANNED GIVING POLICY

1. AFAvH offers alumni and friends the opportunity to include the organization in their estate plans.
2. AFAvH publicizes the planned giving program in yearly communications to alumni and friends, including in the Annual Appeal, the *Strata* newsletter, on its website, and through other means. AF can provide further details on its execution upon request, including guidance on the suggested beneficiary designation and consideration of a Planned Giving Declaration of Intent.



3. AFAvH encourages alumni and friends to name AFAvH as a beneficiary of life insurance policies, retirement accounts (IRA, 401k, 403b), wills and revocable (living) trusts. Funds from these sources are strongly encouraged to be only in the form of cash or marketable securities.
4. AFAvH requests that bequests be unrestricted to give AFAvH maximum flexibility in using the resources in advance of its mission and goals.
5. A bequest to AFAvH may be made as either a specific dollar amount or as a certain percentage of the estate or of another asset. A designation of a bequest to AFAvH must contain:
 - a. The American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AFAvH) address: 1101 17th street NW, Suite 603, Washington, DC 20036.
 - b. AFAvH's federal tax ID number is 20-1476451.
 - c. AFAvH is a U.S. 501(c)3 charitable organization.
6. AFAvH cannot accept gifts in the form of real estate or personal property.
7. The alum/na or friend completes the Planned Giving Declaration of Intent, a document available for download on the AFAvH website or by request.
8. Upon learning about the planned gift, AFAvH promptly acknowledges the bequest and publicly recognizes the alum/na or friend as a Lifetime Giver. With agreement of the individual, AFAvH names Lifetime Givers to encourage other alumni and friends to include AFAvH in their estate plans.
9. Alumni and friends are reminded to seek professional advice concerning their estate plans and bequests, to ensure that the proposed gift furthers their charitable, financial and estate planning goals.

For questions about Planned Giving, please contact AFAvH Director of Programs Ilonka Oszvald at ilonka.oszvald@americanfriends-of-avh.org or (202) 609-7880.