

**For:** FSA, FAS, and RMA Employees, Except County Offices

**Announcing the FY 2001 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Award**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Management



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**1 Overview**

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**Background**

USDA has been invited to submit nominations for the FY 2001 Alexander von Humboldt Award.

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is a United States-based organization established in 1959 by Dr. Alfred Toepfer, a German grain merchant and philanthropist.

This award is presented to a person judged to have made the most significant contribution to American agriculture during the previous 5 years.

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**Purpose**

This notice:

- informs FFAS employees about the Alexander von Humboldt Award
- requests award nominations.

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**Recognition**

Recipients of this award receive the Alfred Toepfer Scholarship that provides \$5,000 for studying agriculture in Europe.

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**Labor Management Obligations**

Where exclusive representation exists, bargaining may be requested to the extent allowed by applicable statutes. Where contract language already addresses these policies and procedures for bargaining unit employees, contract language prevails.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
May 1, 2001	FSA, FAS, and RMA Employees, except County Offices

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**2 Award Guidelines**

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Guidelines**

Exhibit 1 provides detailed information on the eligibility, criteria, and nomination procedures for the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Award.

All nominations must be submitted to HRD, PMBAB by **March 19, 2001**.  
Send nominations to the following address:

FSA HRD PMBAB  
STOP 0595  
1400 INDEPENDENCE AVE.  
WASHINGTON DC 20250-0595.

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Contact**

Direct questions about this notice to the appropriate office according to this table.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Office</li><li>• State Office</li><li>• FAS</li><li>• RMA</li></ul>	One of the following in HRD, PMBAB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stephen Crisp at 202-418-8975</li><li>• Kim Jones at 202-418-8979</li><li>• TDD 202-418-9116.</li></ul>
KCAO-serviced offices	Either of the following:  KCAO, PD at 816-926-6643 TDD 816-926-6148.

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**Award Guidelines and Nomination Format**

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**I. Guidelines**

- A. The award normally will be given in recognition for an achievement in research. However, significant contributions in extension, public service, technology transfer, or other activities can be considered.

The Committee solicits nominations from:

- animal sciences
- plant sciences
- social sciences
- soils and engineering
- natural resources and environmental sciences
- food sciences and nutrition, and
- related basic sciences that support agriculture.

**Note:** Present and past members of the National Selection Committee are not eligible to receive the Award.

- B. Nomination documents should focus on a specific contribution as contrasted to career contributions and characterize the following:
- The nature of the contribution for which the nomination is being made. This should describe the scientific or developmental nature of the contribution, including its present or potential usefulness to agriculture and the advancement of knowledge in the discipline concerned.
  - Specific scientific and technical publications that have been used to communicate the contributions to the scientific or agricultural community.
- C. Nominations may be submitted no more than 5 years beyond either the announcement of the scientific discovery, the development or its use, and the implementation.

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**Award Guidelines and Nomination Format (Continued)**

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**II. Nomination Format**

1. Title page (include the name, address, telephone number, and affiliation of the nominator and the nominee).
  2. A cover letter from the nominator summarizing the nominee's contribution.
  3. Supporting information:
    - Description of the scientific or developmental nature of the contribution.
    - Assessment of the importance or impact of the contribution on American agriculture.
    - External letters of support (limit of 5).
    - Nominee's biography with emphasis on recent publications, citations, and awards that are related to the contribution for which the nomination is being made.
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