



## RESEARCH-ALUMNI MEETING BOSTON 2012

### CONNECTING NORTH-AMERICA AND HEIDELBERG

### DISCOVERING EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES

**In the wake of the Research-Alumni Meeting in Boston, the following collaboration initiatives have been formed between American universities and Heidelberg University:**

#### Collaboration with the University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, Indiana)

A delegation of the University of Notre Dame will travel to Heidelberg in early 2013 to evaluate the possibilities of establishing a student exchange programme with Heidelberg University. The delegates will also discuss potential subject-related collaborations between individual institutes of the two universities.

#### Collaboration with Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)

In June 2013, Heidelberg University will welcome representatives of Duquesne University to continue planning for the "Spring Break Abroad". This programme will allow five students of Duquesne University to make an excursion to Heidelberg in 2014 in order to study and conduct research at the Department of Philosophy. In addition, the universities are planning a student exchange programme involving several faculties of both institutions. Future PhD candidates from the U.S. will have the chance to gain teaching experience in Heidelberg, an arrangement that will also benefit the university by providing additional English-language courses.

#### Cooperation agreement with New York University (New York)

A cooperation agreement is being prepared between the New York Institute for the Study of the Ancient World and the Heidelberg Collaborative Research Centre 933 Material Text Cultures. The agreement will provide for the exchange of scientists and PhD candidates specialising in studies of the ancient world.

#### Cooperation for laboratory work experience with Rockefeller University (New York)

There are plans to establish an exchange programme for master students between Rockefeller University and Heidelberg University's Faculty of Biosciences. This programme will allow master students of both institutions to acquire additional laboratory experience on an international level.

#### Short-term stays within the scope of research collaborations

Until now, four participants of the Research-Alumni Meetings have successfully applied for financial support within the scope of the HAIreconnect programme. These Research-Alumni will return to Heidelberg University for short-term stays in the first half of 2013 in order to continue and intensify existing collaborations with their Heidelberg colleagues.