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**Dear Colleague Letter: NSF-Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)  
Collaborative Research**

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NSF expects to award a small number of supplements (up to \$25,000) to current NSF awards to enable US-based researchers to collaborate with Germany-based researchers (who are currently funded by DFG) on topics that fit the Robust Intelligence program ([http://www.nsf.gov/cise/iis/ri\\_pgm.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/cise/iis/ri_pgm.jsp)) of the CISE Division on Information and Intelligent Systems. NSF encourages new collaborations, and, as part of this initiative, also hopes to make strong topical connections to DFG's program on "Autonomous Learning" ([autonomous-learning.org](http://autonomous-learning.org)). Investigators interested in applying for such a supplement are required to submit a brief one paragraph description of the proposed joint research via email to the cognizant program director Sven Koenig ([skoenig@nsf.gov](mailto:skoenig@nsf.gov)) by cob May 20, 2011. The email also should include the name(s) of their intended collaborator(s). NSF will share these descriptions with the DFG. The investigators will be provided with feedback regarding how well their request fits the priorities of NSF and DFG and, where appropriate, be invited to submit a standard supplemental funding request in accordance with NSF's Award and Administration Guide I.E.4).

For further information, please contact the cognizant program director, Sven Koenig.

Sincerely,

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