

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PAKISTAN STUDIES (AIPS)

As in previous proposals the Institute requests funding to operate and maintain its Center in Islamabad with its research library, computing facilities and seminar series, but for the coming quadrennium it seeks also to develop programs designed to counteract the effects on the field of Pakistan Studies of the post 9/11 restrictions on the use of U.S. funds for travel to Pakistan. We therefore propose a comprehensive and ambitious plan to transform the Institute's website into a cyber-center that will advance the field by serving scholars and students of Pakistan Studies in both countries, as well as organizing meetings in both countries for the discussion of research findings and curricular issues (for the purpose both of increasing interaction and improving the quality of eventual publication). A series of meetings, already begun in 2002-2003 will be devoted to coordinating the development of materials for studying the languages of Pakistan between agencies in Pakistan and the new Title VI funded South Asia Language Resource Center. In all these efforts the Institute will work closely with the National Resource Centers for South Asian Studies. These programs are designed to strengthen the development of Pakistan Studies in the American curriculum at a time when local regional turbulence discourages travel and research in the area.