



News for students – always well informed!

Current calls, opportunities to actively shape teaching and studies, helpful sponsorship programmes and useful general information - this "Humboldt Info for Students" aims to keep you, dear students, up to date. From now on, four times a year you will receive updates on interesting events, scholarships and workshops that will support and benefit you in your studies at HU. Please also check out the "News for students" page on the website of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

[Link to the "News for students" webpage](#)

General Information

Free bike hire from nextbike continues

The RefRat successfully renewed the cooperation with nextbike for the rest of the winter semester 2024/2025: You may continue to borrow nextbikes for free and as often as you like for 30 minutes at a time.

[Instructions for bike hire](#)

Borrow a mobile podcast studio via the video and audio service

Interested in turning your seminar topic into a podcast instead of a presentation? Or perhaps you want to record a panel discussion or a debate? Then you can now borrow a mobile podcast studio from the CMS video and audio service! There you will receive an introduction on recording and post production techniques. A studio room can also be booked through the video service at the Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum. The equipment is only intended for projects related to teaching, research, studies or project work at the university; private or commercial use is not permitted.

[Further Information](#)

International online seminars: Courses at Circle U. Open Campus

Circle U. runs international online seminars for Bachelor's and Master's students, which can be credited with 5 or 10 ECTS. You can apply for: "Corporate Sustainability Law" (Bachelor), "Language Policy in multilingual settings" (Master) and "The Politics of Bureaucracy" (Master Political and Social Studies). The respective course programmes and all information on how to apply can be found on the Circle U. Open Campus website. If you have any questions about accreditation, please contact the person responsible at your faculty or institute.

[View course details](#)

[Learn more about Circle U.](#)

Survey on disadvantage compensation for students with child(ren)

The RefRat's "Students with child(ren)" department wants to get an overview of your experiences with disadvantage compensation in order to make studying with children easier and to pass on your needs to the university management. Participation in the survey is anonymous.

[Take part in the survey.](#)

Student survey 2025: Help shape your studies!

Your opinion counts! The Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin's Student Survey 2025 will be starting soon. So watch your e-mails, because you will soon receive your personal invitation for participation. In approximately 15 minutes, tell us about your impressions and experiences of your time at the university: How do you experience the courses and exams? Do the HU's infrastructure and counselling services meet your needs? How well do you feel prepared for the professional world? Your experiences with regard to support and fairness during your studies are also important to us.

The survey is conducted by the Quality Management Office on behalf of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor Niels Pinkwart. Your feedback is invaluable for the further development of study programmes at HU Berlin and for shaping the future of our university together. We look forward to your participation!

Events

First in your family to study?

Are you the first in your family to study and do you have questions about starting university? The Student Counselling Service (Studienberatung) will be happy to answer them in an online event on 7 January from 18 to 19:30. You will get a first overview of the typical challenges faced by first-generation students and learn where to find information on degree programmes and what the application modalities, deadlines and admission-restricted degree programmes are all about. In addition, you will be given tips and methods to support you in your orientation and decision-making process and, of course, have the opportunity to ask your individual questions.

No registration necessary, the Zoom link will be published at hu-berlin.de.

[Link](#)

Zukunftswerkstatt Lehre 2025

The Vice President for Academic Affairs, Prof. Dr. Niels Pinkwart, invites all members of HU to take part in the Zukunftswerkstatt Lehre 2025 on the topic of "Changing perspectives – workshop for a lively feedback culture" on 27 January from 13 to 17 pm in the Senatssaal. We want to continue the exchange about "Excellent Teaching" and together shape the continuous development of teaching and learning. The Zukunftswerkstatt Lehre is the annual format in which we focus on innovation of teaching at HU, identify needs for action and launch initiatives for strategic development. In 2025, the central theme is "Feedback culture(s) at HU". We therefore extend an open and broad invitation to the Zukunftswerkstatt Lehre, but for reasons of space we kindly ask you to register.

[Further information](#)

[Registration](#)

Panel discussion: "2025 Legacies of Women Forum"

The "2025 Legacies of Women Forum" will take place on 28 January from 5 to 6:30 pm in the Senate Hall of the HU. The panel discussion will feature Prof. Dr. Julia von Blumenthal, President of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Irene Natividad, President of the Global Summit of Women, Angie Gifford, Vice President and Head of Meta EMEA, Christin Schack, CEO 3M Central Europe Region and Julia S. Schlenz, CEO Dow Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy. The forum brings together female leaders from different parts of the world to share strategies for promoting women's economic empowerment. The event is the prelude to the Global Summit of Women, which will take place in Berlin from 3 to 5 July. The discussion will be held in English. Admission is free.

Keeping track of your New Year's resolutions: Stay active with Hochschulsport

The Hochschulsport (University Sports) has a diverse sports programme for all students on offer – even during the lecture-free period. Bookings for sports courses during the winter semester break start on 3 February. Our highlight in winter are our winter sports excursions, for example to Austria, South Tyrol or Switzerland. A few places are still available!

[To the sports programmes](#)

[To the winter sports excursions](#)

Calls and Grants

Award for Excellent Teaching: Already nominated?

When does teaching qualify as "good"? How can it be improved? Every year, the Vice President for Teaching and Learning, Prof. Dr. Niels Pinkwart, invites you to discuss these and other questions at the Humboldt Day of Teaching. On this day, he also presents the Award for Excellent Teaching, which recognises innovative and successful teachers and teaching concepts. This year, the award honours successful examples of "sustainable teaching and learning". Courses that are eligible for the award are also nominated by the students. You are invited to nominate lectures, including those of the current winter semester, until 12 January.

[Further information](#)

[Nominate a lecture](#)

Giving new ideas for teaching "free space"

Do you have an idea on how to make teaching at HU more open and creative, how to improve student learning? Then present your innovative or even experimental concept to the "Freiraum 2026" funding line of the "Innovation in University Teaching" foundation. The call for proposals is thematically open, its focus is on the students' learning processes. The decisive factor in selecting a project is the change that the applicants would like to instigate compared to the initial situation. Early Bird Briefing on 22 January, 13 to 14 pm: Questions will be answered in person at bologna.lab (Hausvogteiplatz 5-7, 10117 Berlin, R.0101-103) or online via Zoom

[Join the Zoom meeting](#)

[Find out more about the call](#)

Circle U.: Funding for Your projects on equality, diversity and inclusion

The Circle U. European University Alliance would like to foster initiatives in the areas of equality, diversity and inclusion (ED&I). HU students too are invited to develop innovative projects that promote equality, diversity and inclusion in their academic environment. Collaborations with Circle U. member institutions are particularly welcome. The deadline for submitting applications is 28 February.

[Find out more about the call](#)

Humboldt-Universitäts-Gesellschaft funding for your projects

Do you have a project idea that you can't stop thinking about and wish to finally realise it? Whether exhibitions, congresses or research projects, the Humboldt-Universitäts-Gesellschaft (HUG) will support you with up to 7,000 euros! Apply to the HUG by 1 June. Please note that only applications that meet the formal requirements can be considered.

[Further information](#)

Scholarships

With the Humboldt Research Track Scholarship on the way to your PhD

With the Humboldt Research Track Scholarship, the HU supports Master's students with high research potential in preparing for a doctorate. The aim of the scholarship is to provide prospective doctoral students with financial support to prepare for a doctorate during the period of academic or professional orientation. Students who do not have a degree from Humboldt-Universität but who wish to pursue a doctorate at Humboldt-Universität are also eligible for funding. Calls for applications for the scholarship are issued three times a year. The next application deadline is 15 January for funding to begin on 1 April, 1 May, 1 June or 1 July.

[Further information](#)

Record success for Erasmus funding: Your chance to study abroad

With a total of 1.6 million euros for Erasmus+, HU achieved its best result to date in the funding of non-European exchanges. In particular, by expanding the existing portfolio with partnerships in Latin America, Africa and Asia, new networks were established and existing relationships strengthened. If you would also like to spend a semester (or two?) studying abroad, you can start your journey on the website of the "International Affairs" department with further information.

[Read the press release](#)

[Link to the website of the "International Affairs" department](#)



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