



Unique collection: Poetry slam meets science and teaching

Educator Petra Anders (photo, centre) discovered her passion for the poetry slam in Berlin in the early 2000s. Today she is Professor of German Didactics at the HU and often combines science and teaching with stagecraft. Whether with the 'Praxischeck-Slam' for student teachers, the Kinder-Kiez-Slam or the spoken word poets - her aim is always to bring language to life and to seek cultural exchange with the city of Berlin. Together with Dr Oliver Zauzig, the HU's central collection coordinator, she recently opened the first academic collection on the 'History and Present of the Poetry Slam in the German-speaking World'. It was an evening full of poetry slam, as representatives of the poetry scene were also guests and presented their texts. The new collection can be found in Petra Anders' rooms in the south tower of the Institute of Educational Sciences in Geschwister-Scholl-Straße.

[View picture gallery and videos](#)

[Read portrait of Petra Anders](#)

[Find out more about the collection](#)

Administration & Service

International Women's Day: Women's Assembly on 13 March

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Central Women's and Gender Equality Officer cordially invites all women* at HU to the Women's General Assembly. After a welcome by HU President Julia von Blumenthal, an interactive training session with health coach Nicola Langer will take place. Strategies for more balance and resilience in everyday working life will be taught and reflected upon. In addition, a pupillography sleep analysis, relaxation coaching and VR breathing relaxation will be offered on 13 March in the courtyard of honour of the main building and in the east atrium. The afternoon will end with a small reception. The central event will take place on 13 March from 13:00 to 15:00 in the Senate Hall, Unter den Linden 6.

[Register for the women's plenary session and health appointments](#)

[Read interview with the Central Women's Representative on the occasion of International Women's Day](#)

Draw: Starting places for the Berlin Water Company relay

Berliner Wasserbetriebe's traditional relay race will take place from 3 to 5 June. Five runners per team will complete a five-kilometre lap through Berlin's Tiergarten park. As always, it's all about the Olympic spirit: taking part is everything. In keeping with the new HU permanent exhibition 'OnWater. WaterKnowledge in Berlin', which will be on display in the Humboldt Laboratory from autumn, the Communications Department and University Sports are sponsoring starting places for two teams for the run on 3 June this year. We are therefore looking for motivated and sporty Humboldtians - preferably with a scientific passion for the topic of water - to apply for a starting place. Ideally with an appointment as a team of five. Participation in the draw is possible until 28 March via a form on the intranet.

[Find out more about the relay race and take part in the prize draw](#)

Capital city allowance: ver.di, GEW and university management call for clarification from the Senate

In order to clarify the question of whether or not the approximately fifty thousand employees of Berlin's universities are entitled to the capital city allowance, the Berlin university management and the trade unions ver.di and GEW have called on the political Senate to make a legally binding statement on the validity of the collective agreement on the capital city allowance. The heads of Berlin's universities have asked the Senator for Science for clarification by 12 March at the latest.

[Learn more about the topic](#)

For civil servants: Adjustment of salaries and pensions

The Department of Budget and Personnel provides information on the adjustment of salaries and pensions for civil servants as of 1 November 2024, 1 February 2025 and 1 January 2026. The increases affect basic salaries, allowances, benefits, family allowances and basic amounts for candidates. Important changes include the increase in basic salaries and allowances in several stages, the abolition of family allowance level 1 from 1 November 2024 and the introduction of an application-based 'supplementary family allowance' for certain married civil servants. Questions on this and on salary adjustments can be answered by the Civil Servants Personnel Office in individual cases.

[Call up details on the intranet](#)

Pension: New age limit for civil servants

The standard retirement age for civil servants is to be gradually raised to the age of 67. Government policy guidelines stipulate that the general retirement age should be brought into line with that of all other federal states. The standard retirement age will now be raised by law in eight stages from 2026 (year of birth 1961). A transitional arrangement is planned for the start of the increase in the standard retirement age and a gradual increase in three-month steps per year of birth, which will be completed in 2035. The HR department will provide information on the consequences and effects in individual cases during a Zoom meeting on 28 March at 11:00. Registration and questions in advance are requested via personalstelle.beamte@hu-berlin.de.

[Further information can be found on the intranet](#)

Project registration for the Long Night: Deadline ends on 21 March

The project managers of the Long Night of the Sciences (LNdW) are asked to enter their projects in the central database by 21 March. If you have not yet received the access code or still have questions, the central event team will be happy to help: lange.nacht@hu-berlin.de

Research & Teaching

Academic Freedom Week: Protection for researchers at risk

How can research institutions support academics and artists at risk in precarious times? This year's Academic Freedom Week is all about sustainable and fair strategies. Together with partners from the Berlin University Alliance, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the New University in Exile consortium, HU is organising a series of events on the topic. The programme from 31 March to 2 April comprises mainly public lectures and presentations, panel discussions and a performance - all in English.

[View the programme and register](#)

Apply for a fellowship: Researching cultural heritage

The Centre for Advanced Study 'inherit. heritage in transformation', a BMBF-funded Kate Hamburger Kolleg at Humboldt-Universität, invites applications for its fellowship programme. The fellowships run from 1 October 2026 to 31 July 2027 and are open to researchers from the early postdoctoral phase onwards, artists, filmmakers and curators. The centre deals with historical, present and future transformations in the field of (cultural) heritage. It accepts up to 15 international fellows each year. The theme for the 2026 to 2027 fellowships is 'Addressing Heritage Loss'. The application deadline is 14 April.

[Further information on the call for applications can be found](#)

Apply now: Young Scientist Fellowship at Peking University

Every year, Humboldt-Universität, Freie Universität and Peking University jointly award the Young Scientist Fellowship to a junior researcher. The fellowship includes a three-week stay at Peking University. The stay in China usually takes place in September. The recipient of the fellowship holds a lecture for Master's students at the Centre for German Studies and has the opportunity to learn more about the research landscape at Peking University. Postdocs can apply until 6 April.

[Learn more about fellowships and scholarships](#)

Science Year 2025: Activities on the topic of future energy

Growing energy demand, dwindling resources and new global and climatic challenges - these and other challenges are facing the energy supply of the future. The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research's Science Year 2025 on the topic of 'Future Energy' aims to find solutions to the most pressing issues and encourage dialogue. Projects, events and campaigns are being organised throughout Germany. Humboldtians who are planning an initiative on the topic of 'Future Energy' can enter their offers in the Science Year's calendar of events and thus draw the attention of a wider audience to their projects.

[Read more about the Year of Science and register your event](#)

Marthe Vogt Prize: Nominate your doctorate by 31 March

With the Marthe Vogt Prize, the Forschungsbund Berlin e. V. honours young female scientists who have submitted outstanding dissertations. The dissertation must relate to a research area of the association and have been written in the Berlin-Brandenburg region. The prize is endowed with 3,000 euros and will be presented at a ceremony on 13 October. Professors and habilitated members of the faculties as well as directors of non-university research institutions are eligible to nominate candidates.

[Find out more about the Marthe Vogt Prize and submit proposals](#)

Open letter: More investment in excellent research

In an open letter, the presidents of European universities address the leaders of the European Union. In the letter, they welcome the fact that the European Commission's 'Competitiveness Compass' emphasises research and innovation as a key driver of economic growth and that not only Europe but also the nation states should invest more in research and innovation. However, they criticise the lack of a visionary policy for research and innovation, which they see as essential for Europe's competitiveness, and warn that the Competitiveness Compass will fail to achieve its goals if scientific excellence is not promoted more strongly. Humboldt-Universität also supports this appeal.

[Read the open letter](#)

Girls' Day at the HU: Experience science on 3 April

On 3 April, schoolgirls from the 5th grade onwards are invited to get to know scientific and technical studies and professions. From robot programming, experiments and laboratory tours to direct exchanges with female scientists - Humboldt-Universität is once again offering a varied programme on Girls' Day. Institutes and research facilities at HU that would also like to take part in Girls' Day can still register their offer on the official website.

[Find out more about Girls' Day and register your offer](#)

Apply: Citizen Science Research Award announced

Participatory researchers are invited to nominate themselves or colleagues for the 'Knowledge of the Many - Research Prize for Citizen Science'. The prize recognises excellent scientific achievements from all disciplines that demonstrate the added value of participatory approaches in a special way. The prize is endowed with 20,000 euros for first place, 10,000 euros for second place and 5,000 euros for third place. The joint project of Wissenschaft im Dialog and the Museum für Naturkunde Berlin is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Nominations can be submitted online until 7 April. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the nomination in person during a digital consultation on 18 March. Registration is requested. If you would like to register, please send a short message to Jenni.Haberland@hu-berlin.de

[Find out more about the prize](#)

Workshop: Promoting learning communities in hybrid settings

Learning as a social form thrives on collaboration and dialogue within a group. At universities, the group composition is heterogeneous and learning communities develop and change dynamically. But how can these principles be implemented in hybrid teaching/learning settings in which students interact with each other on site and online? A workshop is dedicated to the specific challenges and opportunities of learning communities in synchronous hybrid settings. It will take place on 20 March from 9:00 to 13:00. The event is organised by the Berlin Centre for University Teaching and will take place online via Zoom.

[Find out more about the event and register](#)

'Diversity Undertakes' competition: Apply by 4 April

In 2025, the Senate Department for Economics, Energy and Public Enterprises is once again looking for the special ones, the outstanding ones among the numerous companies that have been successfully established and managed by people with a migration background for the 'Diversity Undertakes - Berlin Honours Migrant Companies' award. The prize is awarded every two years. In 2023, Dr Elena Metchik, Andrei Solodov and Leonid Metchik secured the start-up prize with their company keyContract GmbH (Inhaber). The start-up is a spin-off from Humboldt University's Department of Economics. In addition to individual and team applications, nominations are also possible. The deadline for applications is 4 April, 23:00. Nominations are possible until 21 March.

[Find out more about the competition](#)

Adlershof Dissertation Prize: Research presented in an exciting way

Once again this year, three successful young researchers will present their dissertation topics in short, easy-to-understand talks at the Adlershof Dissertation Award ceremony. The event will take place on 20 March from 15:00 at the Erwin Schrödinger Centre. The winner of the 3,000 euro prize will be the one who convinces the audience and the jury the most. It has been awarded by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, WISTA Management GmbH and IGAF since 2002. The prize is awarded to excellent dissertations that have been written in Adlershof in the last 18 months. The nomination alone is worth 1,000 euros.

[Find out more about the young researchers](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Start-up service: 'Science & Startups' among Europe's TOP 20

Statista, the Financial Times and Sifted have once again honoured Europe's best start-up hubs. 'Science & Startups' - the new start-up service of the Berlin University Alliance partners - Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Technische Universität Berlin und Charité - Universitätsmedizin in Berlin - was voted directly into the TOP20 of Europe's leading start-up hubs. A total of 250 programmes from 28 countries were evaluated for the ranking in surveys and according to KPIs.

[Find out more](#)

Ideas competition: Show research with poster art

See your own research project as a poster on the streets of Berlin? With participation in the BUA ideas competition and a little luck, this wish can come true. Anyone who would like to take part and is researching the topics of global health, social cohesion, innovation and transfer, quantum technology or water can submit their project by 15 March. Berlin-based 3D artists will select five of the submissions and design posters from them. These will be shown in June as part of an exhibition and the Long Night of Science and distributed on social media.

[Find out more about the ideas competition](#)

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New BIM management: Two women at the helm for the first time

The Berlin Institute for Empirical Integration and Migration Research (BIM) at HU has a new directorate - which, with Prof Dr Aileen Edle and Prof Dr Pauline Endres de Oliveira, consists of two women for the first time. Aileen Edle is responsible for the research area of education and integration at the BIM; Pauline Endres de Oliveira is responsible for the area of law and migration. Most recently, Herbert Brückner, Professor of Economic Migration Research, and Göke Yurdakul, Georg Simmel Professor of Diversity and Social Conflict, formed the Board of Directors; both continue to head their respective departments. The BIM researches how integration and migration processes have taken place in Germany and Europe to date and how they will develop in the future. The scientific basis and empirical data are intended to contribute to a more objective discussion of integration issues in Europe.

[Read interview with the new BIM directors](#)

New official bulletins

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