



Germany Scholarship: 99 scholarship holders honoured at the Faculty of Business and Economics

99 Humboldt-Universität students had every reason to be happy: at a ceremony on 16 July, which took place for the first time at the Faculty of Business and Economics, HU President Prof. Dr Julia von Blumenthal presented them with their Deutschlandstipendium certificates. She also warmly welcomed the scholarship holders and thanked them for their commitment. The HU is awarding the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship for the 14th time. It supports students with 300 euros per month - for at least two semesters. The programme is financed half by federal funds and half by private sponsors. Since the programme was introduced, 1,217 students have received a Deutschlandstipendium at HU. Funding to date has totalled around 4.4 million euros. New donors are welcome!

[View photo gallery and learn more about Deutschlandstipendium](#)

Administration & Service

Budget cuts: Difficult decision between two bad alternatives

The Senate's planned cuts to Berlin's universities were discussed at the last meeting of the Academic Senate (AS) on 15 July in both the public and non-public sections. HU President Julia von Blumenthal reported on the progress made in negotiations with the Senate administration. However, a final clarification of the financial framework conditions is still pending, as the 2026/2027 double budget for the state of Berlin has not yet been decided. Furthermore, it is also possible to sue the state's payments under the university contracts before the administrative court. However, this would be a process that would take at least two years. Ultimately, it would be a choice between two bad alternatives, said the President.

[Read the message on the intranet](#)

Section 110: HU successful before the Federal Constitutional Court

HU filed a constitutional complaint with the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe on 30 December 2021. It brought an action against parts of the amendment to the Berlin Higher Education Act, which came into force on 25 September 2021. Specifically, the law stipulated in Section 110 (6) sentence 2 that a follow-up commitment to permanent employment must be agreed with young academics holding doctorates in budget-financed qualification positions. The HU did not believe that the state of Berlin had the legislative competence for such a regulation and that it interfered with the university's fundamental right to academic freedom. The Federal Constitutional Court fully confirmed this in its decision.

[Find out more about the constitutional complaint](#)

Photo gallery: Performance of the summer opera 'La vida breve'

Even the recurring, sometimes heavy rain showers could not change this: After months of intensive rehearsals, the musicians of Humboldt's Philharmonic Choir and Humboldt's Student Philharmonic Orchestra presented the opera 'La vida breve' with great vigour and commitment. They performed under the direction of Constantin Alex on four evenings in the courtyard of the main building. Professional singers and a flamenco group supported the mainly student artists. The performance also impressed with its unique, lively stage design, which dispensed with any technical support and elaborate backdrops and was carried by the enthusiasm and empathy of the choir members. The audience thanked them with long-lasting applause for this special evening in an unusual venue.

[View photo gallery of the opera](#)

Third Office Day: A taboo subject and healthy working

In June, the Office Day for employees in Technology, Service and Administration took place for the third time. In collaboration with the university's health management team, the organising team boldly tackled a topic that is often requested, but often avoided and still highly sensitive: the particular challenges of the menopause. The programme also included contributions on healthy working.

[Read the post-event report](#)

Employee Self Service: Digital retrieval of salary documents

Since January 2023, employees of Humboldt-Universität have been able to retrieve their salary statements, social security registration certificates and income tax statements for previous calendar years (from 2023) via the Employee Self Service (ESS). The electronic wage tax statement for 2024 and the 2024 annual social security return are also available in the ESS. It is not possible to retrieve documents in the ESS for periods prior to 1 January 2023.

[Read more about the ESS](#)

Research & Teaching

'FluKoS+': Project combines school practice and science

The research and transfer project 'FluKoS+' (flight, trauma and development in the school context) is developing sustainable structures for inclusive work in schools. Under the leadership of Prof Dr David Zimmermann and Dr Josef Hofman from the Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, innovative approaches are being developed to support refugee children and young people with special needs. The project includes accompanying scientific research with an evidence-based qualification programme for 360 educational professionals from Berlin and Brandenburg at the HU, for which teachers can still apply. The recently approved project is being funded for three years with almost 600,000 euros from the EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

[Find out more about FluKoS+](#)

Sponsorship: Co-operations with the University of Zurich

The University of Zurich (UZH) supports projects with its priority partners, including Humboldt-Universität. Three different funding formats are offered at the same time. The Global Seed Fund (up to 5,000 Swiss francs) is used to initiate new collaborations, the Global Outreach Fund (up to 5,000 Swiss francs) supports the international visibility of joint activities and the Global Champion Fund (20,000 to 60,000 Swiss francs) aims to build long-term, strategic partnerships. Funding is available for partner visits, workshops, public events or joint teaching formats, for example. Application deadline is 15 August, project start January 2026 at the earliest.

[Find out more about UZH funding](#)

Circle U.: Research stays for postdocs

Circle U. offers scholarships for postdocs who wish to travel between the universities of the Alliance. During a research stay, for example, scholarship holders can get to know their potential next research group. To be eligible for funding, applicants must be employed at one of the Circle U. universities, already have contacts with researchers at the host institution and be invited by a colleague in a senior position. Fellowships under the Circle U. Postdoc Mobility Programme are awarded for stays of a minimum of five and a maximum of 30 days. The application deadline is 31 August.

[Find out more about postdoc programmes](#)

Accessibility: Students examine HU buildings

Last winter semester, a seminar on accessibility took place at the Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, initiated by Dr Natalie Jankowski in collaboration with the Accessibility Task Force. Students examined two university buildings using a comprehensive checklist that lists the relevant criteria according to the DIN standard for barrier-free construction. The results are to be integrated into the HU's AGNES system to help students with disabilities find their way around campus more easily. Anyone who notices physical barriers in HU buildings can report them via the following e-mail: barrieren.melden@hu-berlin.de

[Learn more about the seminar](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Award: Ten million euros for UNITE

UNITE - Startup Factory Berlin-Brandenburg has been recognised by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy as one of ten nationwide flagship projects for science-based start-ups. The award is associated with funding of up to 10 million euros over five years. The Berlin University Alliance has intensively promoted the foundation of UNITE e.V. and will now strategically and sustainably expand the transfer of knowledge in Berlin-Brandenburg alongside a consortium with a broad range of disciplines.

[Find out more about UNITE](#)

Cooperation: Joint Data & AI Centre planned for Berlin

Data-driven research is crucial to overcoming societal challenges - whether in health, materials or climate research. The Berlin University Alliance, the Max Delbrück Centre and the Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin want to establish a high-performance data centre in Berlin-Adlershof together with the ZUSE Institute Berlin in order to ensure this in the capital in the future.

[Further information on the co-operation](#)

Personalia

Election: Christoph Möllers becomes Rector of the Wissenschaftskolleg

Christoph Möllers, Professor of Public Law and Philosophy of Law at HU, has been elected as the new Rector of the Wissenschaftskolleg. The Leibniz Prize winner is expected to take office on 1 September 2026. The Wissenschaftskolleg is a world-renowned Institute for Advanced Study that offers both internationally renowned and promising young researchers the opportunity to concentrate on a project of their own choice for one academic year, free of obligations.

[Find out more about Möllers](#)

FISU World University Games: HU athletes take part

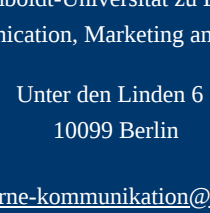
Berlin is also looking forward to the FISU World University Games, where 8,000 student athletes from all over the world will compete in 18 sports in North Rhine-Westphalia from 16 to 27 July. The following HU athletes will be taking part in the world's largest student sporting event: Katharina Bauer (rowing, double sculls), Yannek Chiru (water polo), Moritz Eckardt (men's volleyball), Victoria Folger (judo), Max Just (beach volleyball), Leonie Kreyenfeld (basketball) and Lena Leege (4x400m relay). Luis Avila Sanchez, who begins his studies at HU in October, has already won gold with his partner in the 3m synchronised diving and also came second in the 10m synchronised diving. The competitions will be held in six cities. Berlin is the venue for the swimming, diving and volleyball competitions and welcomes around 1,500 athletes and delegation members.

[Find out more about participating HU student](#)

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