



Adlershof Campus: IRIS Research Building Ceremoniously Opened

Where is research conducted on large research devices and the smallest of matter? In the IRIS Research Building for Hybrid Materials and Systems on the Adlershof Campus. The building will be officially opened today, 5 October, in the presence of Ulrike Gote, Berlin Senator for Science, Health, Care and Equality, and HU President Julia von Blumenthal, as well as other participants. The research building, located at Am Großen Windkanal 2, is home to HU's IRIS Adlershof (Integrative Research Institute for the Sciences), where novel hybrid materials for various applications are the focus of interdisciplinary research.

[Read article about IRIS research building](#)

Out of turn

Presidium: Julia von Blumenthal has taken office, Peter Frensch says goodbye

The new President of the HU, Julia von Blumenthal, took office on 1 October. "Together, open and historically aware of the future - this is how I would like to lead our HU as president," she writes in her letter to the university's staff. She has already worked at HU as a professor of political science, dean and member of the Humboldt University Senate, and now she is taking on new challenges. Peter Frensch, who returned as acting president after his departure from the presidium in 2021, would like to thank the Humboldtians for their trust and good cooperation.

[Read letter from Julia von Blumenthal](#)

[Read letter from Peter Frensch](#)

Research & Teaching

Workshop: Cooperation potentials along the innovation axis Berlin - Berlin - Adlershof - Cottbus

The innovation and sustainability axis from Berlin via the Adlershof Technology Park to Lusatia offers promising development opportunities for science and industry to jointly address scientific challenges and promote the regional innovative capacity of the Berlin-Brandenburg metropolitan region. Against this background, a workshop of the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg and the HU will identify topics and formats of possible research cooperations and potentials of cross-border cooperation. Topics and research fields - also from the North and Central campuses of the HU - can still be brought in. The workshop will take place on 14 November from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the IRIS Research Building, Zum Großen Windkanal 2.

[Learn more about the workshop and register](#)

Open Humboldt Freiräume: Apply by 31 October

The funding line "Open Humboldt Freiräume" (Open Humboldt Spaces) focuses on the idea that researchers need time to leave the university and enter into an exchange with society and to develop projects in the field of knowledge exchange and science communication. The recipients will receive a teaching reduction to 0 semester hours per week for the summer semester of 2023 or the winter semester of 2023/24. The teaching substitutes will be funded by the Berlin University Alliance. Professors, postdocs, postdoctoral researchers and doctoral students are eligible to apply. The application deadline is 31 October 2022, 12 noon.

[View call for proposals](#)

[Go to the website of the Open Humboldt Freiräume funding line](#)

Portrait: Have a (digital) coffee with... Daniel Fabian

"In the past, theological chairs were not so colorful, says Daniel Fabian. The rabbi recently joined the Nicolaus Cusanus Chair for Theology of Religions at the Central Institute for Catholic Theology. He will teach there on central points of the Jewish faith and looks forward to discourse with students and colleagues. He is also completing a doctorate at the Law School on the practice of slaughter. Outside of the university, the father of five is involved as a police rabbi.

[Read portrait of Fabien](#)

For young researchers: Online conference on sustainability on 13 and 14 October

Under the motto "SustainAbility of Science", an interdisciplinary online conference for doctoral students and postdocs will take place on 13 and 14 October. The programme includes numerous events on the topics of ecological, economic and mental/physical sustainability in the context of science. It also deals with very practical questions, such as how can scientists save materials and energy in their everyday laboratory work? The interdisciplinary online conference is organised by Graduate Studies Support of the Berlin University Alliance.

[Register for the conference](#)

Search for ideas: Apply for Forum Junge Spitzenforschung by 30 October

In the science competition "Forum Junge Spitzenforschung", the Stiftung Industrieforschung and the Berlin universities are looking for young scientists with original and practically relevant ideas and approaches to solutions that have emerged from their innovative basic research. This year the focus is on the future of materials and materials production. Young scientists from all disciplines can apply. Participation is possible as an individual or as a team. There are prizes of up to 10,000 euros per idea. The application deadline is 30 October.

[Learn more about Forum Junge Spitzenforschung and the call for applications](#)

Administration & Service

Workshop: Discussing climate protection measures in research

Research trips and semesters abroad only by train? More digital teaching in winter to save heating costs? Only one printer per institute? Does that really make sense? The Climate Protection Management Team invites all members of Humboldt-Universität to contribute their ideas for climate protection and sustainability measures in the workshop on the field of action of research, to develop them together on site and to discuss their potential. It will take place on 7 November from 2 to 5 pm.

Registration is requested: klimaschutz@hu-berlin.de

Pandemic: Winter semester in attendance planned

Humboldt-Universität is aiming for a winter semester in attendance. "As educational institutions, universities are open and accessible to all people," explained the state conference of rectors and presidents of Berlin universities (LKR) in coordination with the Senate Department for Science, Health, Care and Equality. In the event of a worsening pandemic situation, they said, teaching offerings could be supplemented with online and hybrid formats. LKR and the science administration have agreed on joint key points and continue to strongly recommend wearing FFP2 masks in university buildings.

[View key points paper](#)

Transitional arrangement: Julia von Blumenthal temporarily assumes responsibility for the Budget, Personnel and Technology Department

HU President Julia von Blumenthal is assuming departmental responsibility until Vice President-elect for Budget, Human Resources and Technology Niels Helle-Meyer takes office and will partially delegate duties. Helle-Meyer will take office at HU in January 2023. The previous incumbent, Dr. Ludwig Kronthaler, resigned from his post on September 30. Accordingly, a bridging arrangement for the vacancy was needed.

[Learn details of the transitional arrangement](#)

Student employees: PRstudB continues business after resignation

The Staff Council of Student Employees (PRstudB) resigned on 13 September, but will continue to do business until new elections are held at the end of October. It must continue to be involved in all applications. If tenders have already been posted/published without the involvement of the PRstudB, they must be withdrawn.

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If you have questions: Use SAP consultation hours

Colleagues who have questions about working with SAP software can contact Sven Hellweg and Kai-Thoralf Fischer from the humboldt gemeinsam programme during the weekly SAP consultation hours. The two experts regularly answer questions about working with SAP. The consultation hours are open to all HU employees.

[View information in the workspace „SAP: Help and Documentation“](#)

Berlin University Alliance

"VIVO Talks!" – Investing in open research infrastructure

The project team "Research Information Platform with VIVO" invites you to "VIVO Talks!" (online via Zoom): Emmy Tsang, Engagement Lead of the "Invest in Open Infrastructure" initiative, will present what constitutes an open and sustainable research infrastructure and which groups benefit from it. The lecture will be held in English on 13 October at 1 pm. Registration is required to attend.

[Learn more about the lecture and register](#)

Continuing Education: China Competence Programme

On October 13, four continuing education courses in the China Competence Programme at the Technische Universität Berlin will begin as online events, ranging from philosophy and history, technology and ecology to foreign affairs, cultural and educational policy, among others. They are aimed at all status groups of BUA partners who cooperate successfully with China on a personal or institutional level or who simply want to deepen their knowledge about China. Participation is free of charge for all BUA staff. All those who participate in all four courses also acquire the China Competence Certificate.

[For more information on China Competence Programme](#)

New Official bulletins

Current issues of the Official bulletins can be found [here](#).