



Start of semester: Opening of the academic year 2022/23

With a total of 37681 students, Humboldt-Universität is entering the winter semester 2022/23. In honor of the more than 7800 freshmen, the official enrollment ceremony took place yesterday, October 17, in and around the auditorium tent on the North Campus. HU President Julia von Blumenthal and Niels Pinkwart, Vice President for Academic Affairs, welcomed the newcomers. "These are not easy times at HU," the president said, referring to the pandemic that has not yet been overcome, the war in Ukraine and the related energy crisis. "But as part of the HU community, you are not alone," von Blumenthal emphasized, referring to HU's wide range of counseling services.

[View impressions from the matriculation ceremony.](#)

In Focus

Young Researchers: The Two-Path-Plus-Model of the HU

How does the HU deal with the much-discussed new version of §110 BerlHG, which obliges Berlin's universities to grant doctoral researchers tenure in budget positions if they achieve the agreed qualification goals? In recent months, a working group led by interim president Peter Frensch, with the participation of all status groups, has developed a proposal for how this could be done and has submitted it to politicians for consideration: The Two-Paths-Plus-Model. It is intended to enable modern and sustainable personnel structures at the HU. The scientists Henning Füller, Constanze Baum and Jule Specht, who participated in the working group, explain the model, which strengthens diversity and good work in science by multiplying career paths besides the professorship.

[Read article about Two-Paths-Plus-Model](#)

Administration & Service

Video: Friday after one... with Julia von Blumenthal

Julia von Blumenthal reviews her first week as president at Humboldt-Universität. In "Friday after one..." she talks about meetings with students of the RefRat, researchers at the opening of IRIS Adlershof and colleagues at BUA and reports about special impressions and best moments.

[Watch the video with the president](#)

Energy crisis: Saving electricity and heat together

After the pandemic restrictions of the past years and the current efforts to protect against infections, the next big challenge for the HU is the shortage of natural gas and electricity. 5000 employees and almost 38,000 students contribute decisively to the energy consumption of the university. Therefore, it is important that everyone cooperates in saving energy. A lot of work is currently being done by the Technical Department and its head Catrin Hedwig, who reports on the state of affairs in this short interview.

[Read interview with Catrin Hedwig](#)

Research & Teaching

Online event: Open Access Week from October 24 to 30

Under the motto "Open for Climate Justice", the international Open Access Week will take place from October 24 to 30. This year, the four partners of the Berlin University Alliance have set up a joint program. The online program includes talks and short workshops on Open Access, the free access to scientific results. They will also address global developments in climate justice and tracking as the new business model of major scientific publishers. There will also be an opportunity to get to know the new publishing house Berlin Universities Publishing (BerlinUP) and its offerings.

[Go to the Open Access Week program](#)

Award: Open Access Prize to be presented on 25 October

During Open Access Week, the winners of Humboldt-Universität Open Access Award will be honored for the second time. The award honors the achievements of members of the HU in the area of open access to research results, is intended to encourage more open access at the university, and to make the university's activities more visible. The public award ceremony will take place on October 25 at 3 p.m. in the Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm Center. Advance registration is requested.

Registration: openaccess@ub.hu-berlin.de

TRAIN 4 Science: Play the climate game on October 19 and 20

All interested people who want to know what climate-related decisions they make in their everyday lives are invited to play the interactive game "TRAIN 4 Science". During the first week of the semester, the development team of "TRAIN 4 Science" will stand with the Humboldt Satellite at HU locations: On October 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. next to the Audimax on the North Campus and on October 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. next to the Physics and Chemistry Teaching Building on the Adlershof Campus. TRAIN 4 Science is a project of the didactics and teaching/learning research in biology and is made possible by the Klaus Tschira Stiftung gGmbH.

Science Communication: Training for Researchers

The Berlin School for Public Engagement - a collaboration of the Museum für Naturkunde, the HU and the Robert-Bosch-Stiftung - offers a comprehensive training program on public engagement and supports researchers by training and professionalizing exchange formats between science and society. This fall, a number of offerings explicitly address HU researchers. The various training modules introduce the strategic benefits, practice, and evaluation of public engagement. The introductory session will be held online on October 16 from 2 to 4 pm.

[View more information and register for dates](#)

[View Berlin School of Public Engagement on the Open Humboldt website](#)

Circle U. Seed Funding: Funding for projects in all disciplines

The Circle U. Seed Funding supports new collaborations between Circle U. partner universities. The current call is open to students and researchers from all disciplines. Principal applicants for educational and research projects should be employed as full-time or part-time academic and research staff at one of the participating universities for the entire duration of the proposed project. Projects should involve staff or students from at least three partner universities. Individual projects can be funded with up to 10,000 euros. The deadline for applications is November 30.

Contact for questions is: klaus.wiehl@hu-berlin.de

[Learn more about Circle U. Seed Funding](#)

In the interview: The employee of the 2022 Nobel Laureate in Physics

Sven Ramelow has headed the Emmy Noether Junior Research Group "Quantum Imaging and Spectroscopy in the Mid-Infrared" at the Institute of Physics since 2016. After studying at Humboldt-Universität, he earned his doctorate and was a postdoc with this year's Nobel Prize winner in physics and honorary doctor of Humboldt-Universität, Prof. Anton Zeilinger. Ramelow worked on experiments to violate Bell's inequality, for which Zeilinger and colleagues received this year's Nobel Prize in Physics.

[Read Interview with Ramelow](#)

Berlin Science Week

Panel discussion: "Water as an elixir of life" on November 5

At Berlin Science Week, a panel discussion on "Water as an Elixir of Life in the Biodiversity and Climate Crisis" will take place at the Natural History Museum and via livestream on November 5, starting at 11:30 am. Experts from Berlin and Zurich will discuss forward-looking, nature-based adaptation solutions for major cities and their surrounding areas. The event is organized by members of the University of Zurich and the HU as part of the initiative "Zurich meets Berlin". From November 4 to 6, visitors can also view the exhibition "Glacier as a clinical thermometer of climate change", where they can interactively experience how the famous Aletsch glacier reacts to climate change scenarios. The 19th century topographic relief of the Aletsch Glacier, which is on display in the Humboldt Labor and part of the HU collections, also plays an important role.

[Learn more about the panel discussion and reserve tickets](#)

[Learn more about the exhibition](#)

Meet the Scientist: "Conversation of the Trees" on November 3

Forests are highly complex systems with flows of substances, energy and information between their living organisms, linking their metabolisms. Insights into these flows of information between organisms help to understand what makes ecosystems stable and resilient. At "Meet the Scientist," HU forest scientist and plant biologist Marcel Robischon will present an example of chemical communication between plants and other organisms and invite you to listen to the language of trees.

The event, which will include a public discussion, will be held Nov. 3 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Humboldt Lab.

[View information on "Conversation of the Trees"](#)

[Book free tickets](#)

Meet the Scientist: "Wild Memories and Great Expectations of Trees"

Evolutionary adaptations take time, and the emergence of traits in the context of an ecosystem can be overtaken by environmental changes. At Meet the Scientist, HU forest scientist and plant biologist Marcel Robischon talks about plants that are still adapted to past environmental factors and looks at trees with "wild memories and great expectations." The event, with public discussion, will be held Nov. 3 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Humboldt Lab.

[View information on "Wild Memories and Great Expectations of Trees"](#)

[Book free tickets](#)

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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 program 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

Funding: Apply for X-Tutorials and X-Student Research Groups by December 4

The Berlin University Alliance is funding new teaching research projects by students and early career researchers in the summer semester of 2023. The "X-Tutorials" format funds research projects by students for students. With the format of "X-Student Research Groups", BUA funds research projects in which junior researchers and students conduct joint research. Applications for both funding lines are open until December 4.

[Read the call for the X-Student Research Groups](#)

[Read the call for the X-Tutorials](#)

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