



## „humboldt fördert“: Supporting students with a donation

For the third time, employees, alumni and friends and supporters of HU are cordially invited to participate in the donation campaign "humboldt promotes". Rising energy costs and a high inflation rate are a particular burden on people with low incomes, which often include students. Additional German scholarships for HU students are financed through "humboldt promotes". With a donation, HU employees help to finance new German scholarships for students. Every euro counts. Smaller amounts are pooled in a scholarship fund: As soon as 1,800 euros are collected, an additional scholarship is secured. The federal government contributes a further 1,800 euros to finance a German scholarship for two semesters and 300 euros per month.

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## In Focus

### Inauguration of the President: Picture Gallery and Video Recording

HU President Julia von Blumenthal was ceremonially inaugurated into office on November 22 in the university's Senate Hall. The Governing Mayor of Berlin, Franziska Giffey, and the Senator for Science, Health, Care and Equality of the State of Berlin, Ulrike Gote, delivered words of welcome. The senator and Peter Frensch handed over the chain of office to the new president. In her subsequent speech, von Blumenthal formulated four goals for how she would like to shape her office: together, open, historically aware and future-oriented.

[View image gallery and video recording of the inauguration](#)

## Research & Teaching

### Science and Society: Creative Training on December 12 and 14

On December 12 and 14, the Berlin School of Public Engagement offers its last two training workshops this year. The focus will be on creative approaches for the exchange between science and society: on December 12, the focus will be on interactive and playful formats; on December 14, the focus will be on visual communication. The workshops will be held in German and English.

[Exact times, further information and registration form can be found at](#)

### Humboldt explains: Presenting your research idea successfully

How can you pitch your research idea quickly, precisely and in a goal-oriented manner, so that you can quickly convince interviewees of your expertise and get them excited about your research idea? In the third episode of the film series "Humboldt Explained", Alexander von Humboldt introduces pitching and shows how to obtain funding for research projects.

[Watch explanatory film](#)

### Places still available: Workshop Open Access and Publishing on December 9

The University Library and Berlin Universities Publishing invite you to a one-day workshop in which researchers can learn and deepen their understanding of aspects of scholarly publishing and open access. Topics such as the implementation of Open Access in practice, funding and financing, publication processes, quality assurance, copyright and licenses, visibility and reputation will be taught. The workshop will take place on December 9 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Grimm Center.

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

### Establish: Apply for Marga Faulstich program by January 19, 2023.

The free program accompanies women on their start-up journey. From March to November 2023, participants will receive the support they need to turn an idea into a promising business idea. The program includes workshops, mentoring with a successful female entrepreneur, individual startup advice, training, networking opportunities and pitch events. A Zoom consultation will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 13.

[Learn more about the program and apply](#)

[Find access data for consultation hour](#)

### METIS Lecture: Discussion on Gender and Research Data on December 8

In the annual METIS Lecture, scientists present and discuss their research results in the field of equal opportunities in research and science. "Data is Not Neutral: Gender and Generalizability in Research Methodology" will be the topic of an online event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 8. Prof. Kathryn Clancy and Prof. Jenny L. Davis, both of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, will address the problematic consequences of exclusive research practices in the human sciences and propose inclusive queer feminist interventions as possible solutions.

Registration is requested by December 5 via email: [metis-online@hu-berlin.de](mailto:metis-online@hu-berlin.de)

[Learn more about the event](#)

### Video: „Freitag nach eins...“ about CIRCLE U.

450,000 students, 60,000 researchers, millions of publications... that's Circle U., a European university network consisting of nine partners, including HU. David Glowsky and Felicitas Hentschke, staff members of the International Department, report from the Circle U. National Conference, which is taking place at Humboldt-Universität under the title "Europe and the Green Deal in the Academic World" until November 29.

[Watch Circle U. video](#)

## Administration & Service

### Interview: "We need to save even more electricity to meet the state's savings targets"

Will Humboldt-Universität manage to save the ten percent of energy specified by the State of Berlin? In this interview, Catrin Hedwig, head of the Technical Department and the Energy Saving Taskforce, gives an update on the current situation. Thanks to a mild October, things are looking good in terms of gas consumption. Further efforts are needed to save electricity. Hedwig gives tips on where employees can help now - especially in saving electricity.

[Read interview with Catrin Hedwig](#)

### New: Introductory video tutorials for working on the intranet

How does the intranet work? What functions are available there? How can content be found? Those who want to deepen their knowledge of intranet functions are supported by video tutorials. In just a few minutes, they provide insights into various areas of the intranet - from an overview to individual tools such as the bell and Launchpad and setting options. They are stored in the "Help Community".

[Go to the help community](#)

[Go directly to the videos](#)

### Workshop in December: Legal Foundations of Antidiscrimination

The HU's counseling services are diverse, and the spectrum of those at the HU who deal with counseling on a daily basis is correspondingly diverse.

In a two-day workshop on December 8 and 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Office of the Central Women's Representative offers the opportunity to take an in-depth look at the legal foundations of anti-discrimination and apply them to one's own work.

[More information about the workshop](#)

### Doors open: digital Advent calendar for employees

Starting December 1, employees can open one door a day in the digital Advent calendar on the intranet. Behind each door is a small thematic surprise: music, gift tips, interesting facts about Christmas and more.

[Here you can go to the Advent calendar from 1 December](#)

### Conzert: Weihnachtsoratorium in the Gethsemanekirche

Finally live and in front of an audience again, the Philharmonic Choir of the HU will perform the Christmas Oratorio on December 12 and 13 in the Gethsemanekirche in Prenzlauer Berg. The tickets costs 18 euros, reduced 10 euros.

[Buy tickets for concert](#)

### Theater of the Anthropocene: world premiere and panel discussion

On December 1, the play "Advocates of Nature" will premiere the Theater of the Anthropocene at the RambaZamba Theater. Another performance will be seen on December 4, and a panel discussion titled "The Rights of Nature as a Cultural Turn" will also be held that day.

[Learn more about the performance](#)

## Berlin University Alliance

### Successful: University of Oxford and BUA extend collaboration

The Berlin University Alliance and the University of Oxford joined forces five years ago to support the next generation of Europe's best and most talented scientists. On November 9, in the presence and at the invitation of the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Franziska Giffey, the partners extended their Memorandum of Understanding for five years. In the future, the expansion of the mobility of researchers from all institutions will be a focus of the partnership.

[Learn more about the contents of the memorandum](#)

### VIVO Talks! Investing in open research infrastructure: why and how?

The project team "Research Information Platform with VIVO" invites you to "VIVO Talks!" on December 7 at 1 pm online via Zoom: Prof. Diego López-de-Ipiña will give an insight into the development of a national research portal for Spanish universities based on semantic technologies and ontologies. The talk will be given in English.

[Register for the event](#)

[Information about VIVO Talks!](#)

## humboldt gemeinsam

### 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 employees of the HU without prior registration.

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

## Personalia

### Honor: Andreas Degkwitz receives Humboldt-Universitätsmedaille

Prof. Dr. Andreas Degkwitz showed outstanding commitment to Humboldt-Universität as University Library Director from 2011 to 2022. His work was particularly groundbreaking in the areas of digitization and open access. Early on, he recognized the need for a close connection between research and the library and drove numerous projects to support research through digital services. For his services to Humboldt-Universität, Andreas Degkwitz was awarded the Humboldt-Universitätsmedaille in November on the occasion of his retirement.

### Forum Junge Spitzenforschung: Second place for HU team

In the "Forum Junge Spitzenforschung" ideas competition, six teams were recently honored for their application ideas for innovative basic research in the field of materials and materials research. Second place, awarded with 8,000 euros, went to Guillermo Alvarez Ferrero and Katherin Mazzio from the Institute of Chemistry with their project "COIBS - New batteries based on solvent co-intercalation".

The competition is organized by the Stiftung Industrieforschung und Humboldt-Innovation GmbH and is aimed at outstanding young researchers in Berlin.

[Read more about award winners and projects](#)

## New Official Bulletins

New: Organizational instruction customs declarations for imports and exports from/to third countries

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