



Circle U.: 12.8 million for the expansion of international teaching and research

Humboldt-Universität has scored a major success in the international arena: The European Commission will fund the European university alliance Circle U., of which HU is a member, for a further four years with a total of 12.8 million euros. With the decision for the project "Circle U. 2030", the Commission acknowledges the achievements of the participating nine European universities in the three-year pilot phase and supports the ambitions of the participants for the European university of tomorrow. Circle U. will continuously test new concepts in higher education and research cooperation. At the same time, a significantly expanded range of flexible, innovative teaching opportunities will be made available to half a million students and other learners.

[View content from Circle U. 2030](#)

Research & Teaching

Event: Interdisciplinary Centre on Digitality introduces itself on 20 July

The Interdisciplinary Centre "Digitality and Digital Methods at Mitte Campus" (IZ D2MCM) has recently started its work and invites all interested colleagues to its kick-off event. The goals of the IZ will be presented. The lecture series "What is digitality or digital methodology for me and my subject?" will focus on the diverse approaches and perspectives on the guiding concepts of digitality and digital methods at the Mitte Campus. The event will take place on 20 July from 12 to 16 pm in the auditorium of the Grimm Centre and hybrid via Zoom. Registration is requested by 14 July.

[Read more about the event and register](#)

[Read interview on IZ D2MCM on the intranet](#)

Survey among students: More training desired for AI tools in exams

On behalf of the Vice-President for Teaching and Learning, a short survey was conducted in June among students at Humboldt-Universität on artificial intelligence (AI) and examinations. The focus was on the question of how text-generating AI is perceived in everyday study in connection with examinations. The results of the survey, which was conducted by the HU's Quality Management Office, are now available. Conclusion: Students want clear rules and more training on the use of AI tools in exams and during their studies.

[View the results of the KI survey](#)

Open Humboldt Free Spaces: Apply for funding by 27 October

The funding line "Open Humboldt Freiräume" (Open Humboldt Spaces), which is now based at the Hermann von Helmholtz-Zentrum für Kulturtechnik, (HZK), supports researchers with the resource of time to develop projects in the field of science exchange with society. The funded researchers will receive a teaching reduction to 0 semester hours per week for the summer semester 2024 or the winter semester 2024/2025. The teaching substitutes are financed from funds of the Berlin University Alliance. Professors, postdocs, habilitated research assistants and doctoral students of the HU are eligible to apply. The application deadline is 27 October, 12 noon.

[Call for applications for the 2024 summer semester or the 2024/2025 winter semester](#)

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

Award: "Vielfalt unternimmt" Award for HU Spin-off

The state of Berlin recently awarded outstanding companies founded and run by migrants for the third time in the competition "Vielfalt unternimmt - Berlin würdigt migrantische Unternehmen". Dr. Elena Mechik, Andre Sokolov and Leonid Mechik won the Founders' Prize with their company key2contract GmbH (Inhubber), a spin-off of Humboldt-Universität Department of Economics. The prizes of 10,000 euros each were ceremoniously presented by Senator for Economics Franziska Giffey in the presence of HU President Julia von Blumenthal.

[Learn more about the competition and the winners](#)

Top-level sport: amended cooperation agreement signed

In June, Humboldt-Universität reaffirmed its commitment to promoting top-class sport. In the ballroom of the Humboldt Graduate School, Niels Pinkwart, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and representatives from seven other Berlin universities signed the amended cooperation agreements with the Berlin Olympic Training Centre. The Studierendenwerk is now also a partner in the network. Currently, 88 athletes at the HU are supported by the interdisciplinary network in order to make it possible to combine studying and top-class sport.

[Read more about the agreement](#)

Administration & Service

Upgrade: SAP will not be available on 13 and 14 July

There will be restrictions in the usability of the SAP systems on 13 and 14 July. Employees are requested to refrain from logging on during these time windows and to take the restrictions into account in their personal activity planning. The reason for the restrictions is an upgrade required for security reasons.

[Learn more about the SAP upgrade](#)

DFG Review Board Election: HU Candidates have been Determined

The Senate of the German Research Foundation (DFG) has approved the list of 1,642 candidates for the 2023 Review Board Election. This means that it is clear who will be standing for election next autumn. Humboldt-Universität is represented by 34 candidates. During the election period from 23 October, 2 p.m., to 20 November, 2 p.m., eligible scientists and scholars can cast their votes to decide which candidates will represent their subject area in the DFG's Review Boards over the next four years.

[Learn more about HU candidates](#)

Registration underway: Sports courses begin on 24 July

The summer semester holidays are just around the corner. Many people are drawn to the outdoors, and accordingly, the University Sports Centre has some additional outdoor activities in its programme that can currently be booked. Whether windsurfing and catamaran sailing on Fehmarn or SUP at the Schmöckwitz water sports centre - the water sports programme offers plenty of variety. The highlights also include the intensive strength training Calisthenics, the racing bike meeting and the aerial acrobatics Aerial Hoop. The courses start on 24 July.

[The sports programme at a glance](#)

Attention: Changes in the statutory long-term care insurance

The Pflegeunterstützungs- und entlastungsgesetz (PUEG) came into force on 1 July. Basically, the law aims to increase benefits in inpatient and outpatient care. This is accompanied by higher contribution rates on the one hand, but also relief for insured persons with children. The new contribution rates to the statutory long-term care insurance (PV) depend on the number of children of the insured. Children who have not been registered so far must therefore be registered later.

[Detailed information on long-term care insurance](#)

ESS: Student employees must apply for employee account

Since January 2023, payroll accounting has been provided exclusively electronically via Employee Self Service (ESS). Not all employees have an HU employee account. However, this is necessary in order to use the ESS online portal and to view the payroll. All employees, including student employees, can apply for an account at the Computer and Media Service. The student account that every student receives is not sufficient for this purpose.

[View ESS, apply for account](#)

Concert: Symphonic Orchestra plays on 15 and 16 July

The Humboldt-Universität Symphonic Orchestra invites you to a musical journey to America - with a small detour to England: the rarely heard Trombone Concerto by Gordon Jacob will be framed by excerpts from Leonard Bernstein's first musical "On the Town" and the famous symphony "From the New World" by Antonín Dvořák. The concert will take place in the Emmauskirche at Lausitzer Platz 8a.

[Go to event and ticket sales](#)

Picture gallery: Summer meeting with the Vice-President for Research

On 22 June, the Vice President for Research, Christoph Schneider, invited the institutions of his department on the North Campus to a premiere. Around 170 employees from the University Library, the Computer and Media Services, the Service Centre for Research, Humboldt Innovation GmbH, the Humboldt Graduate School and the Vice-President's Office took the opportunity to talk to their colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere at this first interdepartmental get-together. The two moderators, Regina von Schmeling and Catherine Marten, provided good entertainment with brief introductions of the house leaders and team-building activities. The unanimous opinion of the participants was: We'll do it again next year.

[View picture gallery on the intranet](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Shoulder view: Apply for the job shadowing programme by 31 July

What does the everyday work of managers in scientific institutions look like? Young researchers in the postdoc phase can gain an impression of this in the Postdoc Academy's Job Shadowing Programme. For one week, they have the opportunity to look over the shoulder of a leader from science or a science-related environment and learn about tasks, challenges and career opportunities. Postdocs can apply for the programme until 31 July. By the way: those who sign up for the Postdoc Academy mailing list will be regularly informed about other Postdoc Academy offers such as career workshops or courses.

[Learn more about the Postdoc Academy](#)

[Subscribe to the mailing list and receive regular information](#)

Sciencefluencer: Apply for social media training by 1 October

Experience in the use of social media in science communication is becoming increasingly important. For professors, postdocs, doctoral candidates and students who would like to further their education in this field, BUA is offering a professional, six-month training course to become a sciencefluencer. Participants will be trained as social media professionals, build their own community, receive invitations to exclusive events in the Berlin research landscape and can also win prize money of up to 3,000 euros. The application deadline is 1 October.

[Learn more about social media training](#)

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Einstein Center: Philipp Staab Member of the Board of Directors

Philipp Staab, Professor of Sociology of the Future of Work at Humboldt-Universität and at the Einstein Center Digital Future (ECDF), has been elected as a member of the new Board of Directors of the ECDF for a term of two years. The ECDF is an interdisciplinary research centre of Technische Universität, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Freie Universität, Humboldt-Universität and Universität der Künste. Current focus areas are: Transforming Communities, Sustainable Cities and Digital Health.

[Read more about Staab's research](#)

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