



Focus on health: Digital Health Festival from 26 February at the HU

A week of a special kind awaits all HU staff and students from 26 February to 1 March. The University Health Management (HGM) invites everyone to take part in the "Digital Health Festival". Whether it's "Back Fit", "Sleep Routine" or "Blues Zones": in a relaxed atmosphere, there will be a theme with five short events in different formats on the programme every day of the week. The focus is on healthy habits, more exercise, mindfulness, good nutrition and knowledge about the secrets of health. Researchers and other experts will share their expertise with interested Humboldtians. All events will be streamed with live chat for discussion and questions.

[Find out more about Health Festival and request access data](#)

Administration & Service

Academic Senate: Update on budget consolidation

The February meeting of the Academic Senate focused on the Executive Board's considerations regarding the Humboldt-Universität budget. As already reported, the HU will have to deal with a structural deficit averaging 8.7 million euros per year from 2025 to 2030. Savings are necessary in order to meet all the obligations of the university contract over the next few years and at the same time remain capable of shaping the future. The consolidation process will consist of a total of three steps. The first step will involve structural adjustments in the academic field and deciding which of the professorships that will become vacant in the next few years will not be filled. "It is important for me to make it clear that the consolidation process will not result in any redundancies," says Niels Helle-Meyer, Vice President for Budget, Human Resources and Technology.

[Read more about the consolidation process](#)

Conclusion: University contracts for 2024 to 2028 signed

On Friday, February 16, the university contracts for the next five years 2024 to 2028 were signed by Science Senator Dr. Ina Czyborra and the presidents and rectors of Berlin's universities and colleges at a ceremony in the Rotes Rathaus. HU President Julia von Blumenthal commented: "The university agreements give us financial planning security until 2028 and strengthen Berlin as a science location. They are the result of intensive negotiations and we are grateful for this. However, the five percent increase in state subsidies does not compensate for general cost increases, for example due to wage increases."

[Read the press release from the Senate Department](#)

Portrait: Jochen Ley retires as Chair of the "Barrier-free University" Commission

Urgently needed: A chairperson for the Academic Senate's "Barrier-free University" commission. He or she should have stamina, creativity and positive energy. Since July 2021, this task has been in the hands of Jochen Ley, who will retire from this position at the end of March. "It's time for a generational change," says the Head of General Student Advice and Information, who has long championed the interests of students with disabilities.

[Read portrait about Jochen Ley](#)

Workshop: "Fundamentals of diversity competence" in the summer semester

The workshop "Fundamentals of Diversity Competence" is aimed at managers and is offered throughout the year. In order to enable as many people as possible to participate, the workshops are held in Adlershof and Mitte, in presence and digitally, in German or English. The next workshops start at the beginning of the summer semester: on April 19 from 10 am to 5 pm (in German, Campus Mitte), on April 23 from 10 am to 5 pm (in English, Campus Adlershof), on April 24 from 10 am to 1.30 pm (in English, Zoom) and on April 29 from 10 am to 1.30 pm (in German, Zoom). Registration takes place via the professional development department.

[View and register for workshop dates 2024](#)

Poetry Siam and World Café: Women's Assembly on March 11

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Central Women's and Equal Opportunities Officer cordially invites all women at HU to the Women's Assembly. It will take place on March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Senate Hall, Unter den Linden 6, and is entitled: "No room for assault. Sexualized discrimination, harassment and violence at the university". The program also includes a performance by poetry slammer Paulina Behrendt, whose linguistic art exposes sexist norms and structures in our society. After the exchange, there will be an opportunity to talk to each other at a small reception.

[Further information on the women's plenary session](#)

Follow-up report: "HU in Dialogue" on the Erwin Schrödinger Center

What is the intention behind naming a building after a famous person? What messages does it convey and in which cases should the name be changed? These questions were the focus of the event series "HU in Dialogue" on February 5, at which the namesake of the Erwin Schrödinger Center was discussed. Students, staff and teaching staff discussed with academic experts whether the central building on the Adlershof campus should be renamed in light of the allegations of abuse against Schrödinger.

[Read the follow-up report](#)

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Research & Teaching

Freshly published: The new HU research report for download

Humboldt-Universität's research report for 2021 and 2022 is ready and has been published. It provides insights into the diversity of research projects at the university. In addition to facts and figures, the current edition provides interviews with scientists in early career stages, special articles on HU's commitment to academic freedom and research in the field of artificial intelligence as well as an insight into the research projects of the University Library. The publication also includes tried-and-tested features such as profiles of the faculties, institutes, monofaculties and central institutes, a representative selection of research projects and various data and figures on the development of research at Humboldt-Universität.

[Download research report](#)

For lecturers: AI teaching certificate starts on March 22

Teachers with little or no prior knowledge of artificial intelligence can take part in the certificate program of the "KI-Campus 2.0 HU Berlin" project from 22 March. The program was developed at the "Career Center & Academic Continuing Education" in cooperation with "AI-SKILLS" and covers a wide range of topics from the basics of artificial intelligence to the design of appealing teaching materials.

[Further information on the AI teaching certificate](#)

Berlin Science Survey: Trend study on scientific cultures in the Berlin research area

Scientists at HU are currently receiving invitations to take part in a survey - the Berlin Science Survey. The Berlin-wide survey is about the conditions under which scientists currently work and the effects on everyday working life and research practice. The project pursues a participatory approach by enabling scientists to contribute their own experiences. The results are not only analysed for research purposes, but are also intended to enrich science and higher education policy debates as an empirical basis. The selected scientists have already received an invitation to participate in the survey with the following subject line: "2nd wave of the Berlin Science Survey has started". Scientists who have not yet received an invitation can contact the team by email at: rmz-berlinsciencsurvey@hu-berlin.de

[Learn more about the Berlin Science Survey](#)

Call for Participation for TURN 24: Policy and practice for innovative teaching

The call for participation for TURN24, which is being organized this year by German U15 on 14/15 November in Berlin, is open until 12 April. Under the title "Connecting Horizons - Politics and Practice for Innovative Teaching", the event is all about an exchange of perspectives between politics and practice. We are looking for contributions for community formats such as short presentations, workshops, world cafés and practical discussions on the following topics: Spaces and Learning Environments, Future Skills and Structures, AI and Technology, and Science and Society. The TURN Conference is a series of conferences on teaching and learning at universities initiated by the "Stiftung Innovation in der Hochschullehre".

[Find out more about the TURN Conference](#)

Survey among lecturers: Presence of students in courses

The opportunity for direct interaction between lecturers and students in courses is a key aspect of a face-to-face university like Humboldt-Universität. Again and again, and unfortunately more and more often, students do not attend lectures and seminars despite having registered. In order to better understand the causes of this development and to be able to take appropriate countermeasures, the Department of the Vice President for Teaching and Studies is conducting a short survey among the teaching staff at HU and is asking teaching staff to take part. The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes.

[Participate now until the end of February](#)

Inter Circle U. Prize 2024: Apply by 1 March

Researchers have until 1 March to apply for the Inter Circle U. Prize (ICUP), which honours outstanding inter- and transdisciplinary research projects at Circle U. universities. It is awarded annually to three researchers or research teams. The winners will be invited to present their work on 27 May at the Université Paris Cité. The selected projects will also be presented in a professionally produced video.

[Learn more about ICUP](#)

German Study Award 2024: apply until March 1

Every year, the Körber Foundation honors the best doctoral graduates of a year with the German Academic Award. The competition is aimed at young academics from all disciplines who have submitted an excellent dissertation of particular social importance in 2023. With three prizes of 25,000 euros each, the award is one of the most highly endowed prizes for young researchers in Germany.

[More about participating in the study prize](#)

Experimental field: Apply for Interdisciplinary Centers 2024

Humboldt-Universität is once again inviting applications for Interdisciplinary Centers (IZ) for 2024. All HU professors are eligible to apply. IZ are temporary research facilities of the HU in which scientists work together in an interdisciplinary research program. They are considered institutional-structural experimental fields and are intended to identify and implement potential areas of profiling for the university. Expressions of interest will be accepted until February 29. The deadline for full proposals is May 31.

[Further information and application documents](#)

Berlin University Alliance

"The BUA and me": Research project on climate change and water balance

In the third episode of the series "The BUA and I - Protocols from the Excellence Network", anthropologist Dr. Desirée Hetzel reports on her work in the research project "Climate and Water under Change" (CliWaC). The scientist is investigating how people in Berlin and Brandenburg react to environmental changes and what this means for their everyday lives. For her research, Desirée Hetzel meets many different people on site - in the Spreewald, at Groß Glienicke or at Sacrowsee - and listens to what they have to say.

[Read the transcript with Desirée Hetzel](#)

Open Humboldt Freiräume: Three new projects for the exchange of knowledge

The Open Humboldt Freiräume funding line is entering a new round and will once again support researchers in advancing the exchange of knowledge with society from the coming semester. The communication projects developed by two professors and a postdoc are intended to increase the visibility of migrant civil society refugee work, provide information on the legal structure required for civil engagement and how music experiences can be taken to a new level with augmented reality. Funding recipients will be released from teaching duties for one semester to implement the projects. Teaching substitutes can be hired for this period using funds from the Excellence Strategy.

[Find out more about projects](#)

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Research award: Establishing a research group between Seoul and Berlin

Professor Wonwoo Nam is an Einstein Visiting Fellow of the Einstein Foundation Berlin and has received the Alexander von Humboldt Research Award, which is linked to a research stay at Humboldt University. Nam is Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Nanoscience at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Korea. During his four-year research stay, he will conduct research on the fundamentals of green energy in the group of Prof. Dr. Kallol Ray at the Institute of Chemistry at HU. The funding serves to establish a joint research group involving researchers from Ewha Womans University and Humboldt-Universität.

[Find out more about the research project](#)

Award: Adlershof 2023 dissertation prize for Lisa Kröll

Dr. Lisa Kröll has reason to celebrate: on February 13, she was awarded the Adlershof Dissertation Prize, endowed with 3000 euros. The prize is donated and organized annually by the HU, the research network IGAF e. V. and WISTA Management GmbH. In her doctoral thesis at the Institute of Psychology at Humboldt-Universität, Kröll researched how active predictions shape our vision.

[Learn more about her dissertation](#)

In Media

rbb Kultur: The Middle East war in the lecture theatre

"The actors are often not interested in dialogue." Julia von Blumenthal

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