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Award: Philipp Adelhelm receives the Berlin Science Prize

Battery researcher Prof. Dr. Philipp Adelhelm has been awarded the 2024 Berlin Science Prize by the Governing Mayor. Adelhelm is a professor at the HU Institute of Chemistry, a member of the Center for the Science of Materials Berlin (CSMB), and heads the joint research group “Operando Battery Analysis” at the HU and the Helmholtz Center Berlin (HZB). “With his achievements, Philipp Adelhelm has made groundbreaking and internationally pioneering contributions to solving pressing future issues in energy supply,” the jury said. Developing cost-effective and safe electricity storage systems is one of the current challenges in chemistry. Adelhelm and his team are conducting research into the development of sustainable batteries. Adelhelm is one of the leading international experts in the field of sodium-ion batteries.

[Read the press release on the science award](#)

Research & Teaching

Einstein Funding: Humboldt-Universität strongly represented

The board of the Einstein Foundation Berlin has approved new grants totaling €9.6 million for Berlin-based scientific institutions. Six million euros will be used to establish the new Einstein Center Youth Mental Health over a period of six years, which will focus on serious mental illnesses in young people. Seven Berlin institutions will collaborate on research into how mental illnesses in 12- to 25-year-olds can be detected earlier, better understood, and treated more effectively. Isabel Dziobek, Professor of Clinical Psychology of Social Interaction at the Institute of Psychology, is also involved in the new Einstein Center. In addition, funding will be provided for a research project by Matthew Larkum, Professor of Neural Plasticity at the HU Institute of Biology, and by Christoph Sorg from the Institute of Social Sciences, who is researching alternative forms of economic planning.

[Read more about funding from the Einstein Foundation](#)

Gender Studies: DFG funds specialist information service

The German Research Foundation (DFG) is funding the new Specialist Information Service (FID) for Gender Studies. The FID is the first central infrastructure for the provision of scientific information for gender studies. The service is supported by a consortium consisting of, among others, the Margherita von Brentano Center at Freie Universität Berlin, the Center for Transdisciplinary Gender Studies, and the University Library of Humboldt- Universität. The DFG is providing €1.75 million in funding for the project over three years.

[Learn more about FID Gender Studies](#)

Theme Day: Right-wing populism and digital spaces on September 5

How does right-wing populism work in digitalized environments, what does this have to do with media education and democracy, and what does it mean for students and teacher training? These and similar questions will be discussed in practical workshops, lectures, and interactive formats at the Theme Day of the Professional School of Education (PSE). The event is aimed at teachers and students in teacher training, as well as teachers and other stakeholders in the field of education. The theme day will take place on September 5 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Hausvogteiplatz 5-7, 10117 Berlin. Online participation is possible.

[Learn more about the theme day](#)

Equal opportunities for women: Apply by 10 September

As part of the Berlin Programme for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities for Women in Research and Teaching (BCP), various funding measures are being advertised for 2026. Applications can be made for visiting professorships and visiting lectureships. For the first time, the BCP is offering an extension of the funding measures until 31 October 2028. The maximum funding period is two years and must begin in the 2026 financial year. Institutes and single faculties can apply for teaching positions for women to promote gender studies at HU for the 2026 summer semester and the 2026/2027 winter semester. Funding is available for young female scientists who, due to their professional background, have had little opportunity to gain teaching experience. In addition, postdoctoral positions for women are financed by the BCP. The application deadline for all three funding lines is 10 September.

[Find more information on application procedures](#)

Survey: Share your experiences with hybrid teaching

As part of the Circle U. project “Hybrid Circle U. – for inclusion, flexibility, and internationalization” led by HU, an online survey for teachers on the topic of hybrid teaching is currently being conducted. The project focuses on hybrid teaching and learning formats as a sustainable, less costly solution for intensifying international and interdisciplinary exchange and cooperation between students and staff of Circle U. partners. The results of the survey “Understanding experiences and perceptions of hybrid teaching” will be incorporated into the development of guidelines for hybrid teaching within the Circle U. alliance. The survey will run until September 1.

[Take part in the survey](#)

__matter Festival 2025: Exhibitions on vessels and wood

The science festival for material culture organized by the “Matters of Activity” Cluster of Excellence will run until October, offering insights into Berlin-based research on materials, art, and design at various locations. The exhibition “Vessels. Infrastructures of Life” is currently on display at the Berlin Museum of Medical History, where visitors can find out what plants, animals, and humans have in common with Berlin's sewer system, among other things. The exhibition “Symbiotic Wood” is on display at the Museum of Decorative Arts. It focuses on wood infested with beetles and what can still be done with it.

[Learn more about exhibitions](#)

Administration & Service

Tip: Editing price and quantity locks in SAP Ariba

During invoice processing in SAP, automatic locks may occur if certain discrepancies arise between the purchase order, goods receipt, and invoice. An overview of the two problems — price lock and quantity lock — provides information on the respective cause and how to resolve the lock.

[View information on the intranet](#)

Employee Self Service: Digital retrieval of salary documents

Since January 2023, Humboldt-Universität employees have been able to retrieve their salary statements, social security registration documents, and income tax certificates for previous calendar years (from 2023 onwards) via Employee Self Service (ESS). Documents for periods prior to January 1, 2023 cannot be retrieved from ESS.

[Read more about ESS](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Global Scholars' Gateway: Information for international researchers

The Berlin University Alliance has launched the “Global Scholars' Gateway Berlin” – a central platform specifically for international researchers who are considering moving to Berlin to continue their academic careers. The platform brings together information on job vacancies at the BUA, funding opportunities, contact persons, and support services related to arriving and living in Berlin, from visas and housing to childcare, language courses, and much more. Whether you are a doctoral candidate, postdoc, or professor, the Gateway makes it easier to get started at FU, HU, TU, and Charité.

[Learn more about the portal](#)

Excellence Strategy: BUA submits self-assessment report

As part of the Excellence Strategy of the German federal and state governments, the BUA submitted its self-assessment report for continued funding by the deadline. Entitled “Beyond Boundaries: A Joint Agenda for Berlin as an Open Knowledge and Innovation Space,” the report takes stock of the successes achieved to date and outlines key future milestones for further strengthening Berlin as an internationally visible center of science. The Excellence Network will be evaluated by an international panel of experts on November 4 and 5 at HU. The Excellence Commission will decide on the continued funding of the BUA on March 10/11, 2026. Starting on January 1, 2027, a maximum of 15 universities or networks will receive funding for a period of seven years in the second phase of the Excellence Strategy competition.

[Learn more about the BUA](#)

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Falling Walls Lab Berlin-Adlershof: HU physicist wins competition

With his three-minute pitch on the topic of “Breaking the Wall of Mobile Magnetic Imaging,” Julian Bopp from the HU Institute of Physics convinced the jury at Falling Walls Lab Berlin-Adlershof of his topic. He took first place and will be allowed to participate in the Falling Walls Lab final and the Falling Walls Science Summit 2025 in Berlin in November. The Falling Walls Lab Berlin-Adlershof brings together young scientists who present their innovative ideas and projects in a three-minute pitch to a high-caliber jury.

[Learn more about the Falling Walls Science Summit 2025](#)

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