



## New version of the Berlin Higher Education Act: Here's what happens after the postponement to 2025

On 1 October 2023, the much-discussed new version of Section 110 (6) of the Berlin Higher Education Act was to come into force. It stipulates that academic staff with a doctorate may only be employed on a fixed-term basis for qualification purposes if a follow-up commitment for a permanent position is agreed with them. Recently, the House of Representatives extended the transitional period for the entry into force of Section 110 (6) BerHG until 31 March 2025. The proclamation is still pending. But what does the deadline extension mean for the employment of postdocs at the HU? And what about the HU's own "2-Pfide-Plus" model as a perspective proposal?

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## Research & Teaching

### Circle U. Apply for Academic Chairs: Info event on 1 August

The European Higher Education Alliance Circle U. is looking for researchers who would like to become Circle U. Academic Chairs and thus become pioneers of inter- and transdisciplinary research and teaching in the European higher education sector. Together with colleagues from the eight partner universities, they will develop new formats that actively involve students in science and advance socially engaged research and innovation. The call is aimed at academics with a strong academic profile and expertise in one of Circle U.'s core topics: climate, democracy and global health. Academic Chairs will devote 20 percent of their working time to the task for a period of two years. The application deadline is 30 August. Those interested are invited to attend a virtual information session on 1 August at 2pm.

[Download call for applications](#)

[Participate in the information event](#)

### Sport: Students nominated for FISU World University Games

With the judoka Annika Würfel, the track and field athlete Leo Köpp, the gymnast Finja Säfken and the water polo player Yannek Chiru, four top athletes from HU will be taking part in the World University Games. The FISU World University Games will take place this year from 28 July to 8 August in the Chinese metropolis of Chengdu. 163 top student athletes from Germany will be competing against athletes from all over the world.

[Read the announcement on the HU website](#)

### New prize for Citizen Science: apply by 25 September

Participatory researchers at the HU are invited to nominate themselves or their colleagues for the "Knowledge of the Many - Research Prize for Citizen Science". The prize, which will be awarded for the first time in 2023, recognises excellent scientific achievements that illustrate the added value of participatory approaches in a special way. It is endowed with prize money of up to 20,000 euros. The aim of the prize is to strengthen the recognition of Citizen Science in science and to promote the active participation of citizens in research. Nominations for the prize are open until 25 September.

[Learn more about the research award](#)

### Circle U. Seed Funding: Apply by 15 October for collaborative projects

Anyone who has an idea for a project with colleagues from Circle U. partner universities can now apply for seed funding of up to 10,000 euros for their project. The deadline for applications is 15 October. Interested parties need partners from at least two other Circle U. universities to propose innovative projects: from seminars, workshops, joint modules, courses and programmes to research activities, everything is eligible for funding. If the project partners are still missing, the Circle U. Academic Directory helps with networking.

[Video: Yoan Vilain on Circle U. Seed Funding](#)

[To the Seed Funding call](#)

### Announcement: Kalliope Prize for Migration Research

Every two years, the Stiftung Deutsches Auswandererhaus and the Deutsches Auswandererhaus award the Kalliope Prize for practical migration research. It is endowed with a total of 20,000 euros and is awarded for two achievements that build on each other: An essay on the question "Offering orientation, remaining critical - what for and how to argue with migration history?" as well as a cooperation project in the form of an exhibition or a publication. The deadline for applications is 22 September.

[Learn more about the Kalliope Prize](#)

### Object of the Month: About weather observations in Dahlem

In the "Object of the Month" series, the focus is on the diagram of the precipitation course in Berlin-Dahlem for the year 2022 - representative of the daily weather observations at the agro-climatological weather station on the Dahlem campus. It was established in 1931. Among other things, the long-term weather records provide an insight into the climatic changes in Berlin. This much can already be revealed at this point: In 2022, four weather records were set.

[Learn more about weather observations](#)

## Administration & Service

### Administration: Submission deadlines until the end of the year

For the proper and timely preparation of Humboldt-Universität's 2023 annual financial statement, the Service Centre Research, the Technical Department and the Department of Budget and Human Resources request that you observe the deadlines listed here.

[View deadlines on the intranet](#)

### SAP-S/4HANA: Upgrade successfully completed

The upgrades for SAP on 7 and 14-15 July have been successfully completed. All systems are available again. With the upgrade, the view of the overview of the budget report Budcon as well as the Budcon line items have changed. If you have any questions or problems, please contact SAP support: [sap-support@hu-berlin.de](mailto:sap-support@hu-berlin.de).

[Article: Changes in the Fiori view](#)

[Workspace: "SAP: Help & Documentation"](#)

### Scicomm Support: Help with attacks and conflicts in scientific communication

Scientists and scientific institutions are increasingly the target of hate speech, threats and defamatory campaigns. Especially in social media, hostility towards science is a big problem. A new initiative of the Federal Association of University Communication and "Wissenschaft im Dialog" (Science in Dialogue) addresses this issue: Scicomm Support, a free advice centre for those affected by digital violence, discrediting campaigns and other unobjective conflicts in science communication, was launched on 20 July. The service includes a hotline, guides and training opportunities.

[Read the press release of the Federal Association for University Communication](#)

[To the website of the Scicomm Support](#)

## Berlin University Alliance

### Picture gallery: This is what it was like at the BUA summer party

On 12 July, the Berlin University Alliance's summer party took place on the lawn of the North Campus of the Technische Universität Berlin. In perfect weather, the presidiums of the four alliance partners took the opportunity to thank the staff for their commitment to the excellence alliance.

[To the picture gallery on the intranet](#)

### Training: Workshop for refugee scientists

On 14 and 15 September, the association Academics in Aolidarity in cooperation with the Berlin Center for Global Engagement of BUA offers an online training for refugee or vulnerable researchers. The two-day workshop introduces methods of transnational digital oppression and the associated security risks. Participants will also learn how to adequately assess threats to their personal security and how to protect themselves. You can register for the workshop until 18 August by sending an email to [ais@fu-berlin.de](mailto:ais@fu-berlin.de).

[Read more information and register](#)

## Personalia

### Award: Fellowship of the British Academy for philosopher

Rahel Jaeggi, Professor of Practical Philosophy, Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy at HU, has been awarded a Fellowship of the British Academy. Jaeggi is one of the most important representatives of contemporary critical theory and founding director of the Centre for Social Critique at Humboldt-Universität, which, in addition to active academic exchange in the field of contemporary critical theory and social philosophy, is dedicated to building bridges between theory and the social public sphere. The British Academy is the UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences and unites outstanding personalities in this field worldwide.

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### Prize: Sinologist honoured for linguistic-historical analysis

Henning Klöter, Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures of China at the Institute of Asian and African Studies, is a member of an international team of ten scholars whose research was awarded a prize by the Fundación Duques de Soria. The team examined Spanish-Chinese manuscripts from the 17th and 18th centuries, which had previously gone largely unnoticed. Klöter's research focused on the linguistic-historical analysis of grammars and dictionaries in which Spanish missionaries systematically documented the Chinese regional language Hokkien for the first time 300 years ago.

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