



Festive matriculation ceremony: Welcome, new Students!

Humboldt-Universität welcomes its new students on 16 October with an enrolment ceremony on the North Campus and cordially invites all first-year students, lecturers and students to take part. The day begins at 2 p.m. with the information market, where first-year students can get information at numerous advice stands and talk to their fellow students. The ceremonial matriculation in the lecture hall tent begins at 4 pm. Julia Stähler, professor of chemistry at the HU, will give the keynote speech. Representatives of the Presidential Board, the RefRat and the Circle U. European University of HU will welcome the students.

With around 31,100 applications, Humboldt-Universität has received around five per cent more applications for enrolment than last year. So far, about 12,600 admission notifications have been sent out. Due to the usual multiple applications, the colleagues in the Department of Studies expect around 7,450 students in the first semester.

The enrolment ceremony will be broadcast live on the HU's YouTube channel and also on screens on site, as the number of seats is limited. Due to the Dies Academicus, no lectures will take place on this day.

[For further information and to access the HU YouTube channel](#)

Research & Teaching

Cooperation: Apply by 31 October and continue projects with Princeton

The HU and Princeton University (PU) are promoting their interdisciplinary cooperation in the areas of teaching and research with the programme "Princeton-Humboldt Strategic Partnership Initiatives". Support is available for projects (Follow-Up Grants) that have already been funded in the past by the International Affairs Department or that can build on other preliminary work. PU and HU each provide up to 25,000 euros per project. The funding period can be up to two years. Funding can begin in January 2024. The deadline for applications is 31 October.

[Access the call for applications](#)

Funding: Apply for joint projects with UZH by 15 October

Humboldt-Universität has maintained a close, strategic partnership with the University of Zurich (UZH) for many years. Within this framework, applications are currently open in the UZH's "Global Strategy and Partnership Funding Scheme". Applications can be made for joint projects in three different funding lines (Travel Fund, Seed Fund and Project Fund). Applications for the Travel Fund can be submitted at any time. The application deadline for the Seed Fund and the Project Fund is 15 October.

[Go to the UZH call for applications](#)

KI: BMBF supports junior research groups led by women

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is funding junior research groups that are dedicated to researching new and innovative issues in the field of artificial intelligence and are led by women. The research projects should open up solutions to relevant economic or social challenges and at the same time strengthen the self-determination, social and cultural participation and protection of privacy of all citizens. The application deadline is 11 December.

[Learn more about the call for applications](#)

Promoting young researchers: Apply for the Hector RCD Award by 30 October

Young researchers between postdoc and professorship can apply for the Hector RCD Award of the Hector Fellow Academy. W1 professors and junior research group leaders in comparable positions in the natural or engineering sciences, medicine or psychology will receive funding of 25,000 euros. The application deadline is 30 October.

[Learn more about the Hector RCD Award](#)

Object of the Month: A mathematical model with signs of use

Only a few insiders will immediately recognise the Object of the Month for October: The model of a bivalve hyperboloid. Note for all non-mathematicians: the shape resembles an hourglass. The model is in the Mathematical Model Collection at the Institute of Mathematics on the Adlershof Campus. However, the upper shell of the hyperboloid is missing, which indicates that the object is frequently used. Where did the model come from? The Rudolf Stoll KG company took over development work in the field of mathematical model making in the 1950s and 1960s, which was carried out at the II Mathematical Institute of the Humboldt-Universität under the leadership of its director, Prof. Kurt Schröder.

[Read more about the hyperboloid](#)

Round-Table: Focus on Digital Business Transformation

On 11 October, one of the leading experts in the field of digital business transformation, Prof. Dr. August-Wilhelm Scheer, will give a lecture followed by a discussion at HU. Scheer will focus on the flexible, agile and innovative "Composable Enterprise" as the guiding principle for successful digital business transformation. The event will take place from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the main building of the HU, Unter den Linden 6, room 3071. Registration is required.

[Register for the event on "Composable Enterprise"](#)

AI: German Research Foundation presents guidelines

AI models such as ChatGPT have been available to the public for just under a year and have been causing controversial discussions ever since. The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) recently formulated the first guidelines for dealing with generative models for text and image generation. Researchers in Germany are now officially allowed to use AI models such as chatbots in their funding proposals and scientific work. However, they must make the use of AI transparent and respect intellectual property. According to the DFG's new rules, AI is not allowed to help with reviews.

[View the DFG guidelines](#)

Berlin Science Week: innovative contributions from science

From 1 to 10 November, Humboldt-Universität will present itself at Berlin Science Week with an exhibition, guided tours, performances, workshops and a reading in the context of the climate crisis. The festival, which this year has the motto "Dare to know", brings together representatives from science and society from all areas of science. The HU events will take place in the main building, Unter den Linden 6.

[View the Science Week programme](#)

Administration & Service

Charité Training Academy: Offers also open to HU employees

The HU's Education Department has reached an agreement with the Charité that allows all HU employees to use selected continuing education courses at the Charité Training Academy free of charge. The Charité offers a wide range of continuing education courses in various subject areas such as "Inspiring communication", "Strengthening leadership" and "Personal growth". Excluded from this are the offers on the VITA platform. Interested parties can register directly via the Academy for the courses of their choice. Participation is free of charge.

[Get to know the website of the Charité Training Academy](#)

Further education: Workshops on inclusion and diversity in October

The HU's Education Department offers regular training courses on the topics of inclusion and diversity. In October, three workshops will focus on mental illness (20.10.), living inclusion (24.10.) and dealing with (one's own) disability (30.10.). The focus will be on personal experiences and best-practice examples. The workshops are run by "Kopf, Hand und Fuss gGmbH". The team includes a facilitator and two people with individual expertise on the respective topic.

[View workshop offers and register](#)

Berlin University Alliance

VIVO Talks: Natural language processing lecture on 10 October

VIVO Talks! invites you to a new VIVO Talk on 10 October at 10 am. Florian Kotschka and Rolf Guescini from the BUA VIVO team will give an online talk on the development of an automatic text-based (inter)disciplinary classification of projects and publications using Natural language processing, NLP. NLP attempts to capture natural language and process it in a computer-based way using rules and algorithms. The aim is to create the widest possible communication between humans and computers via language.

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

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Leopoldina: Art Historian Charlotte Klonk Member of the Presidium

Art historian Charlotte Klonk has been elected to the Academy Presidium at the annual meeting of the Leopoldina National Academy of Sciences. Klonk, who has been a member of the Leopoldina since 2019, is a member of the Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences Section. The professor of art and new media at HU researches primarily on image and spatial history. Her research focuses on the exchange between artistic and non-artistic images, without losing sight of the peculiarities of art's forms of expression or the challenges of art historical methods.

Award: Carl Erdmann Prize for Felix Römer

HU historian Dr. Felix Römer was awarded the Carl Erdmann Prize of the Association of Historians of Germany for his habilitation at this year's Historians' Day. The award-winning study "Inequality Knowledge. The Making of the Numbers about the Gap between Rich and Poor in Contemporary Britain" examines how statistical knowledge or non-knowledge has influenced social debates about economic inequality in Britain. Römer is a Heisenberg Fellow in Social and Economic History at the Institute of Historical Studies. He spent seven years at the German Historical Institute London before joining Humboldt University in 2019.

High Impact Award: Chemist Eva Unger honoured for solar energy research

Eva Unger, S-Professor at HU, was awarded the first High Impact Award of the Helmholtz Association together with three other researchers for her work around novel solar cells. The solar cells, consisting of the mineral perovskite, are cheap, efficient and could be produced without much effort. The award-winning multidisciplinary team from Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin (HZB) and Forschungszentrum Jülich is continuously researching and improving the novel semiconductors in order to bring them into use. Unger is a professor of chemistry at HU and research group leader at HZB.

[Read the HZB press release](#)

Unipreneurs 2023: Chemist Stefan Hecht awarded

Stefan Hecht, Director of the Center for the Science of Materials Berlin (CSMB) and Professor of Organic Chemistry and Functional Materials, was honoured with the "Unipreneurs" award together with 19 other university teachers for his outstanding commitment to university spin-offs. The HU researcher supports the founding of innovative start-ups and in some cases works closely with them in his laboratories.

[Learn more about the prize and the award](#)

40 years: Service anniversary of Petra Kämpfer and Gerlinde Sonnenberg

Petra Kämpfer and Gerlinde Sonnenberg have known HU for decades. Petra Kämpfer is a technical staff member at the Institute of Computer Science and has worked at HU for 40 years. Gerlinde Sonnenberg, secretary at the Institute of Educational Sciences, has been in the service of the University for 42 years. The University congratulates warmly on the anniversary

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