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## **Elections: Julia von Blumenthal and Joybrato Mukherjee want to become President of the Humboldt-Universität**

Prof. Dr. Julia von Blumenthal and Prof. Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee will stand for election as President of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. The Council will hear the candidates on 8 February and vote on 15 February. The election is planned as a face-to-face event in the Audimax II on the North Campus of Humboldt-Universität and will be livestreamed for the public.

[Read full article on the intranet](#)

**Science & Teaching**

## **Sketches of ideas wanted: Call for proposals for interdisciplinary centres is open**

Humboldt-Universität is inviting applications for new Interdisciplinary Centres for 2022. In the newly designed procedure, draft proposals will be accepted until 28 February. The deadline for full proposals is 30 April. All professors at the HU are eligible to apply. The procedure is coordinated jointly by the Service Centre for Research and the Department of Planning and Control.

[Further information and application documents](#)

## **Podcast „Humboldt Hören“: The possibilities of the game**

In the current edition of the podcast "Humboldt Hören", HU professor Klaus Eisenack and gamelab.berlin director Thomas Lilge talk about gaming in science, gamification and the cultural techniques in games. In a conversation with radio journalist Cora Knoblauch, the two scientists explain which cultural techniques are to be found in modern video games.

[Listen to the podcast on Apple Podcasts](#)

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## **Auf dem Weg zur Professur: ProFiL-Programm bis 25. Februar ausgeschrieben**

The ProFiL programme is run over a period of twelve months for 66 participants. The target groups are habilitated researchers, post-doctoral researchers, junior professors, heads of junior research groups and post-doctoral researchers who aspire to a professorship. The application deadline is 25 February. Four online information events will be held in German and English for interested female researchers.

[More about the call for applications and the application procedure](#)

## **Life sciences: Human Frontiers Science Program promotes basic research**

The Human Frontiers Science Program (HFSP) supports innovative basic research on fundamental biological problems with a focus on novel and interdisciplinary approaches that involve scientific exchange across national and disciplinary boundaries. Funding is provided for international teams of two to four scientists in two fun-

ding lines: Early Career Grants for scientists up to 10 years after their doctorate and Program Grants for scientists at any career stage.

[Application and advice on the HFSP](#)

## **Announcement: Caroline von Humboldt Award 2022**

In 2022, the Caroline von Humboldt Award will be granted again. The aim of the awards is to make excellent young female researchers from Germany and abroad even more visible and to support their work. Proposals for the Caroline von Humboldt Award can be submitted until 30 March.

[Further information and documents on the call for proposals](#)

## **Final spurt: Deadline for the Preis für gute Lehre ends on 2 February**

The motto of the Preis für gute Lehre 2021 is "Digitally Supported Teaching Concepts". All members of Humboldt-Universität can nominate other members of HU for the award until 2 February. This time, the award for good teaching is looking for teachers and teaching concepts that have succeeded in an outstanding way in digitally supporting and securing the return to classroom teaching. In particular, we are looking for teachers, teaching concepts and institutions that have supported students in combining digital and face-to-face offerings and have succeeded in motivating students to participate in a committed manner.

[Submit a nomination now](#)

## **Save the Date: Long Night of Science on 2 July 2022**

After a two-year break from Corona, a Long Night of Science will finally take place again in Präsenz. The HU will also participate in the Science Night with exciting and diverse formats. This year, the focus is on the Mitte campus, i.e. the main building Unter den Linden, and the umbrella theme "Anthropocene - Crises of Nature and Crises of Democracy". All institutions and locations are cordially invited to present themselves in the heart of Berlin. Initial ideas can already be submitted and sent by 4 February to [lange.nacht@hu-berlin.de](mailto:lange.nacht@hu-berlin.de).

[To the project page on open-humboldt.de](#)

**Administration & service**

## **Pandemic: Restrictions in university administration**

Peter Frensch, acting President of Humboldt-Universität, is calling on behalf of the university administration with information on how to deal with current challenges in the administration caused by the Corona pandemic. In order to secure the core processes of university operations even as the pandemic progresses and the number of staff absences increases, the departments of the central university administration have agreed with the Presidential Board on a list of priority tasks to ensure, for example, the payment of salaries, the extension of employment contracts or even the security of the buildings.

[Read article by Peter Frensch](#)

## **Pandemic: Emergency childcare and reimbursement of costs for private care**

For employees of the HU, there is still the possibility of receiving selective emergency childcare in the home environment in cases of particular hardship. Lecturers (including student tutors) and MTSVs who, for urgent operational reasons, have an additional childcare need to childcare in a daycare centre, daycare and/or school, can contact the Family Office by e-mail. A new feature is that reimbursement of privately paid childcare costs is also possible. The offer is valid as long as funds are available.

[Further information and advice from the Family Office](#)

## **Paperless: introduction of the electronic certificate of incapacity for work**

The yellow paper certificate of incapacity for work will soon be obsolete. From July, an electronic notification procedure will replace the paper form. Civil servants who are members of a statutory insurance scheme are asked to fill out a corresponding query form.

[Read article on the intrane](#)

## **Personnel development: Current offers of continuing vocational training in February**

The Professional Development Department again has a number of interesting cour-

ses in store, and the range is wide: In February, there will be events such as "Mindfulness and moving breaks for teachers and researchers" or "Digital exams in Moodle", among others.

[To the overview of offers on the intranet](#)

## **One week left: small donations for students**

For two years now, the Corona pandemic has been affecting all our lives. It is also hitting our students hard. After several semesters of digital teaching, they continue to struggle with the social and financial consequences of the pandemic. The Deutschlandstipendium makes a difference - for most students, the 300 euros per month are an important financial subsidy. In the "humboldt fördert" campaign, the HU bundles small donations for further scholarships.

[Donate now](#)

## **Berlin University Alliance**

### **Research semester for postdocs: application start for Career Development Awards**

For the second time, the Berlin University Alliance is offering a postdoc award, freeing researchers from teaching and other university obligations. The award winners have the opportunity to work intensively on a scientific project of their choice during a research semester and thus further develop their independent research profile.

[Further information on the call for proposals](#)

## **Committees**

### **New elections: Candidates sought for representation of severely disabled persons**

In the next few weeks, the severely disabled employees at HU will elect their representatives to represent their interests. Both the office of the representative and the deputy positions are to be filled.

[More about the tasks and the election](#)

## **Invitation: Information event on the topic of home office on 4 February**

The General Staff Council will present the existing service agreements on mobile working and teleworking at a digital event on 4 February at 1 pm. In addition, the current entitlement to home office in the context of the pandemic will be presented. The event will take place digitally. The link will be sent to all employees by email shortly before the event.

## **People**

### **„Open Humboldt Freiräume“: Three professors and one postdoc receive funding**

The funded projects and researchers for the new round of the "Open Humboldt Freiräume" funding line have been selected. The Open Humboldt Expert Committee has recommended four applications for funding. The university management has followed this recommendation and will fund four projects in the summer semester 2022 and winter semester 2022/2023. Included are: Dr. Anna Beniermann from the Institute of Biology, Prof. Dr. Jörg Niewöhner from the Institute of European Ethnology/IRI THESys, Prof. Dr. Jule Specht from the Institute of Psychology and Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Verhoeven from the Institute of German Language and Linguistics.

[More about the funding and the award winners](#)

## **New Official Gazettes**

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