

HUMBOLDT INFO

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Welcome to the HU: The training at the HU has begun

24 new trainees aged 16 to 55 started their professional training at the HU on 1 September. At the welcome event in the Senate Hall of the main building, the new colleagues were greeted by their trainers, trainees who are already learning and Dr. Ludwig Kronthaler, Vice President for Budget, Personnel and Technology. The trainees are being trained as administrative assistants, chemical laboratory assistants, media and information services assistants, industrial mechanics and sports and fitness specialists. New this year are one apprenticeship place each for an event management assistant and a gardener specialising in gardening and landscaping.

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Research & Teaching

Digital workshop: Gender- and diversity-conscious teaching

Diversity is part of everyday university life. Teachers at the HU can get support with the workshop offer "Gender- and diversity-conscious teaching" to design their courses as a discrimination-free, respectful space for a productive and interactive learning atmosphere. The digital event on 14 October from 9 am to 1 pm will explore how to create a space that is inclusive of student diversity through attitude, communication and choice of methods.

[Further information and registration can be found](#)

Call for applications: Scholarships for young academics

Every year, the Daimler and Benz Foundation awards a total of twelve scholarships to selected postdoctoral researchers or junior professors in a leadership position. The aim is to strengthen the autonomy and creativity of the next generation of scientists and to support committed researchers on their career path during the productive phase after their doctorate. Each fellowship is funded with 40,000 euros for a period of two years. Applications are open until 1 October.

[View further information on the programme](#)

Call for applications: Grant for the postdoc phase

Every year, the Hans Böckler Foundation awards the Maria Weber Grant to researchers from all disciplines who are in the postdoc phase or hold a temporary junior professorship. Applicants can apply for a substitute for up to 12 months, who will then take over parts of the teaching duties in order to gain freedom for their research. Applications are possible until 15 September.

[Learn more about the Maria Weber Grant](#)

Workshop: Open Access and Publishing on 7 October

The University Library and Berlin Universities Publishing invite you to a one-day workshop where researchers can learn and deepen their understanding of all aspects of academic publishing and Open Access. Topics such as the implementation of Open Access in practice, funding and financing, publication processes, quality assurance, copyright and licences, visibility and reputation will be covered. The work-

shop will take place on 7 October from 9 am to 5 pm at the Grimm Centre.

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

Awarded: Berlin Nature Conservation Award 2022

The joint project "Urbanity & Diversity", in which the Späth Arboretum of the Humboldt-Universität is a partner, has been awarded the Berlin Nature Conservation Prize. Every year, the Stiftung Naturschutz Berlin (Berlin Foundation for Nature Conservation) awards this prize to people and projects that are particularly committed to the flora and fauna of the German capital.

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

Reading and Discussion: „Water in Transition“

The Theatre of the Anthropocene invites you to a performance of the play "Das Wasser" by Kathrin Röggla on 11 and 12 September under the title "Water in Transition". The play by the Austrian author will be read on stage by prominent actors. In the discussion that will follow, the audience will have the opportunity to exchange views with the author and scientists from the three major Berlin universities on the explosive topic of water. Four female scientists from the HU will also be present.

[Learn more about the event](#)

Make a note: Adlershof Research Forum on 11 November

The Adlershof Research Forum provides insights into the highlights of research in Adlershof and an opportunity for exchange. In addition to lectures by scientists and company representatives, a poster show in which doctoral students and postdocs from Adlershof will present their research awaits all interested parties at the Erwin Schrödinger Centre on 11 November from 10 am. The best poster will be awarded 500 euros.

[Find out details of the event, register for the poster show](#)

Administration & Service

Flat-rate energy allowance: payment with salary in September

The state-funded flat-rate energy allowance of 300 euros is intended to compensate for the current high energy prices. For Humboldt-Universität staff, the payment will be made in the payroll run of September 2022, meaning that employees covered by collective agreements will be able to dispose of the sum at the end of September, while civil servants will receive it with their salaries on 1 October.

[Read all information about the energy_price flat on the intranet](#)

CMS: User certificate for e-mails now self-service

On their way from the sender to the recipient, e-mails pass through a number of servers, which may also be located outside the HU network. On these intermediate stations, it is possible to read and/or change the contents of e-mails. Effective protection is provided by installing a user certificate and activating the signature and encryption functions in the e-mail programme. As of now, the user certificate is issued in self-service.

[Learn all about certificates and mail encryption at the HU](#)

Saving energy: New rules for public buildings

In preparation for possible energy shortages in autumn and winter, strict energy-saving regulations have been in effect nationwide since Thursday. The new regulations stipulate, among other things, that passageways in public buildings should no longer be heated as a rule. For offices and other rooms, a maximum room temperature of 19 degrees applies. Unless required for hygienic reasons, there will also no longer be hot water for washing hands in public buildings. From now on, buildings and monuments will also no longer be lit for purely aesthetic or representative reasons. Ten tips on how employees can contribute to saving electricity and heating costs can be found in a current HU guide.

[View guide on how to save energy](#)

Facts: Accountability report of the Presidium for 2020 published

Since August, the accountability report has been available for download in accordance with §12 (5) of the Humboldt-Universität constitution. The main topics inclu-

de the funding peak within the framework of performance-based university funding, which was once again exceeded at 278.3 million euros, the start of funding for six interdisciplinary collaborative research projects of the Berlin University Alliance, and the launch of the Berlin Leadership Academy.

[Download Accountability Report 2020](#)

Committees & Representations

New shop stewards: Representative for severely disabled employees elected

The severely disabled employees of the HU have elected a new shop steward and two deputies, the Severely Disabled Representatives. The new representative is Maria Indyk. Her 1st deputy is Doborah Zehnder, the 2nd deputy is Andrea Gottschalk. From now on, the shop stewards are to be involved in all matters concerning severely disabled employees and applicants. They can be reached at the following e-mail address: schwerbehindertenvertretung@hu-berlin.de

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If you have questions: Use SAP consultation hours

Colleagues who have questions about working with SAP software can contact Sven Hellweg and Kai-Thoralf Fischer from the humboldt gemeinsam programme during the weekly SAP consultation hours. The two experts regularly answer questions about working with SAP. The consultation hours are open to all employees of the HU without prior registration.

[View all information in the workspace „SAP: Help and Documentation“](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Join in: broad search for topics for Next Grand Challenge

In a collaborative process involving participants from academia and society, the BUA is looking for the topic for the Next Grand Challenge. Young people can also

contribute. It is about the search for answers to the big questions of the 21st century. The BUA is deliberately using this open and innovative approach to finding topics and is looking for topics from existing research priorities as well as from young and new fields of research. The selected topic will be researched by BUA scientists in an inter- and transdisciplinary manner.

[Find information on submitting topics](#)

Study: Scientists assess their research situation

The pressure to publish in science is high. In order to meet the expectations, scientists devote significantly less time to other tasks such as good teaching or Open Science - although they also rate these goals as very important. These are the results of the Berlin Science Survey, a current study among scientists in the integrated research area of Berlin.

[Learn more about the study, view the study](#)

Personalia

Deceased: HU mourns the death of former President Hans Meyer

Prof. Dr. Hans Meyer, renowned legal scholar and President of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin from 1996 to 2000, died on 21 August at the age of 89. With him, the university loses a personality who played a decisive role in shaping the process of re-founding the university in the 1990s after the political changes. Even after his retirement from active service at the University, he was an important part of the community.

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