



## President's New Year's greeting: "Getting new things off the ground together"

Dear students,

For the year 2023, I wish you health, confidence and joy in your studies. May many of your plans become reality. Even though the year is still young, we suspect that 2023 will not be an easy year either: The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, the threat to academic freedom and education, especially in Iran and Afghanistan, inflation and advancing climate change make us aware of how much not only our academic expertise but also our solidarity will continue to be needed and of the great political and social challenges we face in these turbulent times.

As Humboldt-Universität, we have set ourselves a lot of goals for the year 2023: We want to work together on a mission statement for teaching, advance the European higher education alliance Circle U and make progress towards climate neutrality. We want to remain a place of scientific exchange with society and be a space of education and co-creation for you. We invite you to join us: Until 5 February, you can still nominate outstanding courses for the "Preis für gute Lehre".

With confidence and energy, we want to tackle the upcoming challenges together and initiate new things - in research and teaching as well as in administration and cooperation with our partners. Personally, I am looking forward to many encounters with you this year.

All the best for 2023 and best regards,

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