



## Teaching mission statement: Now it's getting concrete - invitation to the future workshop on 24 January

Almost exactly one year after the kick-off for the development of the mission statement for teaching, the Vice President for Teaching and Learning, Niels Pinkwart, is inviting all interested Humboldtians to a future workshop. After the mission statement was successfully adopted by the Academic Senate in December last year, the event is the prelude to the integration of the teaching mission statement into everyday university life.

The mission statement was developed with broad participation across all faculties with regard to the principles of study programmes as well as requirements for students, teaching staff, university management and supporting structures. Get involved on 24 January from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - together with the Executive Board of Humboldt-Universität - when the mission statement is fleshed out, integrated into processes and filled with concrete measures.

The event will take place in the east atrium of the main building, rooms 2070a and 1066e, Unter den Linden 6.

[Register for the Future Workshop](#)

[This is what the mission statement looks like](#)

## Invitation

### Senate Hall: Reopening with guided tours on 11 January

Rediscover the Senate Hall on 11 January from 1 to 3 pm: After extensive modernisation and renovation work, "the living room of the HU committees" can once again be used for a wide variety of events. The most important part of the extensive remodelling work was the installation of modern communication technology. This means that hybrid and digital events can now also be organised in the Senate Hall. HU President Julia von Blumenthal welcomes the first curious visitors at 1 pm. At 13:15, 14:15 and 15:15, the architects involved, Judith Seng and Alexander Valder, will give a guided tour of the hall and will be happy to introduce the new utilisation options. The hall can be booked again for events from the middle of the day.

[Picture gallery: The Senate Hall over the decades](#)

## Research & Teaching

### Theme week: How can hybrid formats support teaching?

To kick off the year, the HU is dedicating a theme week to hybrid teaching. The focus is on the question of what contribution hybrid teaching and learning formats can make to improving teaching. From 22 to 26 January, participants can expect discussion events, practical examples, workshops and opportunities to try things out. Teachers and students from Humboldt-Universität and the Berlin Hybrid Teaching Network will present various approaches and programmes for hybrid teaching.

[View the programme of the theme week](#)

### Exchange on Central and Eastern Europe: Submit project descriptions by 20 January

On 22 February, HU President Julia von Blumenthal is hosting a workshop on Central and Eastern Europe. The aim of the workshop is to network actors from all disciplines at Humboldt-Universität who are connected to institutions in Central and Eastern Europe through research, teaching or network-building activities. If you are interested, you can submit short project descriptions of about five sentences by 20 January, which you would like to present in the plenary session of the workshop.

[Learn more about the workshop](#)

### Award for good teaching 2023: Nominations until 11 January

This year's Award for Good Teaching focuses on the topic of "International Teaching and Learning". You have until 11 January to nominate courses and teaching concepts that you have experienced as successful examples of international teaching at HU. Every year since 2009, the award has honoured successful and innovative teachers and teaching concepts that have been implemented in regular teaching at Humboldt-Universität. The prize money of 10,000 euros can be used variably by the award winner for teaching purposes at their own institute.

[Nominate colleagues now](#)

### Humboldt Research Track Scholarships: Apply for a scholarship by 31 January

Humboldt-Universität is once again awarding Humboldt Research Track Scholarships. The six-month transitional scholarship is aimed at outstanding graduates or students shortly before completing a Master's degree programme and serves to prepare a doctoral project. It includes a monthly grant of 800 euros. The current application deadline is 31 January for funding to start from 1 April.

[Detailed information on the transitional scholarship](#)

### Funding for students: Application for the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship by 15 January

The Germany Scholarship is also entering a new round. Humboldt-Universität will once again be able to award around 100 scholarships for the 2024 summer semester. All teaching staff are asked to make their students aware of the funding opportunity once again over the next few days. The application deadline is 15 January. The scholarship supports committed students of all nationalities with very good grades with 300 euros per month for one year. Among other things, up to 15 scholarships will be awarded for the "Sustainability and Global Justice" subject class. The scholarship holders develop independent research projects in interdisciplinary teams and realise them together.

[All information on the Deutschlandstipendium](#)

## Administration & Service

### Whistleblower Protection Act: Internal reporting centre for whistleblowers

Employees can confidentially report information on legal violations at HU that they have become aware of in the course of their work. Following the implementation of EU Directive 2019/1937 into national law, an internal reporting centre has been set up. The Whistleblower Protection Act is intended to protect employees from reprisals when reporting legal violations of statutory provisions and other binding regulations. The reporting office aims to prevent or uncover illegal activities such as financial crime, corruption and environmental offences.

[Find out more about the internal reporting office](#)

### News: Dismissal dispute ends with settlement at Berlin Labour Court

In the legal dispute with a lecturer who was dismissed without notice by Humboldt-Universität in August 2023 due to verbal sexualised violence and subsequently filed a lawsuit against his dismissal, the proceedings before the Berlin Labour Court were concluded today with a settlement. The employment relationship will end on 30 June 2024 and the plaintiff will no longer be employed at HU. HU welcomes the legally binding termination in the dismissal dispute before the Berlin Labour Court following verbal sexualised violence.

[Read the message on the intranet](#)

### Experimental field: Apply for Interdisciplinary Centres 2024

Humboldt-Universität is once again inviting applications for Interdisciplinary Centres (IC) for 2024. All HU professors are eligible to apply. IZ are temporary research facilities of the HU in which scientists work together in an interdisciplinary research programme. They are regarded as institutional-structural experimental fields and are intended to recognise and implement potential areas of the university's profile. You can submit unilateral expressions of interest until 29 February. The deadline for full proposals is 31 May.

[Further information and application documents](#)

### New programme 2024: Book courses for continuing professional development

In addition to the wide range of tried and tested courses, the new annual programme of continuing professional development at HU offers many new features, which are also based on requests and wishes from HU employees. In the management area, the following courses are new: "Leading with personality", "Learning lunch for annual employee appraisals" and courses such as "Leadership hacks and new leadership models", "Knowledge management as a management task" and "ChatGPT for managers". In the IT area, courses such as "Macro Recording and Introduction to VBA", conversion courses for "Affinity Publisher" and "Affinity Photo" are new additions to the programme. The online formats for "Administration English" have been expanded. A new media training course for public appearances, offers for initial sensitisation and training on discrimination and racism can be booked. There are also offers such as "First aid for mental health", "Network meetings for a practical exchange" and the "Self-defence seminar: theory and practice for personal safety".

[Find out more about the annual programme](#)

### Online workshop: Enjoyable health tips for the cold season on 24 January

University Health Management cordially invites all Humboldtians to the online workshop "Healthy wintertime: Your feel-good moments for the cold season" on 24 January from 1 to 2 pm. The workshop will show you simple and effective ways in the areas of exercise, nutrition and mental health that will help you to look after your health, boost your energy reserves and still consciously enjoy yourself. To make it easier to plan, you can register in advance. Please send a short email to [gesund.hgm@hu-berlin.de](mailto:gesund.hgm@hu-berlin.de). All registered participants will receive the Zoom link.

[Find out more about the event](#)

### Long Night of the Sciences: Register projects by 9 February

The next Long Night of the Sciences will take place on 22 June from 5 pm to midnight. Researchers from all HU institutions are cordially invited to register their projects with the HU event management by 9 February. The Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften e.V. in Berlin and Potsdam is a joint project of the scientific institutions in the region.

Register projects for the Long Night: [lange.nacht@hu-berlin.de](mailto:lange.nacht@hu-berlin.de)

### HU in dialogue: "Erwin Schrödinger - still acceptable as a building name?" on 5 February

The physicist Erwin Schrödinger is considered one of the founders of quantum mechanics and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1933. A few years ago, allegations of abuse against the previously unchallenged scientist were publicised. The Erwin Schrödinger Centre is considered the centrepiece of the Mathematics and Natural Sciences Campus in Adlershof. A working group is now inviting all Humboldtians to discuss whether the physicist is still acceptable as the namesake of such a prominent building at the university. The event will take place on 5 February from 3 to 5:30 pm in English as part of the "HU in Dialogue" event series and in a World Café format.

[This is what HU in dialogue on 5 February is all about](#)

### Committees: Academic Senate meets on 16 January

The first meeting of the Academic Senate in the new year will take place on 16 January from 11 a.m. in the auditorium of the Grimm Centre. The public part will begin at around 11.30 a.m. and will be livestreamed as usual.

[AS meeting \(public part\) in the livestream](#)

### Concerts: classical music highlights and Verdi's "Messa da Requiem"

The Cappella Academica invites you to a symphony concert at the Konzerthaus Berlin at Gendarmenmarkt 2 on 31 January at 8 pm. The programme includes works by Kuhlau (Elverhøj Overture Op. 100), Prokofiev (Concerto for Violin and Orchestra No. 1 in D major Op. 19) and Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique Op. 14). The interplay between the HU Symphony Orchestra and Humboldt's Philharmonic Choir in the performance of Giuseppe Verdi's "Messa da Requiem" also promises to be an impressive experience. The concerts will take place on 16 February in St. Mary's Cathedral in Fürstenwalde and on 18 February in the Philharmonie Berlin. Tickets are available at all known advance booking offices and online at Eventim.

[Tickets for 31 January \(Konzerthaus Berlin\)](#)

[Tickets for 16 February \(St. Mary's Cathedral, Fürstenwalde\)](#)

[Tickets for 18 February \(Philharmonie Berlin\)](#)

## Berlin University Alliance

### Career strategies for postdocs: Workshop on 23 and 24 January

The postdoc phase sets the course for a future career. In a workshop on 23 and 24 January, early career researchers learn to focus on their own strengths and wishes, to assess the upcoming decisions in a goal-oriented and self-reflective manner and to draw up a well thought-out career plan. Registration is possible until 19 January. The event is part of a series of workshops at the Postdoc School of the BUA Postdoc Academy and will be continued on 6 and 14 February and 4 March with workshops on communication techniques, appointment procedures and media training.

[Find out more and register for the workshop](#)

### Workshop: Open Science and research quality on 23 January

In an interactive workshop on 23 January, students and academic staff will learn about the concepts of research quality and open science and how the two areas are linked. Using concrete examples, participants will work together to develop core ideas, terminology and processes such as peer review and open access and learn how the associated goals are already being implemented in the Berlin research area. Various open science measures and techniques will be presented and opportunities and challenges discussed. Registration is possible until 12 January.

[Register for the Open Science Workshop](#)

## Personalia

### Appointment: Philipp Dann Henriette Herz Scout of the Humboldt Foundation

Philipp Dann, Professor of Public Law at the Faculty of Law, has been accepted into the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Henriette Herz Scouting Programme. The lawyer is thus able to bring three excellent young researchers from abroad to the HU. They will all receive one of the Humboldt Foundation's coveted research fellowships, which they can use to advance their research for up to two years. With this programme, the Foundation aims to reach postdoctoral researchers in particular who have not yet considered a research stay in Germany.

### Anniversary: Irina Passow has been at HU for over 40 years

Irina Passow, technical assistant in the Molecular Genetics Group at the Institute of Biology, has been employed at HU for over 40 years. The University congratulates her on this special anniversary and wishes her all the best for the future at HU.

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